

2023 KIDS CALENDAR

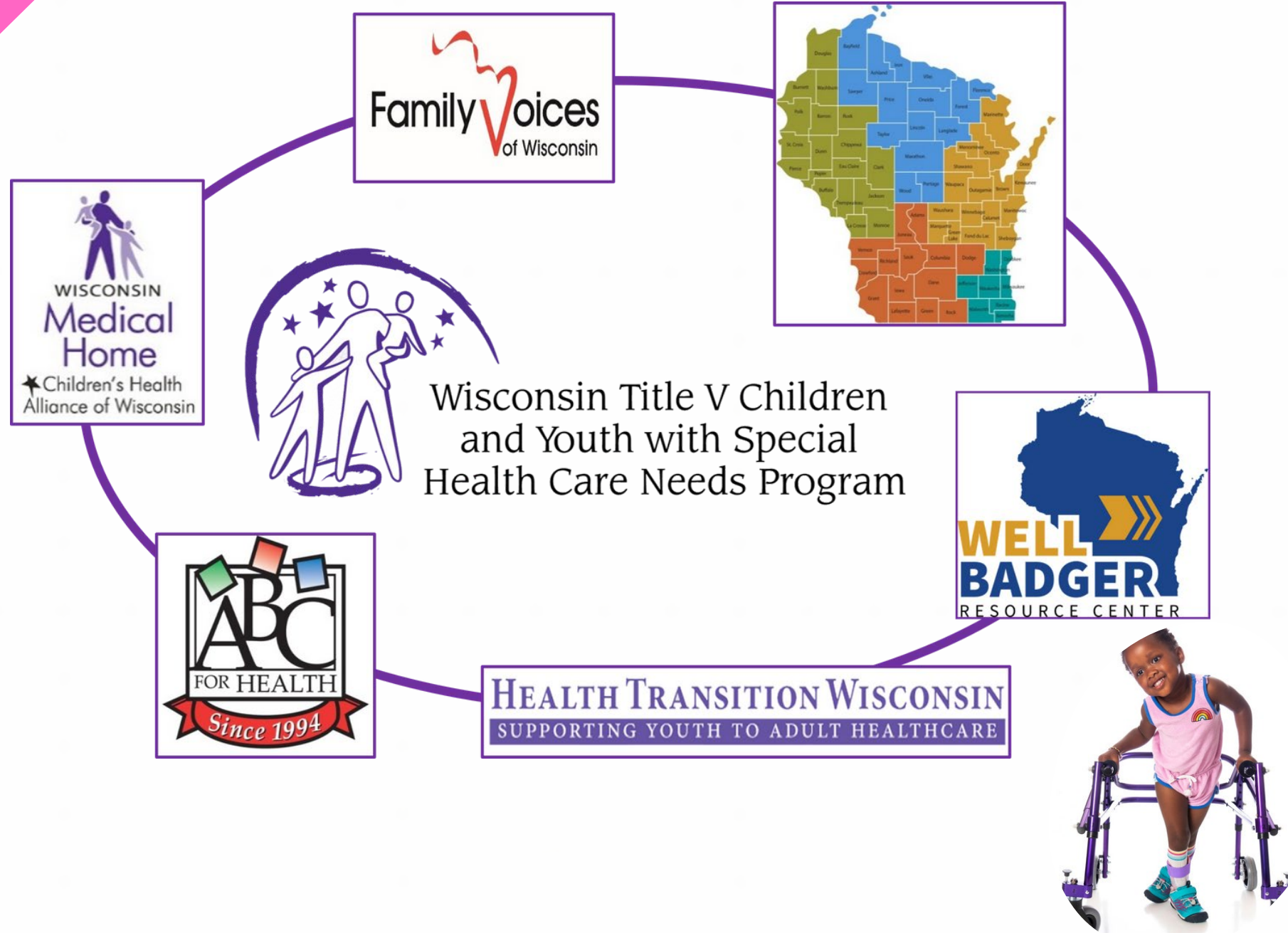
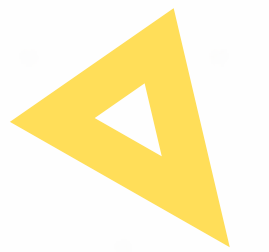
Children and Youth with
Special Health Care
Needs



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of HEALTH SERVICES

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This calendar is brought to you by the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Network of programs devoted to supporting you living your best life. Learn more about the resource network and related partners each month's network spotlight.

