

**Information and Assistance:
Aging and Disability Resource Center
(ADRC): 920-674-8734 or
1-866-740-2372**

The ADRC can assist students and their families' transition seamlessly into the adult service system. Staff from the ADRC will be able to assess eligibility and provide information on adult long term care services when the student is 17 ½ years old.

**Information and Assistance:
Southeast Regional Center for Children and Youth with
Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN): 1-800-234-5437**

The Regional Center is a place to call with questions about a wide range of topics including transition, employment, housing options, community supports and connections to other youth or parents. They can answer questions and help you with pre-transition planning before turning 18.



Welcome To Jefferson County
Resource Roadmap for Transition
A map to services for youth with special health care needs or disability, age 14 to adulthood.



**Public Health Department:
920-674-7275**

Public Health Nurses can be a partner in providing access to local service coordination to programs such as: Community Education, Family Services & Parenting, Children with Health Care Needs and Health Care Access.



**Special Education:
DPI: 1-800-441-4563 WI FACETS: 1-877-374-4677**

Transition planning begins at age 14. The IEP (Individual Education Program) team helps students identify goals for work, education and independent living after high school, as well as the people and activities that will help meet these goals. Person centered planning is a way to identify and youth's individual goals and to help youth, families and professionals craft plans that will support youth as they strive to achieve their dreams.

**Education after High School:
Contact the ADRC or CYSHCN Regional Center**

Postsecondary education includes many kinds of education and training programs, including: technical college degree and certification programs, apprenticeships, two and four-year colleges, private trade school, non-degree programs and on-the-job training. Contact universities, colleges or technical colleges directly.



**Health Care Coverage/Benefits Counselors:
Contact the ADRC or CYSHCN Regional Center**

Medicaid and private insurance can help pay for needed medical care and services, (including therapies, medication, equipment.) Medicaid programs include BadgerCare Plus, Katie Beckett/CompassWisconsin Threshold (until age 19), SSI, SSDI, HIRSP, MAPP and Waivers. It is important to understand options, eligibility and what is covered.

**Guardianship & Legal Decision-Making at age 18:
Contact the ADRC or CYSHCN Regional Center**

When youth with disabilities turn 18 they have all the legal rights and responsibilities of adults. They can vote, get married, make a contract, give or refuse consent for medical treatment and make decisions independently. There are legal options for decision making which include: **guardianship, powers of attorney** and others.

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI):
1-800- 772-1213**

SSI provides Medicaid as well as a monthly financial benefit to children and adults with a disability who meet income and assets eligibility guidelines. At age 18, parent income & assets are no longer considered. An application can be made to SSI in the month a youth turns 18.

**Support at Home and in the Community:
Family Care/IRIS/Partnership: Contact the
ADRC**

Wisconsin offers an array of community-based long-term support for youth and adults with disabilities. These supports are designed to help individuals meet their goals for work, independent living and community participation. Eligibility is based on income and the impact of disability on a person's ability to function in his/her daily life.

**Recreation/Social Opportunities:
Special Olympics of Wisconsin: 1-800-552-1324**

Recreation can play an important role in a youth's or young adult's life. A variety of organizations provide recreational activities in your community; some with a disability focus.



**Employment:
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) – 1-800-422-7138**

Employment includes many kinds of choices from workshops, part time jobs to full-time careers, with or without support of outside agencies. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is a federal program which helps those with disabilities to obtain gainful employment.

**Behavioral/ Mental Health Support:
Contact ADRC for referral**

Community Support (CSP) and Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Programs provide treatment and supportive services to persons with mental health and substance abuse service needs who are living in the community.

Medical Transportation: MTM: 866-907-1493

Medical appointments can be assessed through the county transportation system. Wisconsin uses Medical Transportation Management (MTM) for all Medicaid non-emergency medical transport. Depending on the type of transportation provided there may or may not be a cost to you.

CompassWisconsin: Threshold 608-263-7861

Threshold is the doorway to apply for children's long-term support services (CLTS). Families may apply for one or several CLTS program for their child through Threshold with a single application. CLTS Programs include: Children's Long-Term Support Medicaid Waiver, Autism Treatment Services, Community Options Program, Family Support Program and Katie Beckett Program.

