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 Western Regional Center serves children up to the age of 22 in the counties of Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix, Trempealeau, and Washburn.

**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

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

**Children with Special Health Care Needs**

[www.co.chippewa.wi.us/ccdph/cyshcn](http://www.co.chippewa.wi.us/ccdph/cyshcn) 800-400-3678

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

**Chippewa Valley Autism Society (CVAS)**
Providing advocacy, support and information to individuals and their families, caregivers, professionals and communities throughout the Chippewa Valley.

- [www.cvaswi.webs.com](http://www.cvaswi.webs.com)
- 711 Briar Lane, Altoona, WI 54720
- 715-835-7602

**WWAACC Western Wisconsin Autism Advocacy & Consulting Center, Inc.**
Empowering, educating and supporting families, caregivers, educators, and service providers of children with ASDs and providing resources and information.

- [www.wwaacc.org](http://www.wwaacc.org)
- PO Box 673, Hudson, WI 54016
- 715-381-8454

**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  |  [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)

Family Voices of Wisconsin “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) 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 ASD?


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  |  [www.mchlibrary.info/knowledgepaths/kp_autism.html](http://www.mchlibrary.info/knowledgepaths/kp_autism.html)


ASD Video Glossary  |  [www.firstsigns.org/asd_video_glossary/asdvg_about.htm](http://www.firstsigns.org/asd_video_glossary/asdvg_about.htm)


Autism Internet Modules  |  [www.autismininternetmodules.org](http://www.autismininternetmodules.org)


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

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 aged birth up to 3 years)  |  [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/birthto3/index.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/birthto3/index.htm)

Children’s Long-Term Support Waivers (children aged birth up 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 aged 3 up 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 aged birth up to 5 years in low-income families)  |  [www.whsaonline.org/about-head-start](http://www.whsaonline.org/about-head-start)

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