

Resources for Families

1. **Family Voices of Wisconsin** - Family Voices mission aims to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. They provide families with resources and support to make informed decisions, advocate for improved public and private policies, build partnerships among families and professionals, and serve as a trusted resource on health care.
*To stay informed sign up for their e-newsletters: <https://familyvoices.org/news/>
*Contact information: [Family Voices of Wisconsin » Inform • Empower • Connect](#) or call 608-512-0217
2. **Respite Care Association of WI** – Promote, support, and expand quality statewide respite care across the lifespan.
*Contact information: <https://respitecarewi.org/> or call 608-222-2033
3. **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** - NAMI Portage-Wood Counties provides support, education, and advocacy for people with mental health conditions, as well as for friends and loved ones of those affected.
*NAMI does have newsletters that list all upcoming courses, meetings, videos and presentations. News letters can be accessed on their website or you can request them to be e-mailed through a list serve.
*Contact information: <https://namiportagewoodcounties.org/> or call 715-544-9653
4. **Northern Region Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)** - CYSHCN is dedicated to meeting family needs through a statewide coordinated system of information, referral and follow up, family to family support and strong partnerships with providers in 15 counties of northern Wisconsin. The Regional Center provides free and confidential services for children: Less than 22 years of age with a physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional condition that has lasted over a year or will last that long who require more health or educational services than other children their same age.
*Contact information: [Children's Resource Center North – Guiding Wisconsin families of children and youth with special health care needs](#) or call 715-261-1906, or Email: crcnorth@marathoncounty.gov
5. **Well Badger Resource Center** - Specializes in referrals for children and youth with special health care needs and those with developmental disabilities and delays.
*Contact Information: [Find Local Support - Wisconsin Resource Center | Well Badger](#) or call 1-800-642-7837, or Email: help@wellbadger.org
6. **Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative (WSPEI)** - Information and resources that support the IEP process
*Contact Information: <https://wspei.org/resources/>
7. **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI)** - Provide leadership to improve outcomes and ensure a free appropriate public education for students protected under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
*Contact information: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sped> or call 800-441-4563
8. **Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training, and Support (WI FACETS)** - WI FACETS mission is to provide and broaden opportunities that enhance the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities and their families, with emphasis on support for underserved families in the community.
*WI FACETS has over 85 free workshops scheduled annually for families of children with disabilities and those who support them. For more information on workshops visit their website: <https://wifacets.org/events>
*Contact information: <https://wifacets.org/> or call 877-374-0511
9. **Wisconsin Wayfinder** - Wisconsin Wayfinder supports families of children with delays, disabilities, special health care needs, and mental health conditions. Children's resource guides are helpers who assist families, caregivers, [professionals](#), and organizations in finding a wide array of supports and services available through the Children's Resource Network. Their services are free and confidential. [Connect](#) with a children's resource guide.
*Contact information: [Wisconsin Wayfinder: Essential Children's Resources | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)
10. **Wood County Health Department** - Range of information from injury prevention to dental health:
*Contact Information: call 715-421-8911 or <https://www.woodcountywi.gov/Departments/Health/>

- 11. Wood County Human Services Department** - Wide variety of information on: Mental Health Services, Crisis Services, Case Management, Child Abuse & Neglect, Youth Justice, Truancy & Court, Food Share, Project Lifesaver, BadgerCare, etc.
*Contact Information: <https://www.woodcountywi.gov/Departments/HumanServices/> or call 715-421-8600
- 12. 2-1-1 Wisconsin** - 211 is a free and confidential service that connects you with thousands of local programs and services. Simply dial 211 on your phone to reach one of their friendly, trained community resource specialists available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
*Contact information: <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/> or call 211

AUTISM RELATED INFORMATION/RESOURCES

1. **Autism Society of Wisconsin** - Trusted source of information, resources, advocacy, and support for Autistic individuals, families, and professionals across the state.
*Contact information: <https://autismsocietywi.org/> or call 608-630-9147 or email info@autismsocietywi.org
2. **Arrow Academy** - Stevens Point, Wisconsin Rapids, and Mosinee Center-based Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).
*Contact information: <https://www.arrowacademywi.org/> or call 715-544-6847
3. **Skylight** – Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield, and Scholfield Center-based Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services. Offer some in-home services if within 15 miles from a center.
*Contact information: <https://skylightautismcenter.com/> or call 715-571-1566
4. **Caravel Autism Health** – Wausau Center-based Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA therapy) services and diagnostic evaluations.
*Contact information: <https://caravelautism.com/> or call 312-883-9462
5. **Phoenix Behavioral Health Services, LLC** – in-home based Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services and diagnostic evaluations.
*Contact information: <https://phoenixbhc.com/phoenix-in-home-autism-program/> or call 920-657-1782
6. **Wisconsin Early Autism Project, Inc. (WEAP)** – Stevens Point Center-based and in-home based Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services and diagnostic evaluations.
*Contact information: <https://www.wiautism.com/> or call 608-622-9327