

## Key Community Resources When There is a Developmental Concern

**Julia Stavran**  
Program Director

Northern Regional Center for Children and Youth  
with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

## Learning Objectives

- Be familiar with key community resources when there is a concern about a child's development
- Know what community referrals should be made after a concerning developmental screening result

## Resources Every Parent and Provider Should Know

- Established statewide system for resource information, assistance, and referral
- Formal (state or county) programs
- Informal and family-to-family supports

## WI First Step [www.infoandreferralcenter.org](http://www.infoandreferralcenter.org)



## WI Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs



<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/resourcecenters>

## WI Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

- Free and Confidential information and assistance
- Identifying resources and supports
- Problem-solving based on individual questions
- Consultation about health insurance/coverage
- Navigating programs, services, barriers
- Follow-up to ensure need was addressed

## Formal Programs

- Early Intervention Program (WI Birth to 3)
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Wisconsin Medicaid Program
- Family Support Program

7

## Public Education:

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

- WI Birth to 3
  - From birth up to age 3
  - Administered at county level
- Early Childhood Special Education
  - From age 3 to 6
  - Administered through local school district

8

## When to Refer

- Parental concern
- Physician concern
- Or concerning screening result

9

Pediatrics 2007;120(5):1183-1215

## Don't "Wait and See"

- No diagnosis or physician referral required for early intervention or early childhood services
- Each program does own developmental evaluation to determine program eligibility

10

## Medicaid

<http://dhs.wi.gov/medicaid>

- Katie Beckett Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS)  
Home and Community-Based Waivers

11

## Family Support Program


<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/fsp>

- Information and help finding services
- Maximizing community resources
- Limited funding for services and goods not covered by other sources
- Strengthening natural supports



12

## Family Voices of Wisconsin [www.wfv.org/fv](http://www.wfv.org/fv)



**News:**  
[Nov. Fall 2009 Training Dates](#)  
[Spring 2009 Newsletter posted](#)  
[Hearing Aids Bill Phases WI Legislature](#)  
[2009 Family Listening Session Summary](#)  
[2009-2011 State Budget Information](#)

[Home](#) | [Projects](#) | [Trainings](#) | [Policy Issues](#) | [Publications](#) | [Resources](#) |

**Welcome**


**Who We Are:** Family Voices of Wisconsin is a statewide network of families of children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities and those who work on their behalf. We support families through education, training and leadership opportunities so that families can be effective and informed navigators of their child's system of care. Family Voices of Wisconsin also works to inform and educate health care providers, local, state and national policy makers and administrators about issues that affect children and youth with special health care needs.

Family Voices of Wisconsin is an affiliate of the national Family Voices ([www.familyvoices.org](http://www.familyvoices.org)) and we are the home to Wisconsin's Family to Family Health Information and Education Network.

We work closely with the [Regional Centers for Children with Special Health Care Needs](#) around Wisconsin to make sure families find the resources they need.

13

## WI FACETS [www.wifacets.org](http://www.wifacets.org)



WI Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support  
 (Wisconsin FACETS)

Providing opportunities to enhance the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities and their families.

"Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support, Inc. (WI FACETS) is a nonprofit organization serving Wisconsin children and adults with disabilities, their families and those who support them. We were founded in 1995 by parents who believed that parents are the best advocates for their children. WI FACETS operates the [several] programs to help parents, professionals and others support and enrich the lives of children with disabilities."

14

## Parent to Parent of Wisconsin [www.p2pwi.org](http://www.p2pwi.org)



**PARENT PARENT**  
 Making connections from a friend to a friend

**GET CONNECTED!**

Are you looking for a support group or a volunteer? Do you need help finding resources? Do you want to share your own experiences? We can help!

**ABOUT US:**  
 Parent to Parent of Wisconsin is a national organization that provides support and information to parents of children with special needs. We are currently seeking volunteers in the following areas:

**ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

What are you doing on a daily basis?  
 How long have you been a parent?  
 How many children do you have?  
 How many children do you have with special needs?  
 How long have you been a parent of a child with special needs?  
 How long have you been a parent of a child with special needs?  
 How long have you been a parent of a child with special needs?

15

## Family Support Groups [www.asw4autism.org](http://www.asw4autism.org)



**Autism Society of Wisconsin**  
 Toll-free (WI only): 1-888-4-AUTISM  
 (1-888-428-8476)

Seven local chapters across Wisconsin



16

## Ask a Question



### Viewing online?

- o Click on the envelope above
- o Question emailed to Training Team
- o Questions answered by expert on topic
- o Response within 2-3 weeks



### Viewing at a live training?

- o Organizer shares questions with Training Team

17

## Acknowledgements

- Combating Autism Act Initiative State Demonstration Grant, MCHB
- WI Medical Home Webcast Series
- Waisman Center
- WI CYSHCN Program



Waisman Center  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities



Children and Youth with  
 Special Health Care Needs

18