

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



Wisconsin Regional Centers  
Children and Youth with  
Special Health Care Needs

[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/index.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/index.htm)

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 Regional Centers serve children up to the age of 22.

### 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](http://www.mch-hotlines.org)  
800-642-7837

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### Autism Society of Wisconsin (ASW)

ASW's mission is to improve the lives of all affected by autism in Wisconsin.  
[www.asw4autism.org](http://www.asw4autism.org)  
920-558-4602

### Department of Public Instruction

Provides autism specific training and information for parents and school personnel.  
[www.dpi.state.wi.us/sped/autism.html](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.wifacets.org)

## Where can I find basic information about autism?

Text only

**American Academy of Pediatrics** | [www.aap.org/healthtopics/autism.cfm](http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/autism.cfm)

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** | [www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism)

**Maternal and Child Health Knowledge Path on ASD**  
[http://www.mchlibrary.info/knowledgepaths/kp\\_autism.html](http://www.mchlibrary.info/knowledgepaths/kp_autism.html)

**National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke**  
[www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/autism/detail\\_autism.htm](http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/autism/detail_autism.htm)

**ASD Video Glossary**  
[www.firstsigns.org/asd\\_video\\_glossary/asdvg\\_about.htm](http://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](http://support.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=about_course)

**Autism Internet Modules**  
[www.autisminternetmodules.org](http://www.autisminternetmodules.org)

**Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorders: An online course**  
[www.waisman.wisc.edu/autismpdc/foundation.php](http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/autismpdc/foundation.php)

**Sound Advice on Autism (AAP)** | [www.aap.org/audio/autism](http://www.aap.org/audio/autism)



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Health Care Needs Program

## Autism Spectrum Disorders

Questions & Resources



Wisconsin

## Should I be concerned about how my child is developing?



Learn more about developmental milestones and signs of developmental delay  
[www.actearly.wisc.edu](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.whsaonline.org/about-head-start)

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