This has been a collaborative project between the Division of Medicaid Services and the Division of Public Health, Bureau of Community Health Promotion, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs.

The project is supported by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and Maternal and the Child Health Title V Services Block Grant, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Learn more and get in touch at dhs.wisconsin.gov/cyshcn

January dates of interest



- National Birth Defects Prevention Month
- January 4, World Braille Day
- January 20, International Day of Acceptance
- January 24, Moebius Syndrome Day
- January 30, Stop Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Awareness Day



- January 21, Day with Experts, Autism. Waisman Center. (Free). For more information search the web using the event title.
- January 4-25, Aquapals: Children with Disabilities, Menomonee Falls. For more information search the web using the event title.



January 15, Open Enrollment in the ACA Marketplace ends.

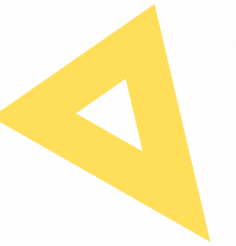


What can you do for self care this month?





JANUARY



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Your children
need your
presence
more than
your presents.





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800-400-3678

Northern Region
866-640-6041

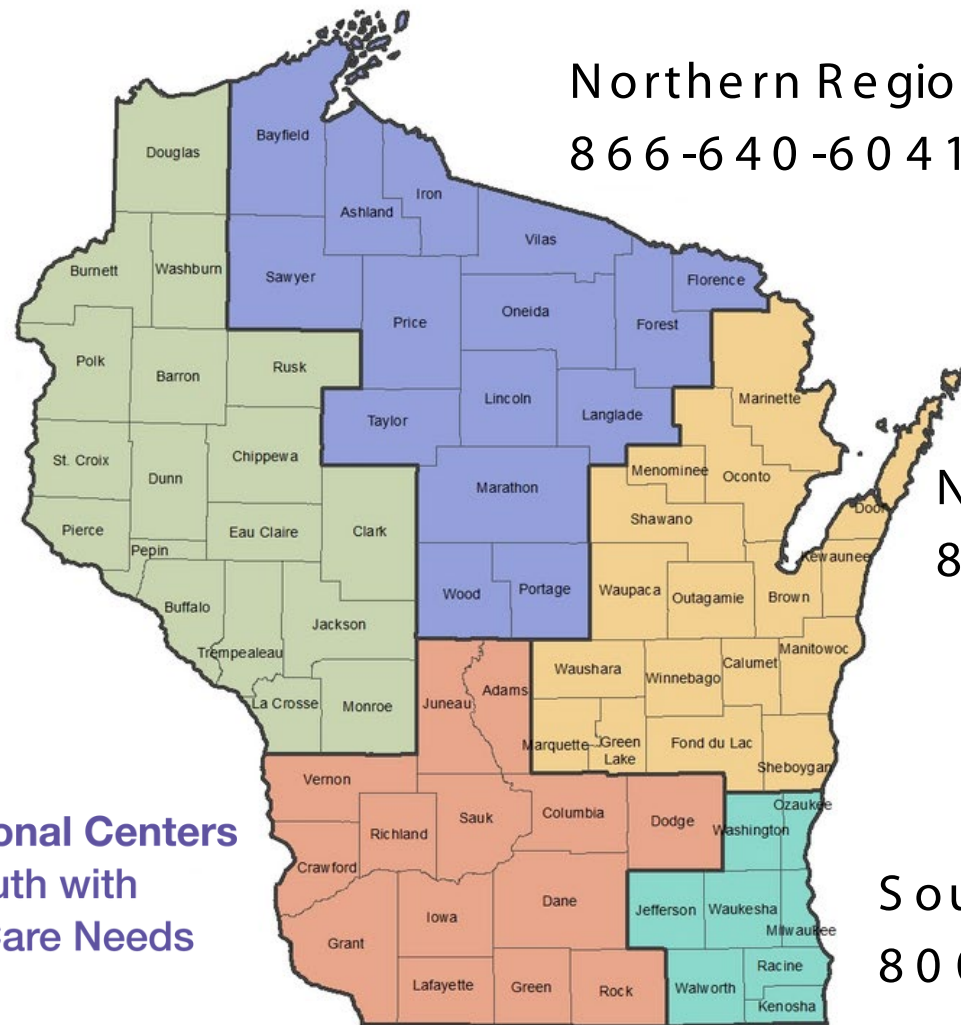
Northeast Region
877-568-5205

Southeast Region
800-234-5437

Southern Region
800-532-3321



Wisconsin Regional Centers
Children and Youth with
Special Health Care Needs



Meet the Wisconsin's Regional Centers who help families get answers, find services, and connect to community resources.