Statewide Resources

- ABC for Health, Inc.:** nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to ensuring health care access for children with special needs
www.safetyweb.org 1-800-585-4222
- (ADRC) Aging Disability and Resource Centers:** provides information, supports and connection to services for adults with disabilities
<http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/> 1-866-740-2372
- (CAP) Client Assistance Program-** information and assistance to individuals who have a dispute with DVR
<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/cap.htm> 1-800-362-1290
- Compass Wisconsin: Threshold** Doorway to long-term supports for children
www.compasswisconsin.org 1-608-263-7861
- (DRW) Disability Rights Wisconsin:** provides protection and advocacy for persons with disabilities in Wisconsin
www.disabilityrightswi.org/ 1-800-928-8778
- (DPI) Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: Special Education Team:** information on public education for youth with disabilities
<http://dpi.state.wi.us/sped/tm-spedtopics.html> 1-800-441-4563
- (DVR) Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation:** state employment training program for individuals with disabilities
<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/> 1-800-442-7138
- (FACETS) Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support:** provides free information and assistance to families concerning parent and student rights and opportunities in education
www.wifacets.org/ 1-877-374-4677
- Family Support Program:** provides information about services and resources, funding and linkage with other families
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/fsp/index.htm> 1-800-642-7837
- Family Voices of Wisconsin:** grass roots training, information, advocacy network of families with focus on policy & budget
www.fvofwi.org
- (ILCs) Wisconsin Independent Living Centers:** consumer-driven services to promote full participation in society of persons with disabilities. Services include: health benefits counseling, assistive technology, peer support and advocacy
<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/Physical/ILCs.htm> 1-800-362-1290
- Legal Action of Wisconsin:** non-profit agency providing legal representation to low-income people and others
www.legalaction.org 1-800-362-3904
- (NAMI) National Alliance on Mental Illness:** provides crucial information to persons affected by mental illness
<http://www.namiwisconsin.org/> 1-800-236-2988
- Parent to Parent of Wisconsin:** provides 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
www.p2pwi.org/ 1-888-266-0028
- (SSI) Supplemental Security Income:** financial benefits (including SSI, SSDI) for youth meeting income and asset eligibility criteria
www.ssa.gov 1-800-772-1213
- WisTECH:** provides information on selecting, funding, installing and using assistive technology
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/index.htm> 1-608-267-9091
- Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired:** services, advocating legislation and educating the general public
www.wcblind.org/ 1-800-783-5213
- Wisconsin Family Ties:** network of Family Advocates who provide support groups, peer-mentoring, training, advocacy, information and referral for families that include children and youth with mental, emotional, behavioral or substance abuse disorders
www.wifamilyties.org/ 1-800-422-7145
- Wisconsin First STEP:** 24-hour information and referral service to assist Wisconsin families who have children with special needs
www.mch-hotlines.org 1-800-642-7837
- Wisconsin Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)** - a network of information and assistance services for families of children /youth ages 0-21with disabilities or special health care needs
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/cyshcn/regionalcenters.htm> 1-800-532-3321
- (WSPEI) Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative:** parent liaisons that work with families, educators and school districts through the CESA's to promote positive partnership and free consultation to families of children with special educational needs
<http://wspei.org/> 1-877-844-4925
- (WSTI) Wisconsin Statewide Transition Initiative**
www.wsti.org/ 1-715-986-2020 Ext. 2122

HEALTH COVERAGE

- ACCESS:** online tool to apply for help through Wisconsin's health, nutrition and other programs..... <https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/>
- Managed Care Ombudsman:** investigates and resolves problems, provides information, referral and consultation and works with licensing, certification, and other enforcement agencies to improve the quality of care in long term programs
<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/aging/boaltc/ltcombud.htm> 1-800-815-0015
- Medicaid (Medical Assistance, M.A., Title 19, BadgerCare Plus, Katie Beckett, SSI, MAPP, HealthCheck) Recipient Hotline:** information about eligibility, rights, covered benefits, providers, problems with bills, etc. for those with Medicaid 1-800-362-3002

Jefferson County Resources

Information and Assistance:

- ADRC.....1-920-674-8734 / 1-866-740-2372
- SE Regional Center for CYSHCN..... 1-800-234-5437
- Wisconsin First Step.....1-800-642-7837
- Society's Assets Inc.....1-800-378-9128
- 211/First Call for Help.....211 or 1-262-547-3388
- People Against Domestic Abuse (PADA).....1-800-228-7238

County Government Resources:

- Civil Rights.....1-608-266-3465
- Wisconsin Board for People with Dev. Disabilities.....1-888-332-1677
- Independent Living Council (ILCW).....1-866-656-4010
- CompassWisconsin: Threshold.....1-608-263-7861

Day Services/Residential Services:

- ADRC of Jefferson County.....1-920-674-8734 / 1-866-740-2372

Economic Support:

- Southern Consortium Call Center.....1-888-794-5780

Education after High School:

- Madison Area Technical College (Madison College).....1-800-322-6282
- Madison College Disability Resource Services.....1-608-246-6716
- UW Whitewater.....1-262-472-1234
- UW Whitewater (Center Students with Disabilities).....1-262-472-4711
- High School Guidance Counselor.....

Employment:

- Bethesda Lutheran Communities.....1-920-262-8261
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.....1-920-675-4629
- Opportunities Inc.....1-800-314-4567
- Pantheon Industries.....1-262-567-2133
- St. Coletta Access Program.....1-920-674-8225
- WorkSmart's Young Adult Program.....1-608-288-2459
- Paragon Community Services1-920-568-1232 Ext. 5972

Envisioning the Future:

- Dept. of Public Instruction Opening Doors Series:
(Post-secondary education, Self Determination, Employment)
www.dpi.state.wi.us/sped/pdf/tranopndrs.pdf
www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/pdf/tranopndrs-self-determination.pdf
www.dpi.state.wi.us/sped/pdf/tranopndrs-employmt.pdf

Financial Planning:

- Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).....1-866-740-2372
- Southeast Regional Center for CYSHCN.....1-800-234-5437

Health Care:

Coverage/ Insurance:

- Disability Benefit Specialist (ADRC).....920-674-8734 / 1-866-740-2372
- Medicaid:
- Katie Beckett call Threshold 1-608-263-7861
 - Badger Care <https://access.wisconsin.gov>
 - MAPP-Medicaid Purchase Plan 1-800-362-3002
 - SSI-Supplemental Security Income 1-800-772-1213
(Possible Medicare Eligibility)

Support at Home and in the Community:

- CompassWisconsin: Threshold.....1-608-263-7861
- Contact the ADRC for Options Counseling on the following programs
- Family Care <http://dhs.wi.gov/litcare/>
- IRIS <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/index.htm>
- Partnership ... <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/familycare/fcp-basic.htm>
- CIP <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/cip/index.htm>

Learning/ Leadership Opportunities:

For Youth:

- Wisconsin Youth First: www.wiyouthfirst.org
- Youth in Partnership with Parents Cesa #5.....1-800-862-3725
- CESA #2.....1-262-473-1473

For Parents:

- Family Voices DYK Trainings.....1-608-233-3726
- Wisconsin Statewide Transition Initiative (WSTI).....1-608-745-5488
- Wisconsin Family Ties (Parents Only).....1-800-422-7145
- For additional opportunities for both youth and parents: URL

Guardianship - Legal Decision Making at age 18:

- Wisconsin Guardianship Support Center1-800-488-2596
- ADRC of Jefferson County.....1-866-740-2372

Mental Health Resources:

- Wisconsin Family Ties..... 1-608-267-6888
- Jefferson Co. Human Services.....1-920-674-3105

Recreation/ Social Opportunities:

- Special Olympics SE Region 7.....1-800-924-4320
- Southeast Regional Center for CYSHCN.....1-800-234-5437

Special Education:

- CESA #2.....1-262-473-1473
- WI Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI).....1-877-844-4925
- Contact your local school district.....

Transportation:

- Medical Transportation Mangement (MTM).....1-866-907-1493
- Jefferson Co. Transportation1-920-674-8104

Support Groups:

- Contact your area hospital/health services.....