

Who can I call when I have questions or need help?



Western Regional Center
Children and Youth with
Special Health Care Needs

www.co.chippewa.wi.us/ccdph/cyshcn | 800-400-3678

The Regional Centers offer free, confidential help to find information, identify services, connect to community resources, and navigate health care and service systems. The Regional Centers help to answer your resource questions about children and youth with special health care needs, such as Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), including:

- Early identification and screening
- Diagnosticians
- Therapy providers
- Health care benefits and waivers
- Paying for what you need
- Respite and child care options
- Educational support and special education
- Recreational opportunities
- Support groups for parents, siblings, or individuals with ASD
- Transition to adult health care

The Western Regional Center serves children up to the age of 22 in the counties of Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix, Trempealeau, and Washburn.

Wisconsin First Step

Provides a 24-hour information and referral hotline, and an online resource database, for families and providers working with children and youth with special health care needs, including Autism Spectrum Disorders.

www.mch-hotlines.org
800-642-7837

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Chippewa Valley Autism Society (CVAS)

Provides advocacy, support and information to individuals and their families, caregivers, professionals and communities throughout the Chippewa Valley.
www.cvaswi.webs.com 711 Briar Lane, Altoona, WI 54720
715-835-7602

WWAACC Western Wisconsin Autism Advocacy & Consulting Center, Inc.

Empowers, educates and supports families, caregivers, educators, and service providers of children with ASDs and provides resources and information.
www.wwaacc.org PO Box 673, Hudson, WI 54016
715-381-8454

Department of Public Instruction

Provides autism specific training and information for parents and school personnel.
www.dpi.state.wi.us/sped/autism.html
608-266-5194

Parent to Parent of Wisconsin

Provides the opportunity to connect one-on-one with a parent of a child with a similar special need.
www.p2pwi.org
888-266-0028

Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI)

Serves parents, educators, and others interested in parent-educator partnerships for children with disabilities. Parent liaisons are available.
www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/parent.html
877-844-4925



Can I learn more in person?

Conferences

Autism Society of Wisconsin offers state and regional conferences for parents and professionals | www.asw4autism.org

“Circles of Life” is designed for families of children with disabilities and special health care needs and the professionals who support them | www.colwisconsin.org

“Children Come First” Upper Midwest Behavioral Health Conference is designed for families and providers caring for and working with children with mental, emotional or behavioral disorders | www.wifamilyties.org

Trainings

Family Voices of Wisconsin offers “Did You Know? Now You Know!” trainings on how to navigate health care and community supports | www.fvofwi.org

Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support (WI FACETS) offers trainings on a variety of education and special education issues (some trainings by phone) | www.wifacets.org

Where can I find basic information about autism?

Text only

American Academy of Pediatrics | www.aap.org/healthtopics/autism.cfm

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism

Maternal and Child Health Knowledge Path on ASD
http://www.mchlibrary.info/knowledgepaths/kp_autism.html

National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke
www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/autism/detail_autism.htm

ASD Video Glossary
www.firstsigns.org/asd_video_glossary/asdvg_about.htm

Autism 101: An Online Course (Autism Society of America)
http://support.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=about_course

Autism Internet Modules
www.autisminternetmodules.org

Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorders: An online course
www.waisman.wisc.edu/autismpdc/foundation.php

Sound Advice on Autism (AAP) | www.aap.org/audio/autism



State of Wisconsin
Dept of Health Services
Division of Public Health
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Wisconsin Title V Children
and Youth with Special
Health Care Needs Program

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Questions & Resources

Wisconsin—Western Region



Should I be concerned about how my child is developing?



Learn more about developmental milestones and signs of developmental delay
www.actearly.wisc.edu

What if I have concerns about my child's development?

Talk to your child's doctor about your concerns, **AND** contact one of Wisconsin's programs that support child development

Wisconsin Children's Services Program

Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program (children birth to 3 years)
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/birthto3/family/index.htm

Children's Long-Term Support Waivers (children birth to 22 years)
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/clts/waiver/family/index.htm

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (children 3 to 22 years)

Contact the school district serving your neighborhood
www.dpi.wi.gov/schldist.html

Wisconsin Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

(children birth to 5 years in low-income families)
www.whsaonline.org/about-head-start

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