The regional centers provide families with children and youth with special needs and their providers with free and confidential referral information, parent support, transition planning, and connections to community resources.



Have a question or looking for help? Call your Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs or connect online at dhs.wisconsin.gov/cyshcn/regionalcenters.

February dates of interest



- February 2, Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day
- February 15, Childhood Cancer Day and Angelman Awareness Days
- February 17: Random Acts of Kindness Day
- February 7-14, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week



- February 16-17, Wisconsin Transition Conference, (\$). EdEvent hosted by CESA 11. For more information search the web using the event title.
- February 21-22: Fulfilling the Promise: Restoring Hope, (\$). hosted by the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development. For more information search the web using the event title.



Summer camp is around the corner. Time to register!





FEBRUARY



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The **Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Program** is a [Home and Community-Based Service \(HCBS\)](#) waiver that funds community supports and services for children with disabilities.

Families interested in applying for the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program can contact their county health and human services department.

[Find them at dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts)



WAISMAN CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Waisman Center Day with Experts

Throughout the year, the Waisman Center presents multiple, free, community "Day with the Experts" educational events focused on autism, augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), cerebral palsy, cochlear implants, fragile X syndrome, and Down syndrome.

The series features presentations by researchers and clinicians, as well as a panel discussion with individuals and family members who share their experiences and expertise.

Visit them on the web to learn more at waisman.wisc.edu/outreach/waisman-center-day-with-experts.

March dates of interest

- ♥ Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
- March 1, International Wheelchair Day
- March 6, World Lymphedema Day
- March 18, Trisomy 18 Awareness Day
- March 21, World Down Syndrome Day
- March 26, Purple Day for Epilepsy

- ★ March 11, Day with the Experts: Down Syndrome. Waisman Center, (Free). For more information search the web using the event title.
- March 20, International Day of Happiness

! Do things that make you laugh!



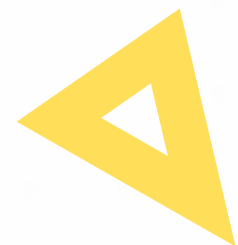
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The only disability in life is a bad attitude.





Family Voices of Wisconsin promotes a system of comprehensive health and community supports based on fundamental principles that assure the health and well-being of children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities and their families.

Their role is to advocate for the inclusion of these principles in the design, implementation and


delivery of supports and services throughout Wisconsin.


Connect with them on the web and social media to stay up-to-date on policy issues that concern families, for information and opportunities, and advocacy events.




Find them at familyvoiceswi.org.

April dates of interest

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 Limb Loss Awareness Month
 April 2, World Autism Awareness Day
 April 4, Auditory Processing Disorder Awareness Day
 April 10, Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day
 April 17, World Hemophilia Day
 April 27: Show Your Mettle Day (in honor of limb loss awareness)
 April 29, World Make-A-Wish Day

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 April 12–15: Together for Children Conference, (\$) For more information search the web using the event title.
 April 20–22: Autism Society Statewide Conference, (\$) For more information search the web using the event title.

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 Write down 3 things you are looking forward to this month.



APRIL



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Disability rights are human rights.



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Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) is a program that helps individuals of all ages live their best life by providing supports that address their unique needs related to mental health and substance use.

CCS is intended to assist individuals who are in need of care outside of inpatient settings, but who may have ongoing needs that, if left unaddressed, could result in hospitalizations during times of crisis.

Learn more at dhs.wisconsin.gov/ccs.



The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides free and confidential support for anyone experiencing a suicidal, mental health, and/or substance use crisis.

It is available 24/7 by calling 988, sending a text message to 988, or through the chat feature at 988lifeline.org.

For more information, go to dhs.wisconsin.gov/988.

