

## This listing is to provide you with resources for people with disabilities.

## **Children Websites**

https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/contacts/countycontacts.htm Wisconsin Birth to Three Program. Each county has identified a designated central point of access, a person who handles all referrals into the county program and can provide general information to parents, other family members, and providers on the intake process and the services available through the county Birth to 3 Program.

https://supportingfamiliestogether.org/ Supporting Families Together Association envisions a future where all Wisconsin children have access to the highest quality child care. We are Wisconsin's membership association for Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs) and Family Resource Centers (FRCs). We provide services, programming, and supports to our member agencies in order to positively impact children, parents, child care providers, and the world of early childhood care and education throughout Wisconsin.

- <u>http://www.4-c.org/</u> Covering Madison, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Jefferson, Rock, Sauk & Walworth Counties. Also serves the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- <u>http://www.theparentingplace.net/</u> Covering LaCrosse, Juneau, La Crosse & Monroe Counties. Also serves the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- <u>http://www.familyconnectionsswwi.org/</u> Covering Platteville, Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland & Vernon Counties.
- <u>https://www.westerndairyland.org/contact\_us.phtml</u> Covering Eau Claire, Buffalo, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix & Trempealeau Counties. Also serves the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- <u>http://www.wisconsinchild.org/</u> Covering Hayward, Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Florence, Forest, Iron, Oneida, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Vilas & Washburn Counties. Also serves the Bad River, Forest County Potawatomi, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Red Cliff, Sokaogon and St. Croix Tribes
- <u>http://fcrnew.org/</u> Covering Green Bay, Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto & Shawano Counties. Also serves the Menominee and Stockbridge Munsee Tribes and the Oneida Nation.

 <u>http://familyconnectionscc.org/</u> Covering Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc & Sheboygan Counties

http://www.easterseals.com/ Easter Seals provides exceptional services, education, outreach, and advocacy so that people living with autism and other disabilities can live, learn, work and play in our communities. Easter Seals has been helping individuals with disabilities and special needs, and their families, live better lives for more than 90 years. From child development centers to physical rehabilitation and job training for people with disabilities, Easter Seals offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals.

<u>http://www.caringbridge.org/</u> Free personalized website for easier communication with family and friends during a health crisis, treatment, and recovery.

<u>https://www.siblingsupport.org/</u> The Sibling Support Project is a national effort dedicated to the life-long concerns of brothers and sisters of people who have special health, developmental, or mental health concerns.

<u>http://www.varietywi.org/</u> Variety sponsors year-round activities, events and programs focused on: improving a child's physical and emotional health and well-being; building self-confidence; strengthening resilience; and creating opportunities to pursue a limitless future.

<u>https://www.fcwi.org/</u> Friendship Circle of Wisconsin provides support, friendship, and opportunities to include people with all varying abilities in our community.

<u>https://childrenswi.org/childrens-and-the-community</u> Partners with residents, community agencies, health care providers and families to provide services for children.

<u>http://www.channing-bete.com/</u> Online resources that provides publications, resources, and products to help children reach their goals.

<u>http://giosgarden.org/</u> Gio's Garden is a therapeutic respite center for children ages birth through six years old with special needs.

<u>http://www.mcfi.net/MCFI.htm</u> Offers programs and services for children and adults with disabilities, special needs and barriers to success.

http://www.phoenixchildrens.org/health-information Pediatric Health Information about kid's health.

<u>http://www.alianzalatinawi.org/ALAS.htm</u> Provide services to promote the development of children and young adults with special needs.

<u>http://www.p2pwi.org/</u> Parent to Parent of Wisconsin provides parent 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.

<u>https://familyvoiceswi.org/</u> Family Voices supports an active network of parents/families through their listserv (Family Action Network), newsletters and other publications. Encourage families stay informed about public policy issues and connect families and youth to leadership and advocacy opportunities.

<u>http://www.parentsplacewi.org/</u> Parents Place focuses on strengthening families and protecting children through community education, parenting classes, support groups, child advocacy and supervised visitations.

<u>http://www.militaryonesource.mil/</u> Parent toolkit for military families who have children with special needs.

<u>http://www.chawisconsin.org/</u> Provide resources to ensure Wisconsin children are healthy, safe and able to thrive.

<u>http://www.bridges4kids.org/states/wi.htm</u> Bridges4Kids contains information for parents and teachers. Some of the information included is state government information, statewide organizations for individuals with disabilities, and information on Wisconsin Early Childhood programs.

http://www.wccf.org/ The mission of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, WCCF or the Council, is to ensure that every child in Wisconsin grows up in a just and nurturing family and community. The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families was established in 1881 as the Wisconsin Conference on Charities and Corrections. For well over a century, the organization has focused on improving conditions for families and children through policy change, expanded public investments and public education that lead to improvements in outcomes and practices in the delivery of publicly funded health care, education, workforce development and social services. The Council is a private, non-profit, non-partisan statewide organization with offices in Madison Wisconsin.

