

Wood County Health Department Resources

Fact Sheets for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

(CYSHCN) : www.co.wood.wi.us/health

Link on Family Health Right side: Publications

Resource Roadmap for Parenting the Difficult Behavior

Resource Roadmap for Children with Special Needs

Resource Roadmap for Mental Health Services

Resource & Referral Assistance - primary points of contact for help

Home Modifications/Adaptive Equipment resources & funding

Medical Resources - numbers for medical insurance needs.

Assistive Technology - resources for adaptive equipment needs

Safety Resources - home safety information and resources

Transportation Resources - specialized transportation needs

Parenting Support Programs - special needs parenting resources

CYSHCN Recreational Activities - for any child with a disability

CYSHCN Wisconsin Camps - specialized camps in Wisconsin

Educational/School Resources

CESA 5 or WSPEI – Provides experienced parent liaisons to work with families, school districts and community agencies to promote positive partnerships. CESA 5 800-862-3725

WSPEI State Office 877-844-4925

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Helpline: 800-441-4563

WI FACETS provides information and assistance concerning parent and student rights and opportunities in education. 877-374-4677

Director of Special Education at your school district central office.

Your child's growth influences their needs. Changes within the family unit impacts program eligibility. Community programs also evolve over time. If you applied for program assistance in years past and were turned down, it may be time to TRY AGAIN! We encourage talking to a resource specialist at Wood County Human Services. 715 - 421- 8600 or 715- 387- 6374

University Extension Parenting Classes Meeting Unique Needs: 715-421-8440

- * **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren:** Grandparents raising grandchildren face unique challenges. This support group helps learn what to expect and how to handle everyday situations.
- * **Raising a Thinking Child:** Parenting the 4 to 7 year old. Provides concrete, interactive activities to help children learn to solve 'people' problems important now and building skills to solve problems later.
- * **Strengthening Families:** Parenting the 10-14 year old; skills to help youth handle peer pressure.
- * **Home Alone:** Children and parents to attend together to determine if the child is able to cope with the demands of being 'home alone'; safety issues, simple first aid, and how to handle emergency situations.
- * **Raising a Healthy Eater:** Parenting the 2-5 year old. Parenting for happy, healthy children including enjoyable mealtimes; introducing new foods, dealing with choosy eaters and preparing quick/easy meals.
- * **Co-parenting:** For divorced parents raising children together. Topics: effects of divorce on children, common reactions of children by age, effective communication and avoiding putting children in the middle.

Parent Resources

Child Support 715-421-8430 715-387-6374

Childcare Resource and Referral will assist locating childcare providers for special needs children.

715-423-4114 1-800-628-8534

Disability Rights WI offers protection and advocacy for people with disabilities. www.disabilityrightswi.org

Domestic Violence Service Providers

Family Center 715-421-1511

Personal Development Center 715-384-2971

Family Voices supports families by providing information, training and leadership opportunities so that families can be informed and effective partners in their child's care and in the systems that support them. They offer a newsletter for notices about important issues affecting services and support for children with special needs and disabilities. <http://fvowi.org>

Sibshops: A support group for children 5-12 years of age who have a sibling with special needs. Provides peer support and education in a recreational setting.

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital 715-221-7419

Wisconsin Family Ties: State-wide, parent-run organization for families raising CYSHCN. www.wifamilyties.org 800-422-7145

Health Care Resources

BadgerCare Plus/Forward Cards Wisconsin's health insurance for uninsured families is . Check your eligibility for health and nutrition benefits on line in the privacy of your home: www.access.wi.gov

Call 715-421-8600 or 715-387-6374 Program details on line: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/>

Katie Beckett – provides Medicaid for children, living at home, who have long-term physical or developmental disabilities, severe emotional disturbances or complex medical needs. Eligibility is based on child's needs rather than parent's income or private insurance coverage. 715-261-8811 <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/kbp/index.htm>

Health Insurance Risk Sharing Plan (HIRSP) – State regulated insurance for those under age 65, who are unable to find health insurance because of physical/mental disability or illness 800-828-4777 <http://www.hirsp.org/>

Social Security Disability provides Medicaid coverage for individuals with physical or mental conditions that result in severe functional limitations. Social Security Supplemental Income (SSI) may also provide financial assistance to low-income families raising special needs children. Wis. Rapids 715-423-3749 800-772-1213

Remember:

**When a parent notices changes in their child's physical wellbeing, behavior or developmental milestones the first stop should be a complete medical evaluation by your child's physician to rule out physical cause.
Many physical illnesses initially present as a change in behavior.**

Badgercare Plus, Forward Card, Wisconsin Medicaid Assistance

Medical Assistance Recipient Hotline: Recipient eligibility, rights, program covered benefits, list of providers, and assistance with problems with bills, etc. 800-362-3002

Medicaid Ombudsman – Appeals, complaints, billing problems, for Forward Card, Badgercare+ 800-760-0001

Medicaid HMO Enrollment Specialists Provides assistance in HMO enrollment process 800-291-2002

Resources Assisting CYSHCN Increase Personal Independence

FISC (Financial Information & Service Center): financial counseling, education and debt management for adult children struggling to gain financial independence. 715-323-0337 800-228-1903

Midstate Independent Living Centers Inc. 800-382-8484 Serves individuals of all ages:

- * Information and referral - 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 - individuals 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.

Opportunity Inc. Non-profit health organization with a variety of home and community based programs including: personal care, respite care, adult day services, specialized transportation. 715-423-2115 800-472-4408

CCLS (Creative Community Living Services) provides personal cares, daily living skills, residential services, community outings, recreational and leisure activities. 715-423-4047