May dates of interest

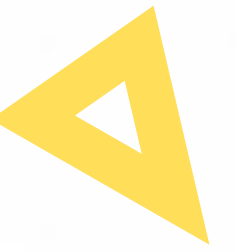
- ♥ Lupus Awareness Month
- National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month
- Mobility Awareness Month
- May 6, Pediatric Stroke Awareness Day and Awareness Day for Osteogenesis Imperfecta
- May 14, Apraxia Awareness Day
- May 17, Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day
- May 18, Accessibility Awareness Day
- May 19, Schizencephaly Awareness Day

- ★ May 7–9, Association of Maternal Child Health (AMCHP) Conference, (\$). For more information search the web using the event title.
- May 11–12 : Circle of Life Conference, (\$). For more information search the web using the event title.
- May 19–20, Fishing Has No Boundaries in Hayward, (free). For more information and related events search the web using the event title.

! Save time for you!



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By loving our children for more than their abilities we show them they are more than the sum of their accomplishments.





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Advocacy & Benefits Counseling for Health, Inc. (ABC for Health), is a Wisconsin-based, nonprofit, public-based law firm that ensures health care access for children and families with special needs or who are at risk.

ABC for Health is dedicated to ensuring health care access for children and families with a mission to provide health care consumers with the services and support they need to navigate a complex health care financing system.



Contact them today at 1-608-261-6939 or visit them on the web at safetyweb.org.

June dates of interest

♥ National Aphasia Awareness Month
 June 1, Universal Children's Day
 June 8, Brain Tumor Awareness Day
 June 17, CDKL5 Awareness Day
 June 18, Autistic Pride Day

June 23, Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day
 June 30, Arthrogyposis Awareness Day

★ June 2-4, Fishing Has No Boundaries in Eagle River.
 For more information search the web using the event title.

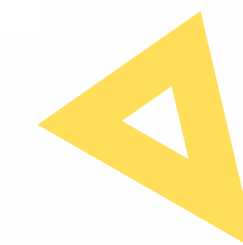
! Spend time outdoors!

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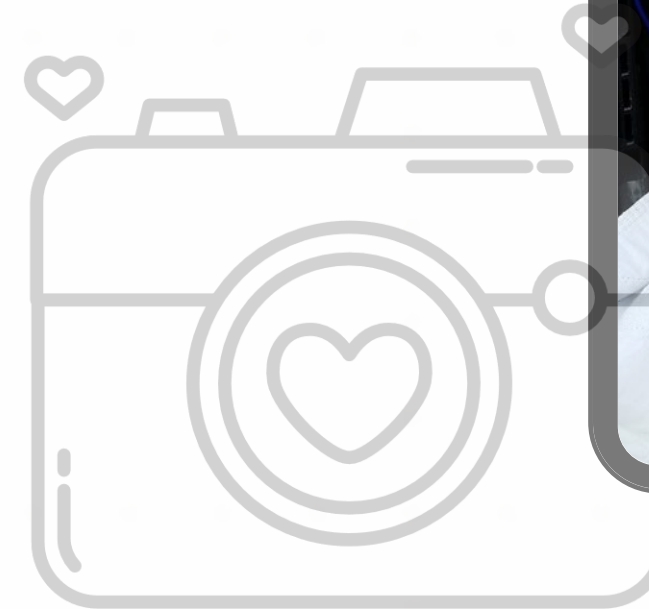
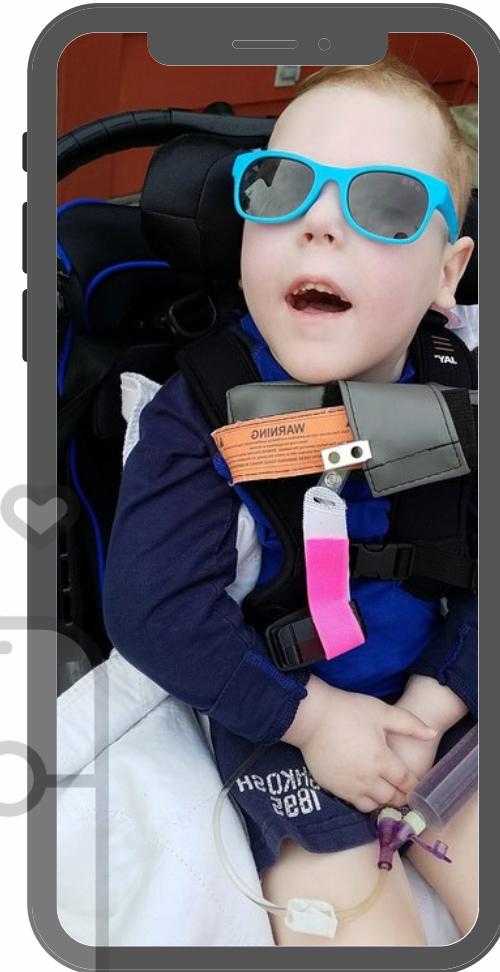
HAPPY DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH



July 2023

Want to share some of your life in next year's calendar?

