

Kenosha Achievement Center

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The Kenosha Achievement Center (KAC) creates opportunities for the personal growth and success of persons with special needs. Vocational evaluation, training, community job development and placement, supported employment, benefits counseling, and organizational work services are provided to ultimately lead to community job placement as well as to more independent living situations.

Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.

521 – 6th Street 262-635-8836
Racine, WI 53403 1-800-242-5840

Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. provides legal services in some types of civil legal matters to persons meeting eligibility criteria. Due to funding requirements, priority is given to victims of domestic violence and those who are homeless or in danger of being evicted. Family law issues, restraining orders, and evictions are the primary areas of representation. Representation is not provided in criminal matters, personal injury, or matters in which an attorney may be granted attorney fees. Intake is done by appointment only. Please call, Monday-Friday (8:30 a.m.-12 Noon or 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)

Wisconsin FACETS

Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training, & Support, Inc.

2714 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Contact: Pat Patterson 877-374-4677, ext. 110
www.wifacets.org

WI FACETS Center offers information, referrals, individual assistance, advocacy support, workshops, and support groups for families of children with disabilities. WI FACETS provides one-to-one support to students, parents, and professionals by phone or whenever possible in person for especially challenging situations.

Post Secondary Education Opportunities...

Carthage College

2001 Alford Drive, Kenosha
Contact: Diane Schowalter 262-551-5802
schowa1@carthage.edu

Carthage College is a supportive liberal arts environment with a low teacher/student ratio. Carthage provides services such as taped textbooks, assistance with note-taking, testing accommodations, tutoring, writing support, and counseling for students with documented disabilities.

Gateway Technical College

3520 – 30th Avenue, Kenosha
Contact: Jack Sullivan 262-564-2320
sullivanj@gtc.edu

Gateway Technical College provides quality technical educational opportunities and support services that enable individuals to acquire skills necessary for full participation in the work force and for fulfillment of lifelong educational goals. The transition counselor will assist students in the application process, and evaluate documentation of the disability. Special needs instructors will secure accommodations for students and act as liaisons with other instructors.

University of Wisconsin-Parkside

900 Wood Road, Kenosha
Contact: Dr. Renee Sartin Kirby 262-595-2372
Renee.Kirby@uwp.edu

Students who are admitted to the University and have a documented disability are encouraged to register with the Disability Services Office. Academic accommodations that are provided include, but are not limited to, alternative testing, taped textbooks, note-takers, and interpreting services.

The Student Opportunities and Resource Transition Team...

The Kenosha Unified School District brings schools and agencies together as a team to provide transition services to students with disabilities.

The mission of the SORTT is to "Promote choices of independent living, education, and career or employment options for individuals with disabilities".

KUSD Transition/Work Experience Instructors

Amy Cermak-Bradford	262-653-5928
Pamela Herr-Reuther	262-653-6163
Peggy Schofield-ITA, LTA	262-605-8674
Erin Sturino-Hillcrest	262-653-7637
Chuck Wolbers-Tremper	262-942-2356

Instructors assist students with special needs in preparing for their future. This may include assistance with identifying career interests, finding employment and job training, preparing for college, developing independent living skills, and linking individuals to community resources.



The Kenosha Unified School District No. 1 is an Equal Opportunity Educator/Employer with established policies prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, race, creed, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability or handicap, sexual orientation, or political affiliation in any educational program activity, or employment in the district. The Superintendent of Schools/Designee (262-653-6320) addresses questions regarding student discrimination, and the Executive Director of Personnel (262-653-6333) answers questions concerning staff discrimination.

Your Transition Link To Community Agencies

**Kenosha Unified School District No. 1
Educational Support Center
3600 – 52nd Street
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53144**

(262) 653-6300

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www.kusd.edu/departments/transition/transition.html

www.wsti.org

Community Agencies for persons with disabilities...

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

8600 – Sheridan Road, Kenosha
Contact: Brian Messman, Kitara Thomas,
Patsy Vegter 262-697-4690
www.dwd.state.wi.us/dvvr/

The Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is a federal/state program working in partnership with people with disabilities to individually pursue, obtain, and maintain employment suited to a person's abilities and interests leading to independence, increased self-sufficiency, and full inclusion in society. DVR is for people with disabilities who need services to prepare for work, or to find and keep a job.

