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 Center helps to answer your resource questions about children and youth with special health care needs, such as Autism Spectrum Disorders, 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 Southern Regional Center serves children up to the age of 22 in the counties of Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Juneau, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, Rock, Sauk, and Vernon.

**Wisconsin First Step**
Providing 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

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

**Autism Society of Greater Madison (ASGM)**  
Serving 10 counties in Southern Wisconsin, ASGM works to improve the lives of individuals and families.  
[www.autismmadison.org](http://www.autismmadison.org)  
608-213-8519  
autismmadison@gmail.com

**Department of Public Instruction**  
Providing 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**  
Providing 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)**  
Serving 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?

Autism Society of Wisconsin offers state and regional conferences for parents and professionals

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

“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

Family Voices of Wisconsin “Did You Know? Now You Know!” trainings on how to navigate health care and community supports

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

Where can I find basic information about ASD?

American Academy of Pediatrics
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Maternal and Child Health Knowledge Path on ASD
National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke
ASD Video Glossary
Autism 101: An Online Course (Autism Society of America)
Autism Internet Modules
Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorders: An online course
Sound Advice on Autism (AAP)

Multimedia

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
Children’s Long-Term Support Waivers (children aged birth up to 22 years)
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (children aged 3 up to 22 years)
Wisconsin Head Start/Early Head Start Programs (children aged birth up to 5 years in low-income families)

Should I be concerned about how my child is developing?

Learn more about developmental milestones and signs of developmental delay

What can I do about my child’s development?

Contact the school district serving your neighborhood

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