

# RESOURCE ROADMAP



## Welcome to Wood County

Please use this map as a guide on the road to finding services for your child with special needs, ages birth to 21 years.

### Birth-to-Three Program

421-8836  
(WOOD COUNTY UNIFIED SERVICES)

Early intervention services to children with developmental needs. Services are provided in the child's natural environment. Birth-to-3 staff develop an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) based upon the priorities and concerns of the family. Among the services offered are:  
service coordination; developmental evaluations; special instruction; developmental therapies; information and referral; school transition planning; integrated playgroups; bi-monthly newsletter; parent-to-parent linking.



### Wood County Department of Social Services

421-8600 387-6374

Provides intake and case management for child abuse, neglect, behavioral and juvenile delinquency services for all children. Foster care, Kinship Care, Day Care, Respite, and screening for community funding assistance.

### DVR 422-5050

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is a state agency providing employment support for individuals with disabilities. Eligible individuals may receive vocational education, training, and job placement assistance.

### Economic Support Services

421-8600 387-6374  
(Dept of Social Services)

Medical Assistance, Healthy Start and Badger Care (includes medical transportation to get to medical providers for MA-covered services), Food Share (food stamps), Energy assistance, W-2 (employment support), and financial assistance.

### Wood County WIC

421-8950 387-8646

WIC is the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. WIC is an intervention program providing nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support, and healthy food to at-risk pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants, and children under age 5. WIC serves low-to-moderate income families.

### Wood County Health Department

421-8911 387-8646

Public Health Nurses are available to provide information and referral assistance for resources. Services may be provided in the office or your home. Areas of special assistance include pregnancy, immunizations, maternal/child health, children with special health care needs.

### United Way's FIRST CALL

384-5565, 423-0211 or  
877-384-5565

Make us your FIRST CALL to programs and services in Wood County. Toll free and confidential.

### Crisis Intervention

421-2345 384-5555

(WOOD COUNTY UNIFIED SERVICES)

A telephone counseling program available 24/7, is there to listen, support, inform, and when possible, refer to appropriate services in the community.

### Parent Resource Centers

Parents' Place 421-0480  
Family Resource Center 384-6616

Parent resource centers offer a variety of parenting classes, infant massage, resource libraries and drop in playtime for parents and children.

### Parents Information and Education Resource (PIER)

Parent-to-parent based network; offers support and informational meetings for parents who are raising children with special health care needs including behavioral, physical, cognitive and/or mental health disabilities. For a meeting schedule and written newsletter by e-mail, contact Pam Ironside at [ironkids@wctc.net](mailto:ironkids@wctc.net) or 423-7182.

### Wood County Unified Services

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Offers an array of services for people with developmental disabilities, mental health concerns, and alcohol or drug problems. Contracts with area providers for supported employment, a supported apartment program, vocational, day programming, and respite services. Assists with obtaining guardianships, when appropriate. Information is provided about community funding for people with developmental disabilities or chronic mental illness. Operates a certified outpatient mental health clinic.



### Family Support Program

421-8839  
(WOOD COUNTY UNIFIED SERVICES)

Provides assistance to families in obtaining the kinds of services and supports needed to meet the extraordinary care needs of severely impaired children living at home. Funds are limited and are intended to be gap filling.

### Special Education Services

Parents questioning if their child is showing learning difficulties, may seek assistance from their area school district. Children from **age 3-21** may be entitled to a developmental assessment and may qualify for special educational services through the school district. Contact your school district special education department for information and assistance.



### Head Start

421-2066  
1-866-421-2066

Head Start is a comprehensive child development program serving low-income **or special needs** preschool children and their families. Wood County has centers in Marshfield, East and West Wisc. Rapids and Vesper.

## 2005-2006 WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### Government Resources

Child Support Agency	421-8430 387-6374
<b>Crisis Intervention</b>	<b>421-2345</b> <b>384-5555</b>
Housing Authority	423-7288 387-0528
University Extension	421-8440
Wood County Health Department	421-8911 387-8646
Wood County Social Services	421-8600 387-6374
Wood County Unified Services	421-8800
Adult Dev. Disabilities	421-8848 387-4529
Birth to Three Program	421-8836
Community Support	421-8831 387-4529
Family Support Program	421-8839
Outpatient Mental Health/ AODA Clinic	421-8840
Wood County WIC	421-8950 387-8646

### Private Mental Health Providers

Behrend Psychology Consultants	423-2030
Children's Service Society	421-0480 387-2729
Central Wisconsin Counseling	424-6960
Clinical Services	424-3400
Elmergreen Associates, Inc.	384-7579
Lutheran Social Services	423-3455 387-8914
META Associates	423-6000
Marshfield Clinic	387-5442
Ministry Behavioral Health	424-3933
St. Joseph's Hospital Crisis Care	387-7087
St. Vincent DePaul	387-0395

### Parenting Resource Centers

Family Resource Center	384-6616
Parents' Place	421-4080

### Home Nursing Services

Advantage Home Care	325-5025
Ministry Home Health	423-5590 387-9685
Ministry Hospice Care	387-7052
VNA Home Nursing Service	423-4667 387-1219