Goodwill Great Lakes

Contact: John VanBenthuyzen 847-343-3142
jvanbenthuyzen@goodwillsew.com

Must be referred by: Counselor, DVR, or KAC.
Goodwill Great Lakes is a not-for-profit company that provides employment and training opportunities for people with disabilities and people who are vocationally disadvantaged. It is rapidly expanding and along with it, so are opportunities for employment. Goodwill Great Lakes presently offers employment for Food Service Workers and Personnel Clerks. Goodwill Great Lakes offers excellent wages and a comprehensive benefits package.

Kenosha County Job Center

8600 Sheridan Road, Kenosha
Contact: Employment Central 262-697-4705
www.dwd.state.wi.us/jobnet.

At the Job Center you are able to conduct an entire job search, which could include an interest assessment, writing a resume, getting information on current prevailing wage rates, and identifying job openings in the following areas: Kenosha County, Southeastern Wisconsin, the state of Wisconsin, as well as jobs nationally and internationally. You can use the Jobnet, a statewide electronic link of employers and job seekers, to search current jobs that are available. Individuals can also learn about apprenticeship opportunities.

Kenosha Family Ties

St. Mary's Lutheran Church
2001 – 80th Street (east entrance)
Contact: Ginger Fobart 262-652-3031
gforbart@wi.rr.com

Wisconsin Family Ties (WFT) is a statewide organization that provides support, information, and advocacy to families of children who have severe emotional, behavior, or mental disorders. WFT offers two monthly support groups, and a local advocate who is available to attend meetings with parents, assist families in locating resources, and provide one-on-one support. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month, 10:00 a.m. – noon and one Wednesday per month. Call for a schedule.

Transition – a period or process in which something undergoes a change...the period of passing from one stage, state, or activity to another...

Developmental Disabilities Resource Center

5407 Eighth Avenue, Kenosha
Contact: Sue Roknic 262-657-7188
sroknic@khds.org

The Developmental Disabilities Resource Center located at Kenosha Human Development Services provides information and assistance to people on a wide variety of disability related topics. The resource center will assist with planning educational and service needs before and after graduation. Services include referrals to adult medical, home health care, case management, respite care, vocational, and residential agencies. Eligibility screenings for public funding of services and assistance with the guardianship process are available.

Social Security Administration

5624 Sixth Avenue, Kenosha 262-656-7844
www.ssa.gov

The Social Security Office administers: social security retirement, survivors, supplemental security income and disability benefit programs. Children and young adults can be entitled to social security benefits if their parents are retired, deceased, or disabled. A disabled child can also receive a disabled adult child's benefit if he/she became disabled before age 22, and a parent retires, dies, or becomes disabled. They may also be eligible for benefits through the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program if they are severely disabled.

LakeView RecPlex

9900 Terwall Terrace, Pleasant Prairie
Contact: Erin Winch 262-952-6747
tr@plprairiewi.com

The LakeView RecPlex offers year-round care services for both youth and adults with special needs. Our services include respite care, weekly day programming, summer day camp, private swim lessons, social and exercise programs, life skills and more. A current listing of programs and services is available

Society's Assets, Inc.

5727 Sixth Avenue, Kenosha
Contact: Linda Vogelmann 262- 657-3999
linda.vogelmann@sai-inc.org 262-637-9128 (219)

Society's Assets, Inc. is an independent living center with offices in Kenosha, Racine, and Elkhorn. Services are provided in the areas of: independent living skills training, information and referral (guardianship), peer support, and advocacy.

Kenosha County Aging & Disability Resource Center

8600 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 262-605-6646
1-800-472-8008

The *Aging & Disability Resource Center* offers information, assistance, and access to long-term care services for persons with physical disabilities. Specifically, Disability Benefit Specialist services are available to assist individuals with developmental and/or physical disabilities between the ages of 18 to 59. Eligibility determination for Medicaid and community-based Medicaid Waiver services are processed through the *Aging & Disability Resource Center*. Up-to-date service directories of community services are also available upon request.

Special Olympics of Wisconsin

6011 Durand Avenue, Suite 400 262-598-9507
Racine, WI 53406
Contact: Jenny Taylor
www.specialolympicswisconsin.org

Special Olympics of WI provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with Cognitive Disabilities. It is founded on the belief that people with Cognitive Disabilities can, with proper instruction and encouragement, learn, enjoy, and benefit from participation in individual and team sports.