

Resources for Assistance in Wisconsin

Find assistance anywhere in the state.

Everyone needs help at some point in our lives, and COVID-19 has impacted all of us in one way or another. With the pandemic, a lot more people are in need of support right now. The following list offers resources to find help with all kinds of needs, including income, health care, food, housing, mental health, and more.

211 Wisconsin

Get information and referrals for thousands of services across Wisconsin. Anyone can call 2-1-1 at any time, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to talk with someone. Assistance finding help with housing, utilities, food, employment, addiction recovery options, and more is available in over 180 languages.

- Call 2-1-1 or 1-877-947-2211
- Text your ZIP code to 898211
- Live chat or search their website: <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org>

Well Badger

Talk with a certified information and referral specialist, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. They will help you find the right resources to meet your needs, identify programs you're likely to be eligible for, and make a plan, since getting support can take many steps. Interpreter services are available, whenever needed, and follow-up is provided, if wanted.

- Call 1-800-642-7837
- Text 608-360-9328
- Email help@wellbadger.org
- Live chat or search their website: <https://www.wellbadger.org/>



WISCAP

Some Wisconsin community action agencies provide immediate help. Others can connect you with local resources for:

- Food
- Housing
- Utilities
- Health care services
- Family support

To find your local agency, visit the WISCAP website and click on your county: <http://wiscap.org/member-agencies/>.

Applying for state benefits

The State of Wisconsin has programs to help low-income households with:

- Food—through FoodShare (also known as SNAP or food stamps).
- Health care—through BadgerCare Plus and Wisconsin Medicaid.
- Child care expenses—through Wisconsin Shares.
- Income and job readiness—through W-2 (also known as Wisconsin Works).

Anyone can use <https://access.wisconsin.gov/> at any time to see if you might be eligible for any of these programs or to apply for assistance. You can also apply by contacting your local agency. Visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm> for contact information.

The ACCESS website also lets you know if you might be eligible for other types of assistance, but you have to apply for these separately.

- Help with buying prescription drugs
- Home energy assistance
- Earned income, child, and Homestead tax credits
- Low cost life insurance