### Community Resources

Bureau for Deaf and Hard of Hearing	TTY: 842-1211 842-7693
Child Care Resource and Referral	423-4114 1-800-628-8534
Children's Miracle Network Family Center and Shelter (Domestic Violence)	387-9965 421-1511
NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill)	387-1016
North Central Community Action (CAP) Emergency Food Pantry	424-2581 387-2626
Personal Development Center (Domestic Violence)	384-2971
<b>United Way FIRST CALL</b>	<b>dial 211</b>
Wood County Head Start	421-2066 1-800-421-2066

### Outpatient Therapy Resources

McDonough Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Center	422-5222
Pittsville Therapy Services	884-2333
Riverview Hospital Rehab	421-7478
Sport & Spine Physical Therapy	886-3150
Sport & Spine Clinic of Auburndale	652-3470 424-4646
Stoiber Healthcare SC	423-5423
Therapies Plus	

### Transportation Resources

Abby Vans	1-800-236-8438
River City Cab	424-4995
Wheels of Independence	1-800-423-7818

### Public Education Resources

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
CESA 5	1-800-862-3725
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Helpline	1-800-441-4563
WI FACETS	1-877-374-4677

### Health Related Resources

<b>Medical Assistance/Medicaid</b>	421-8600 or 387-6374
✓ BadgerCare – Wisconsin's health insurance for <b>uninsured working families</b> .	
✓ Katie Beckett – Wisconsin Medicaid coverage for children living at home who have long-term physical or developmental disabilities, severe emotional disturbances or complex medical needs. <b>Eligibility based on child's disability</b> and care needs rather than parent's income or private insurance	1-715-343-7103
✓ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) -income and Medical Assistance coverage for individuals with physical or mental conditions that result in <b>severe functional limitations</b> . There are income and asset limits.	
Wis. Rapids office	423-3749
Social Security Office	1-800-772-1213
TDD	715-423-3729
<b>SSI Eligibility questions</b>	1-800-888-7989

**Health Insurance Risk Sharing Plan (HIRSP)** – state-regulated health insurance plan for Wisconsin residents under age 65 who are unable to find adequate health insurance coverage because of their mental or physical disability or illness.. 1-800-828-4777

**Medical Assistance Recipient Hotline** – information about recipient **eligibility and rights**, covered benefits, list of providers, problems with bills, etc. 1-800-362-3002

**Medicaid Ombudsman** – assistance with **appeals, complaints, billing problems, for Medicaid HMO enrolls**... 1-800-760-0001

**Medical Assistance HMO Enrollment Specialists** 1-800-291-2002

**Wood County Health Department** – local information for **medical or dental** access assistance.....421-8911 or 387-8646

### Recreational Resources for Children with Special Needs

Boy Scout/Explorer Troops - Samoset Boy Scout Council	1-800-303-2195
Dances/Bingo for ages 17 and over - Bonnie	886-3689
Dynamite JJs 4H Club for ages 16 and over – Barb	887-3213
Girl Scouting – Woodland Girl Scout Council	423-6360
Special Olympics – North Central Area 2 Special Olympics Office	1-800-837-1633
Very Special Arts – Choir for ages 16 and over – Julanne	421-5828
Very Special Arts Regional Coordinator – Kim Marquardt	359-7944

### Information, Referral and Advocacy Resources

**ABC for Health, Inc.** – Statewide benefits counseling and legal services for families with children who are having problems **financing health care**. Website: [www.safetyweb.org](http://www.safetyweb.org) 1-800-585-4222

**The Arc Wisconsin Disability Association** – **advocacy** for persons with cognitive disabilities, parent support groups, training, and information. 1-877-272-8400

**Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** State Agency providing **employment support** for individuals with disabilities; includes vocational evaluation, training and job placement assistance 422-5050, 387-2283 or 1-800-228-1903

**FISC – Financial counseling**, education and debt management for adult children struggling to gain financial independence, responsibility and support 423-323-0337 or 1-800-366-8161

**Midstate Independent Living Consultants** – Private non-profit agency **serves people of all ages with disabilities** for: independent living skills training, information and referral, advocacy, peer support, community education, youth transition conference, recreational and social events, benefits counseling, home modifications, and assessments for independent living, assistive technology and job placement 1-800-311-5044

**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 and community initiatives. 423-2115 or 1-800-472-4408

**Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy** – provides **protection & advocacy** for persons with disabilities. 1-800-928-8778

**Wisconsin Council for Developmental Disabilities** – The council is dedicated to improving the **independence, productivity, and inclusion** of people with developmental disabilities. 1-608-266-7826

**WI FACETS** – (Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support) information and assistance to families concerning **parent and student rights and opportunities in education**. 1-877-374-4677

**Wisconsin TECH** – Information about **adaptive aids** 1-800-642-7837

**W-2 Disabilities Hotline** – information about **food stamps and other programs for W-2 eligible families** caring for a household member with a disability 1-888-400-8455

**WSPEI** (Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative) provides experienced parent liaisons that **work with families, school districts and community agencies** to promote positive partnerships. This free service is provided through the CESA's (Cooperative Educational Service Agencies) located across the state. CESA 5 serves Wood County 1-800-862-3725 or the State office 1-877-844-4925

**Wisconsin Family Ties** – statewide, parent-run organization for families with children with **mental, emotional or behavioral disorders**. E-mail WFT at [info@wifamilyties.org](mailto:info@wifamilyties.org) or visit the website at [www.wifamilyties.org](http://www.wifamilyties.org) 1-800-422-7145

**CCLS** –provides personal cares, daily living skills, residential services, community outings, recreational and leisure activities 423-4047

**Family Village** - Waisman Center Web site: <http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/index.html>

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