<u>http://parentingspecialneeds.org/</u> is a free e-resource for parents of children with special needs.

<u>https://www.disabilityisnatural.com/</u> Web site tells us that a green apple is more like red apples than different. An individual with a disability is more like people without disabilities than different. Apples are natural.

<u>https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/spina-bifida.html</u> This page contains an easy to understand explanation of Spina Bifida and its problems that young children will be able to understand.

## Camps, Recreation, & Sports

<u>http://www.ymcachicago.org/independence/</u> Camps at the YMCA share one thing: they're about discovery. Kids have the opportunity to explore, find new talents, try new activities, gain independence, and make lasting friendships and memories—and they're fun too!

<u>https://www.badgercamp.org/</u> Wisconsin Badger Camp's mission is to provide a positive natural environment where individuals with developmental challenges can learn about their surroundings and realize their full potential. Through a group living experience, campers develop friendships and expand their social skills. Everyone, regardless of the severity of their disability, are welcome at Badger Camp.

<u>http://www.champcamp.org/</u> CHAMP Camp provides a week-long, summer camp experience for children and adolescents with tracheostomies and those who require technological respiratory assistance. Our campers enjoy and fully participate in outdoor summer camp activities including swimming, canoeing, climbing and zip lining to encourage independence, confidence, and self-esteem and create memories that last a lifetime.

<u>http://www.wisconsinlionscamp.com/</u> Come swim and boat on Lions Lake, explore in our environmental education program, hit a target in archery, climb to new heights on our climbing tower, high ropes and zip line, create lasting art and performance projects, enjoy a campfire and wallow in our mud pit. Meet other children and adults from Wisconsin and build lasting friendships in a safe environment.

<u>https://wisconsibs.org/</u> Resources for kids ages 6-17 who have a sibling with a disability looking for support with their lifelong journey through peer support programs, education and networking opportunities, leadership development, and more.

http://www.easterseals.com/wi-se/our-programs/camping-recreation/ Adult Recreation is offered over the Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons. Programming is available to individuals with disabilities ages 16 and up through the Wil-O-Way Recreation Center. Recreation gives participants the opportunity to socialize with their peers and have fun while learning new skills. Activities are planned for weekdays and weekends, afternoons and evenings, and include exciting offerings such as bowling, ceramics, cooking classes, community outings and Friday night dances!

<u>http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/openoutdoors/</u> Portion of the DNR website is devoted to connecting people with disabilities to accessible outdoor recreation around WI.

<u>http://abletrektours.com/</u> Offer chaperoned and integrated tours for people with developmental disabilities and for others who need assistance traveling.

<u>https://adaptiveadventures.org/</u> Provides progressive outdoor sports opportunities to improve quality of life for children, adults and veterans with physical disabilities and their families.

<u>http://www.accessabilitywi.org/</u> Provides recreational opportunities for individuals with mobility challenges to access and enjoy Wisconsin 's natural resources.

<u>http://www.welcomehomebb.com/</u> Accessible Bed and Breakfast located in the Village of Newburg/Ozaukee County.

https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-

<u>ap/bow/Pages/Becoming%20an%20Outdoors%20Woman.aspx</u> (BOW) is a non-profit, educational program offering hands-on workshops to adult women. We encourage a supportive environment conducive to learning, making friends, and having fun.

<u>http://www.wisconsinbold.com/</u> BOLD's purpose is to allow the blind and visually impaired to experience outdoor sports and leisure activities while developing their social and athletic skills.

<u>https://www.wasa.org/</u> Promotes community collaboration of adaptive sports and recreation opportunities to those with physical disabilities and visual impairments in Wisconsin.

<u>https://www.paragoncommunity.com/</u> Paragon Community Services provides day services, camps, and activity clubs for adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<u>http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/</u> Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) provides year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy while participating in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, Special Olympics athletes and the community.

http://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics Competition for athletes with physical disabilities.

<u>http://www.wiseniorolympics.com/</u> The purpose of the Senior Olympics is to provide Wisconsin's older adults, men and women age 50 and over, the opportunity to improve their overall fitness and wellness through recreational, social and competitive events.

