About Us

Central Wisconsin Center is one of three facilities operated by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for people with intellectual disabilities. Founded in 1959, the Center has been providing quality services for people with disabilities and complex care needs for over fifty years.

There is a residential program serving over 200 people and three short term programs serving people living in the community.

People Caring for People We support people with intellectual disabilities to achieve their full potential by enhancing human development, health, environment, and quality of life.

Person-Centered A person-centered philosophy guides our approach to treatment and support strategies. We maximize individual potential with our focus on human development, health, environment, and quality of life.

Respect and Dignity We believe that all people are of equal human value. We believe that each person is unique in talents and abilities. We believe that everyone deserves quality services. We celebrate the diversity of the people who live and work at CWC.

Dedication We are responsive to our customers, passionate in our advocacy, principled in our approach and responsible in our actions.

Excellence We strive for excellence and seek continued improvement in all we do.

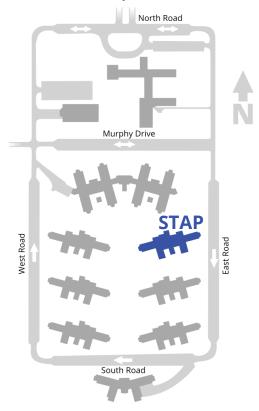
Collaboration & Partnership We promote inclusion and participation in a team-focused environment. Together, we seek creative approaches to common issues.

Safety We are committed to the safety of the people who live and work at CWC.

Community We are a learning community devoted to increasing knowledge of best practices. We achieve success when sharing and integrating this knowledge into the broader community.

Find Us

Central Wisconsin Center 317 Knutson Drive Madison, WI 53704



Feedback

"Overall, a great experience and very helpful. Staff jumped right in and was super helpful. Can't thank them enough."

"I am pleased with the willingness of the CWC staff to try different medical approaches that have not been used in the past. I also appreciate the willingness to help out after discharge from STAP."

"It was very hard to leave our child but I feel that he was well care for."

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Short Term Assessment Program

Guide to Short Term Services







Programs and Services

The Short Term Assessment
Program (STAP) is designed to
meet the unique needs of
children and adolescents with
mild to profound intellectual
disabilities combined with
significant behavioral challenges
and/or psychiatric needs.

Adults may also be offered services in this program. Individuals receiving services in this program typically present significant behavioral challenges, such as self-injurious behaviors, aggressive and/or destructive behaviors.

Eligibility

All individuals supported in our short term programs must have a diagnosis of intellectual disability.

Admissions must be approved by county officials or Managed Care Organization (MCO) officials. Contact your case manager for more information.

The assessment team provides:

- Detailed, comprehensive assessment of an individual's current status.
- Identification of behavior function.
- Identification of desirable behaviors that might replace the challenging behavior.
- General behavior intervention recommendations.
- Assessment of psychiatric issues and psychotropic medications.
- Recommendations of adjustments to current medications.
- Recommendations for supporting the individual in his or her community setting.

Services & Therapies:

A wide range of services and therapies are available to all individuals receiving treatment in STAP.

- Medical
- Nursing
- Dental
- Dietary
- Speech Therapy
- Audiology
- Psychology
- Psychiatry
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Music Therapy
- Educational Services
- Vocational Services
- Recreational Therapy



Admissions

Requests for STAP evaluation should be directed through county or Managed Care Organization (MCO) case managers. Admission eligibility is determined by Central Wisconsin Center's Admissions Committee following an intake assessment by the STAP social worker. Contact the STAP Social Worker for direct inquiries about admissions.

- **Length of stay**: generally 30-90 days.
- **Type of admissions**: Scheduled admissions only.
- Time to schedule admission: Generally one month or less.

This program is not designed to manage individuals who present significant elopement or suicide risks, or those who present serious risk for ingestion of inedible items.

Payment for STAP is directed through county or Managed Care Organization (MCO) case managers. Under ss51.437 (4rm)(c)2m, the county or MCO will be billed the non-federal share for services provided to individuals under ss51.06 (1m)(d) who are eligible for Medicaid.