Contact Becky Burns (Becky.Burns@dhs.wi.gov) for more information about sharing your photos and stories.



July dates of interest

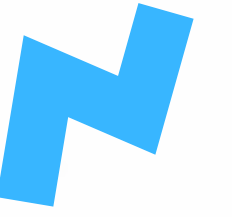
- ♥ Disability Pride Month
- July 26, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Anniversary
- July 28, World Hepatitis Day

- ! Will your child need medical orders for school? Now is a good time to ask your doctor.



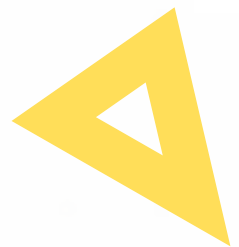


JULY



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There is only
 one happiness
 in life. To love
 and be loved.
 -George Sand



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★ Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Medical Home Initiative promotes family-centered, integrated care with health care teams and families throughout Wisconsin.

A medical home is not a place or a building. It's a model for care that is family-centered, coordinated, comprehensive, accessible, compassionate, culturally-effective and meets the needs of all children and families. A medical home is a trusting partnership between you, your child, and your pediatric health care team.

When your child has a medical home, the health care team:

- Knows your child's health history
- Listens to concerns and needs
- Treats your child with compassion
- Respects and honors your culture and traditions



[Contact](#) them to learn how they can support you, as a professional or a parent, to ensure more Wisconsin children are served within medical homes. Find them on the web at chawisconsin.org/initiatives/medical-home.

August dates of interest

♥ Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month
Autoinflammatory Disorders Awareness Month

★ August 4, Endless Possibilities Conference, (\$). The event is hosted by the Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training, and Support (WI Facets). For more information search the web using the event title.
August 13, TRI My Best Triathlon. An annual triathlon in Kenosha for children and young adults with developmental disabilities. For more information search the web using the event title.

! Turn on your favorite music!



AUGUST



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Everyone
deserves a
loving home.





Well Badger connects Wisconsin residents with health and social services.

They help through an Information & Referral service and through hosting an extensive online directory of thousands of services, programs, and resources in all 72 Wisconsin counties.

Call them at 800-642-7837 or visit them on the web at wellbadger.org.



Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative

The Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative

(WSPEI) helps families and school districts with resources that will help them build positive working relationships.

If you are looking for resources or have questions about special education, WSPEI can help.

Contact the WSPEI Family Information and Support Specialist Team at 833-879-7734 or find them on the web at wspei.org.

September dates of interest



Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Lymphoma Awareness Month
National Chiari Awareness Month
National Deaf Awareness Month
National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month
Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month

September 7, World Duchenne Awareness Day
September 9, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day
September 13, National Celiac Disease Awareness Day
September 15, World Lymphoma Awareness Day

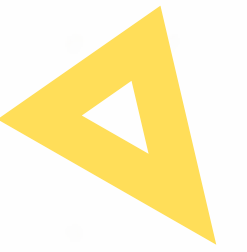
September 22, Chronic Myeloid Leukemia Day
September 25, Ataxia Awareness Day
September 30, Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day



September 16, Fishing Has No Boundaries in St. Croix Valley, Hudson. For more information search the web using the event title.
Call a friend. They want to hear from you.



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Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.





WI FACETS

Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support (WI FACETS) connects families with special education resources, information and support. They can help with questions and concerns regarding special education, direct families to high-quality resources, and provide training.

Call them to learn more at 877-374-0511 or visit them on the web at wifacets.org.



The Wisconsin Board of People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) works to unite all of Wisconsin in supporting our citizens with developmental disabilities to lead their most independent lives.

They are the state's developmental disabilities council, authorized under federal law. The role of a state council is to seek continuous improvement across all systems that touch the lives of people with disabilities.

Get connected and learn more about their work at wi-bpdd.org.