<u>http://www.glasa.org/</u> Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association (GLASA) strives to 'Let No One Sit on the Sidelines' and operates under a mission to promote and support the optimal development and well-being of youth, adults and military veterans who have a physical or visual disability through the provision of inclusive recreation, fitness and competitive sports activities.

<u>http://awba.org/</u> Provides information about leagues and tournaments across the USA for every level bowlers.

http://usaba.org/ Summer sports education camps for youth that are visually impaired.

<u>http://www.rutabaga.com/</u> Offers outdoor wilderness adventures through classes and trips.

<u>http://urbanecologycenter.org/</u> The Urban Ecology Center provides year-round educational programs for kids, families and adults of all ages.

<u>http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Curling</u> Curling is a sport where men and women slide granite stones down a sheet of ice toward a target, known as the "house."

<u>http://www.sewasp.org/</u> SEWASP provides adaptive alpine skiing and snowboard lessons for people with disabilities in southeastern Wisconsin and surrounding areas.

http://thebikerack.com/ Creative mobility opportunities for cyclists.

<u>http://www.wheelandsprocket.com/</u> Recumbent bikes, hand cycles, and modifications for bikes.

<u>http://danceworksmke.org/</u> Providing studio, performance and outreach experiences that enhance the cultural vitality of Milwaukee.

<u>http://diveheart.org/</u> Diveheart works to build confidence, independence and self-esteem in children, adults and veterans of all abilities through scuba diving, scuba therapy and related activities.

<u>http://www.donnalexa.org/</u> To promote creativity, dignity and community for people with special needs through art.

<u>https://www.disabledsportsusa.org/sport/fishing/</u> Embracing the outdoors for people with disabilities through the world of fishing using adaptive fishing equipment.

<u>http://www.uffdaclub.com/</u> If you are a physically challenged hunter looking for unique bowhunting adventures, the United Foundation For Disabled Archers (UFFDA) has the opportunity you have been searching for.

<u>http://www.horsepowerhealingcenter.com/index.html</u> The mission of Horse Power Healing Center is to provide children and adults, who are physically, mentally or emotionally challenged, with healing empowerment through horses. Equine-oriented activities will facilitate the ability of individuals to reach their full potential, by enhancing self-esteem and self-confidence.

<u>https://www.ridesandreins.org</u> Rides & Reins TEC Inc serves Washington County and helps those with special needs experience physical, cognitive and emotional benefits through horse assisted activity.

<u>http://www.mtrpinc.org/</u> Midwest Therapeutic Riding Program is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization offering therapeutic horseback riding services to children (age 2 1/2 to 18) with special needs in Northeastern Illinois and Southeastern Wisconsin.

<u>http://www.helpinghandshealinghooves.org/</u> Helping Hands Healing Hooves is a nonprofit therapeutic equine assisted riding program that encourages individuals of all ages with special needs to develop their full potential. We strive to create a unique environment where individuals can have the freedom to develop knowledge, trust, hope, and determination.

<u>http://www.willowcreekranch.org/</u> Willow Creek Ranch Inc. is a non-profit therapeutic riding center for children and adults with special needs located in Mukwonago, Wisconsin and are dedicated to providing a therapeutic riding program to children and adults with a variety of disabilities.

<u>http://www.3gaits.org/</u> Three Gaits, Inc., is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization whose mission is to provide equine-assisted activities and therapies that enhance the lives of people with physical, emotional, or intellectual challenges.

<u>http://www.lifestriders.org/</u> LifeStriders is a nonprofit organization that provides lifeenhancing physical and psychological experiences and services to individuals with special needs.

<u>http://www.madcitybadgers.org/index.html</u> Mad City Badgers is a Wisconsin competitive wheelchair basketball team in the Madison area.

## Educational

<u>http://dpi.wi.gov/</u> The Department of Public Instruction is the state agency that advances public education and libraries in Wisconsin.

<u>http://www.witig.org/</u> Wisconsin Transition Improvement Grant (TIG) is intended to provide effective, targeted, and low cost professional development to Wisconsin youth, parents, educators and all stakeholders in the area of postsecondary transition to improve strategies that will positively affect the post school outcomes of students with disabilities.

<u>https://wspei.org/</u> The Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative (WSPEI) helps create partnerships between parents and school district by providing resources and support.

<u>https://wsems.us/</u> The Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System helps parents and schools work together to resolve disputes about special education. Wisconsin families of children with special needs and school districts, together or individually, can request a mediation, a facilitated IEP meeting, or a facilitator for a resolution meeting from the WSEMS (www.wsems.us/wsems-forms/). We offer a list of trained, impartial mediators and facilitators (www.wsems.us/mediators/). The WSEMS services are free and voluntary. Mediation is private and confidential.

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