

Fact Sheet For Resource and Referral Assistance

Wood County Resources for Individuals with DisAbilities

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

Local Resource/Referral Contacts

Children's Disability and Resource Center 421-0480 or 387-2326
 Parents Information and Education Resource (PIER) 423-7182
 United Way's Dial 211 Dial 211
 Wood County Social Services assisting children with
 physical or behavioral disabilities 421-8600 or 387-6374
 Wood County Unified Services assisting children with
 developmental disabilities 421-8800

Regional Resources for Information and Referral Assistance

CYSHCN Regional Center	866-640-4106
Disability Rights of Wisconsin	800-928-8778
Midstate Independent Living Consultants Inc.	800-382-8484
Wisconsin First Step	800-642-7837

Resource/Referral Services by Age Eligibility:

Birth to Three

Birth to Three Program through
 Wood County Unified Services 421-8800

Early Childhood Programs *Serve children 3 to 6 yrs*

Call your local school district for concerns
 on your child's developmental milestones.

Wood County Head Start 421-2066

School Age

Auburndale Public Schools	652-2117
Marshfield Public Schools	387-1101
Nekoosa Public Schools	886-8000
Pittsville Public Schools	884-6694
Port Edwards Public Schools	887-9000
Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools	422-6000

Post School through Adult Services for ages 17 years 9 months and older:

Aging and Disability Resource Center
 421-0014 or 384-8479
 Guardianship Assistance through
 Wood County Unified Services 421-4244

Educational Resource and Referral Agencies

Cooperative Educational Service Agency No. # 5
 (CESA 5) 800-862-3725
 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Helpline 800-441-4563
<http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/tm-spedctopics.html>
 Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support.
 (WI FACETS) 877-374 -0511



Please refer to the backside for further clarification of agencies and their programs.
For questions call United Way's Dial 211 or the Wood County Health Department at 421-8911 or 387-8646
CYSHCN = Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

Children's Disability and Resource Centers; Services are Free and Confidential

Children's Disability and Resource Center 421-0480 or 387-2326 or cdrc@cssw.org Children's Service Society of Wisconsin serves as your point of entry for the complex system of children's resources in Wood County; specializing in resource referral assistance for children's special needs from birth through age 22. Northern CYSHCN Regional Center 866-640-4106. The Regional Center will help you get answers, find services and connect you to community resources.

Wisconsin First Step

Information and referral hotline for children and adolescents age birth to 21 years with special needs. Serves families and professionals for direct referrals to agencies serving children.

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin

Provides information and assistance to adults and their families (17 years, 9 months and older) with physical or developmental disabilities. Legal advocacy is provided for rights, benefits, and entitlement denials. The center determines client needs through assessment of medical, financial, and social information and includes long-term care options for counseling, future planning, and program eligibility. Long-term care option counseling includes, but are not limited to:

Nutrition Transportation Home Health Respite Care
Housing options Employment Power of Attorney and Guardianship
Benefit Specialist Services

Financial program application assistance i.e. Food Share and Energy Assistance
Advocacy: Medicaid, Medicare, Health insurance policies, Social Security, Pensions,
Rental Assistance, county financial assistance programs, and Homestead Credit .

CESA (State Funded) and WI FACETS (Federally Funded)

Broaden opportunities that enhance the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities and their families, with emphasis on support for underserved families. Both agencies build partnerships with providers in the community, educate parents on their rights in their child's education, and provide resources to educators who support children with disabilities. DPI Helpline can also answer family questions.

Parents' Information and Education Resource (PIER)

Parent-to-parent network of families supporting children with special health care needs. PIER provides an informal opportunity for parents to share experiences and host trainings about organizations and programs that support families. PIER newsletters share educational resources and helps families link with community resources.

Unified Services Family Support

Provides services to families raising a child with severe disabilities. Referral assistance is provided to maximize use of community resources and strengthen natural supports. Limited financing is available for home modifications, transportation, specialized equipment, nursing care and respite. Service priority is given to families in a crisis situation or bringing a child home from an out-of-home facility.

Birth to Three Program

Wisconsin's early intervention program for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities and their families. Services based on diagnosed developmental delays may include

- ◇ Family Education
- ◇ Developmental Education
- ◇ Health Care Referral Assist
- ◇ Speech Therapy
- ◇ Occupational Therapy
- ◇ Physical Therapy

United Way's Dial 211

Connect and get answers to community information and referrals.

<http://getconnected211.org>

Disability Rights of Wisconsin

Statewide organization serving people of all ages, with developmental disabilities, mental illness, physical or sensory disabilities, or traumatic brain injury; assisting individuals gain access to services through its advocacy and legal expertise. Programs include: SSI Managed Care, Family Care Ombudsman, Medicare Part D Helpline, Quality Education Coalition, Violence Against Women with Disabilities Project.

Midstate Independent Living Centers Inc.

Serves individuals of all ages through:

- ◇ Information and referral - on disability related topics, services and resources.
- ◇ Advocacy - promoting access to community services.
- ◇ Independent Living Skills Training - assisting individuals to learn skills to live independently in their communities.
- ◇ Peer support - staff and volunteers with disabilities sharing their life experiences with people who have similar disabilities.
- ◇ Assistive technology - offering information and loans of equipment.
- ◇ Youth Transition - assisting youth and parents to prepare for the transition from school to adult living.
- ◇ Architectural Accessibility - providing information on home modification and technical support on architectural accessibility for consumers, business and public entities.
- ◇ Benefits Counseling - Providing information on benefit program rights and entitlements as it pertains to the needs assessment, social security and appeal process.

Early Childhood Programs

Head Start is a national program that promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families. Eligibility is based on income and a child's special needs.

Early Childhood Programs, Department of Public Instruction provide a continuum of special education and related services to children with disabilities who need special education. Children are evaluated to determine if they meet the state's eligibility criteria. Special education and related services may provide consultation to staff, direct services to the child, training related to the disability, and other services that are identified in the child's Individualized Education Program.