October dates of interest



Down Syndrome Awareness Month
 Spina Bifida Awareness Month
 Learning Disabilities Awareness Month
 National Disability Employment Awareness Month
 October 2, Day of Bullying Prevention
 October 6, World Cerebral Palsy Day

October 10, World Mental Health Day
 October 12, World Arthritis Day
 October 23, Kabuki Syndrome Awareness Day
 October 25, World Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Day



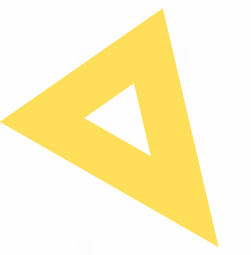
October 10, Wisconsin Infant and Mental Health Conference, (\$). The event is hosted by the Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental . For more information search the web using the event title.
 October 16-18, Self Determination Conference, (\$). The event is hosted by the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities. For more information search the web using the event title.



Cold and flu season is here. Be sure to practice protective behaviors.



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Parenthood
requires love
not DNA.





Wisconsin Family Ties

Wisconsin Family Ties is a statewide, parent-run organization working with families that include children with social, emotional or behavioral challenges. They provide emotional support while helping to navigate complex service and treatment systems. Wisconsin Family Ties Parent Peer Program links trained parent peer specialists with parents who, for a variety of reasons, need help and hope.

Visit them on the web at wifamilyties.org or call 1-608-267-6800.



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Disability Rights Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization that provides legal advocacy and rights protection for adults and children with disabilities who are Wisconsin residents. Their staff attorneys, advocates, and investigators address civil rights violations, abuse and neglect, institutionalization, inability to access to needed services and education, crime victimization, and discrimination.

Call them at 800-928-8778 or visit them on the web at disabilityrightswi.org.

November dates of interest



- National Epilepsy Awareness Month
- November 13, World Kindness Day
- November 14, World Diabetes Day
- November 17, World Prematurity Awareness Day
- November 20, United Nations Universal Children's Day



November 1, Open Enrollment in the ACA Marketplace at HealthCare.Gov



November 6-7 Children Come First Conference (\$). The event is hosted by Wisconsin Family Ties. For more information search the web using the event title.



Make sure to get your flu shot!

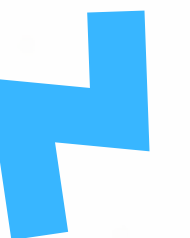
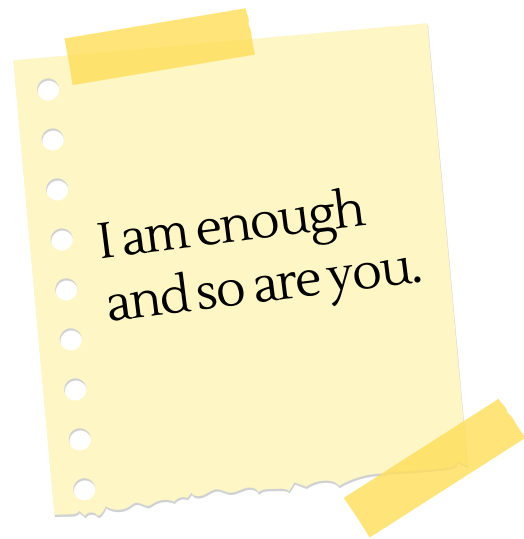


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HEALTH TRANSITION WISCONSIN

SUPPORTING YOUTH TO ADULT HEALTHCARE

Healthcare Transition Wisconsin supports youth to adult health care transition. They provide up-to-date healthcare transition resources, materials, and education related to healthcare transition for transition-aged youth (ages 12-26).

Health Care Transition is the change from a pediatric model of care (parents and caregivers make most decisions) to an adult model of care (most adults make their own healthcare decisions).

Although a planned transition is important for all youth, it is especially important for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN). A well-planned transition supports continuity of care, medication management, and prevention and management of chronic conditions.

Learn more and find them on the web at healthtransitionwi.org.



December dates of interest



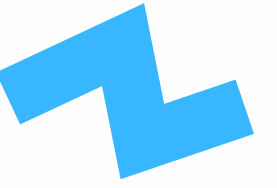
December 1, World AIDS day
December 2, Special Education Day
Dec 3, International Day of Persons with Disabilities



Do something relaxing that is purely for yourself.

