

**Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs:** Wisconsin has five Regional Centers dedicated to supporting families with children and youth with special health care needs and the providers who serve them. Free and confidential services include information, referral and problem solving, parent support, help understanding insurance coverage and applications, transition planning and connections to community resources. [dhs.wisconsin.gov/cyshcn/regionalcenters.htm](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/cyshcn/regionalcenters.htm)

Northern Regional Center: 866.640.4106

Northeast Regional Center: 877.568.5205

Southern Regional Center: 800.532.3321

Southeast Regional Center: 800.234.5437

Western Regional Center: 800.400.3678

**Advocacy & Benefits Counseling for Health, Inc. (ABC for Health)** is a Wisconsin-based, nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to linking children and families, particularly those with special needs, to health care benefits and services. Experienced staff can help families who have received a Medicaid or private insurance denial, lost coverage or need help finding health coverage. [safetyweb.org](https://safetyweb.org), 608.261.6939

**Alianza Latina Aplicando Soluciones (ALAS)** promotes the independence of people with disabilities by providing information and support to them, their families and their service providers in areas related to education and health. In English or Spanish, parents and families are supported with information and connections to community resources. [alianzalatina.org/ALAS.htm](https://alianzalatina.org/ALAS.htm), 414.643.0022

**The Arc Wisconsin** develops programs and advocates for public policy to give people with disabilities the opportunity to learn, live, and work inclusively in their communities. Through locally affiliated chapters ([arcwi.org/about/affiliate-chapters](https://arcwi.org/about/affiliate-chapters)), the Arc provides social, recreational and educational programs to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. [arcwi.org](https://arcwi.org), 608.422.4250

**Birth to Three Program** is part of the Bureau of Children's Services at the Department of Health Services and is a federally mandated program providing early intervention services to support families of children with delays or disabilities under the age of three. [dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/index.htm](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/index.htm), 800.642.7837

**Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW)** is a private non-profit organization designated by the governor to ensure the rights of all state citizens with disabilities through individual advocacy and systems change. DRW helps people across Wisconsin gain access to services and opportunities through its advocacy and legal expertise. [disabilityrightswi.org](https://disabilityrightswi.org), Madison 608.267.0214, Milwaukee 414.773.4646, or Rice Lake 715.736.1232

**Family Voices of Wisconsin** is a statewide network of families who have children with special health care needs and disabilities and those who work on their behalf. Family Voices provides information, training and leadership opportunities so that families can be informed and effective partners in their children's care and in influencing the systems that support them. [familyvoiceswi.org](http://familyvoiceswi.org), 608.220.9598

**Independent Living Centers (ILCs)** are regional, non-profit organizations that provide information and referral, peer support, independent living skills training, transition services and advocacy. There are eight ILCs around the state and some provide additional services, like community education, training, personal care, and service coordination. ILCs are also device loan centers as part of the WisTech Assistive Technology Program. [dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/physical/ilcs-contact.htm](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/physical/ilcs-contact.htm)

**Mental Health America of Wisconsin** is a community-based network dedicated to helping all Americans live mentally healthier lives through advocacy, education and the delivery of urgently needed programs and services. [mhawisconsin.org](http://mhawisconsin.org), 866.948.6483

**NAMI Wisconsin** works to improve the quality of life of people affected by mental illness and promotes recovery by providing education, advocacy and support. [namiwisconsin.org](http://namiwisconsin.org), 800.236.2988

**Parent 2 Parent of Wisconsin** provides support to parents of children with special needs through a one-to-one connection with another parent who has similar experience and who knows firsthand about the feelings and realities that come with having a child with special needs. [p2pwi.org](http://p2pwi.org), 833.361.6300

**Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA)** is Wisconsin's statewide member association for organizations and individuals committed to making every early childhood a great one. SFTA has ten Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies that assists in finding the child care that meets the needs of each family. [supportingfamiliesaltogether.org](http://supportingfamiliesaltogether.org), 888.713.KIDS

**Waisman Center, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities** supports the full inclusion and self-determination of people with developmental disabilities and their families. The Waisman Center promotes and strengthens the participation of families with disabilities in partnerships with professionals and providers, community members and elected officials. [ucedd.waisman.wisc.edu](http://ucedd.waisman.wisc.edu), 800.532.3321

**Well Badger Resource Center** is a statewide information and referral hotline and online database to assist Wisconsin families and providers working with children and youth with special needs. [wellbadger.org](http://wellbadger.org), 800.642.7837

**WI FACETS (Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support)** has a mission to provide and broaden opportunities that enhance the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities and their families, with an emphasis on educational support for underserved families in the community. [wifacets.org](http://wifacets.org), 877.374.0511

**Wisconsin Board for People with Development Disabilities** advocates on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities to foster welcoming and inclusive communities and improve the disability service system. The Board's mission is to help people with developmental disabilities become independent, productive and included in all facets of community life. [wi-bpdd.org](http://wi-bpdd.org), 608.266.7826

**Wisconsin Family Ties** is a statewide not-for-profit run by families for families that include children with emotional, behavioral and mental disorders. Parent-peer specialists provide support, education, advocacy and information, as well as referrals for families. Parent representatives are also involved to build awareness of family needs on the local, state and national level. [wifamilyties.org](http://wifamilyties.org), 800.422.7145

**Wisconsin Foster and Adoptive Parent Association** is a peer- and volunteer-based organization that supports and advocates for foster and adoptive parents by offering training, support programs and helps to create and support different legislative measures with our fellow representatives in Madison. [wfapa.org](http://wfapa.org)

**Wisconsin Head Start** is a federal program for preschool children from low-income families. Non-profit organizations, schools, community action commissions or other local grantees operate the Head Start program. Head Start supports Parent Affiliates to help guide the work of Wisconsin Head Start. [whsaonline.org](http://whsaonline.org), 608.442.6879

**Wisconsin Medical Home Initiative** promotes the concepts of medical home for primary care clinicians, families and service providers throughout Wisconsin. Training, technical assistance and resources are provided to support medical home implementation with a focus in the areas of early identification of and timely referrals for children with developmental concerns and behavioral health integration into pediatric primary care. [chawisconsin.org/initiatives/medical-home](http://chawisconsin.org/initiatives/medical-home)

**Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative's (WSPEI)** experienced CESA-based family liaisons work with families, educators and school districts to promote positive partnerships and provide technical assistance and information to parents in their CESA area. [wspei.org](http://wspei.org), 833.879.7734

**Wisconsin Sound Beginnings Program** is part of the Maternal and Child Health Program at the Department of Health Services and promotes and supports universal newborn hearing screening and follow-up services statewide. Sound Beginnings also helps connect families to Parent Guides through the Wisconsin "Guide-By-Your-Side" program. <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/newbornscreening/hearing.htm>

**Wisconsin Families for Hands & Voices** provides support of and advocacy for families who have children who are deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind. Their mission is to create a comprehensive system of parents and professionals who are committed to the unbiased support of families to provide deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind children with an education designed to support each child to reach their highest potential. [handsandvoiceswi.org](http://handsandvoiceswi.org)