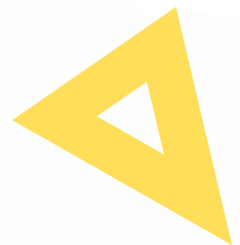


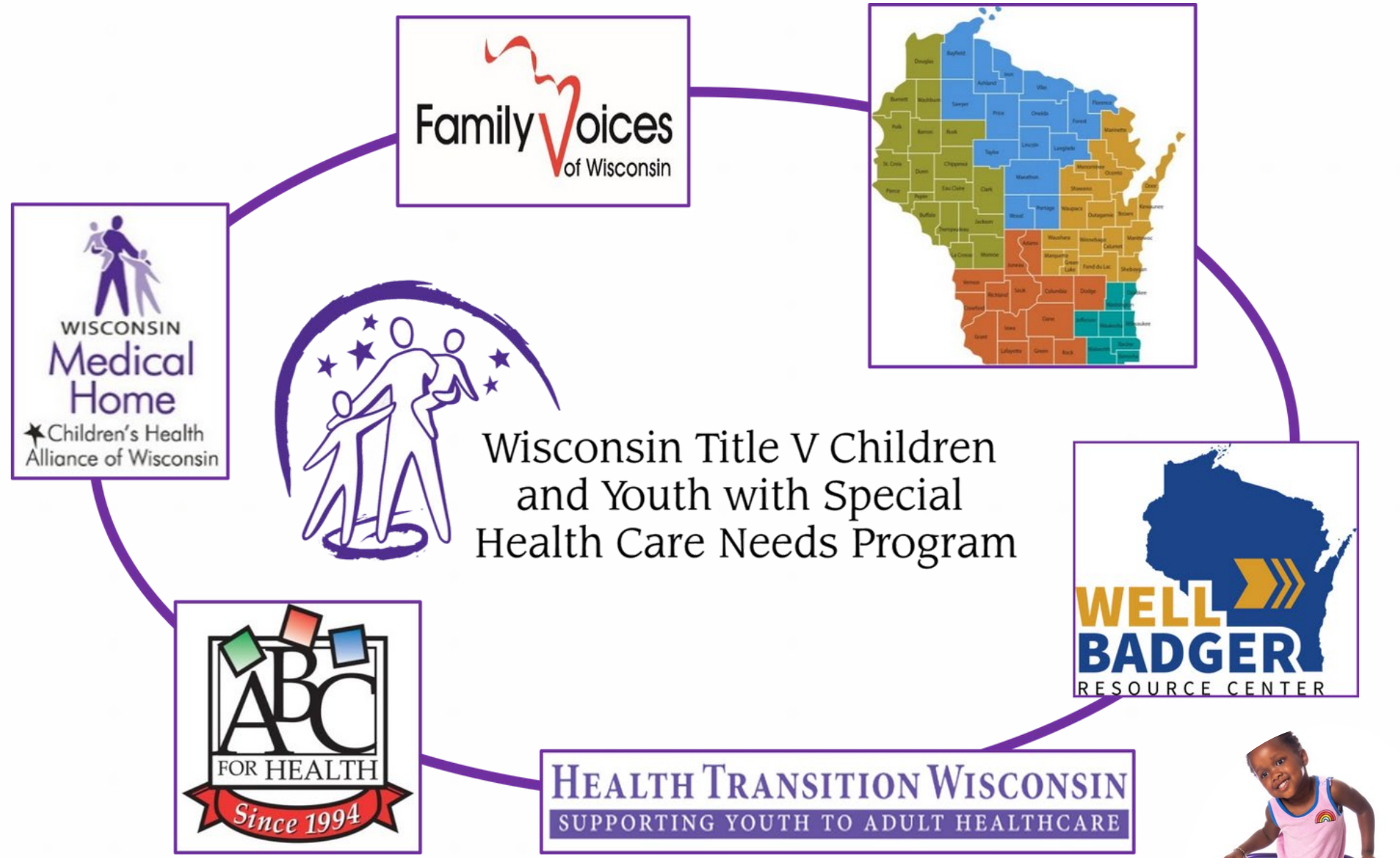
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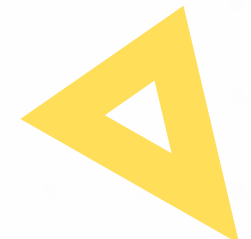


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Division of Public Health, Bureau of Community Health Promotion



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Learn more and get the regional phone numbers at dhs.wisconsin.gov/cyshcn



The Youth Health Transition Initiative supports youth, families, and providers around transition from pediatric to adult health care.

Learn more and see how they can help at healthtransitionwi.org.



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Well Badger Resource Center is a statewide public health information and referral (I&R) service and resource program with an extensive resources directory.

Call 608-360-9328 or find them on the web at wellbadger.org.



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Call 833-879-7734 or find them on the web at wspei.org.



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