

PARENT RESOURCES EPILEPSY

- **Epilepsy Foundation:** The organization works to ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and to prevent, control and cure epilepsy through research, education, advocacy and services.
 - 1-800-332-1000; www.epilepsyfoundation.org

- **Epilepsy Foundation – Wisconsin Affiliates**
 - **Epilepsy Foundation of Central and Northeast Wisconsin** (Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Portage, Shawano, Vilas, Waupaca, Winnebago and Wood Counties)
 - 1004 First Street, Suite 5; Stevens Point, WI 54481-2627
 - (715) 341-5811; (800) 924-9932
 - <http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/local/cnewisconsin/>

 - **Epilepsy Foundation of South Central Wisconsin** (Adams, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Juneau, La Crosse, Marquette, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Sheboygan, Vernon and Waushara Counties)
 - 1302 Mendota Street, Suite 100; Madison, WI 53714-1024
 - (608) 442-555; (800) 657-4929
 - <http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/socentralwisc/>

 - **Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Wisconsin** (Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha Counties)
 - 735 N. Water Street, Suite 519; Milwaukee, WI 53202-4104
 - (414) 271-0110
 - <http://www.epilepsyfoundationsewi.org/>

 - **Epilepsy Foundation of Southern Wisconsin** (Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, La Fayette, Racine, Rock and Walworth Counties)
 - 205 North Main Street, Suite 106; Janesville, WI 53454-3062
 - (608) 755-1821; (800) 693-2287
 - <http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/southwisc/>

 - **Epilepsy Foundation of Western Wisconsin** (Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iron, Jackson, Pepin, Polk, Price, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Taylor, Trempealeau and Washburn Counties)
 - 1812 Brackett Avenue, Suite 5; Eau Claire, WI 54701-4677
 - (715) 834-4455; (800) 924-2105
 - <http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/westernwisc/>

- **Wisconsin Seizure Control Network:** This network offers resources for families/caregivers, the community, and health care providers to assist in caring for a child/youth with epilepsy.
 - 1-877-SEIZNET; www.wisconsinseizure.net

PARENT RESOURCES INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

- **Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Regional Family Resource Centers:** Regional centers throughout Wisconsin providing easy access to information and referrals, resource library with books, audio tapes and videos connections with other parents and recommendations about a variety of support groups, news letters, listserves and training opportunities, links to local service coordination through local public health departments and community agencies that can help coordinate many activities associated with caring for a child with special needs.
 - 1-800-234-5437; http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/DPH_BFCH/cshcn/index.htm
- **Parent to Parent of WI** (matching parents for support): This agency provides one-to-one connection for parents new to having a child with special needs, experiencing a time of stress or simply seeking support, resources and information with another parent who has been in the same situation.
 - 1-888-266-0028; www.familyresourceconnection.org/ptpow.htm
- **Family Resource Centers:** Supported by the Children's Trust Fund family resource centers focus on family strengths and build self-esteem and confidence within families. Because all parents need help at some time but not all families need the same type or intensity of support, family resource centers develop a wide range of programs to serve the needs of their communities.
 - 1-866-640-3936; <http://wctf.wi.us/home/FRC.htm>
- **Family Village website:** Information, resources and communication opportunities on the Internet for persons with disabilities, their families and the people who support them.
 - <http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu:8000/index.html>
- **Exceptional Parent Magazine and website:** Online magazine for parents and providers of children with special needs. Articles are written on various health topics, recreation and equipment.
 - 1-877-372-7368; www.eparent.com

PARENT RESOURCES ADVOCACY

- **Disability Rights of WI (DRW):** Previously known as Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy (WCA), a private, nonprofit agency chosen by Wisconsin's Governor to provide protection and advocacy for people with disabilities throughout the state. WCA is completely independent of state government and direct service providers. WCA works throughout the state with individual consumers, their families, human service and other professionals, and policymakers who make and implement decisions on disability rights.
 - 414-342-8700; www.disabilityrightswi.org
- **ABC for Health:** This is a public interest law firm that provides legal services for health care financing, professional training as well as limited health benefits counseling. The website contains information on a broad range of health coverage programs available to children and families as well as details about the services of ABC for health.
 - 1-800-585-4222; www.safetyweb.org
- **Family Voices of WI:** A national grassroots network of families and friends, advocates for health care services that are family-centered, community-based, comprehensive, coordinated and culturally competent for all children and youth with special health care needs; promotes the inclusion of all families as decision makers at all levels of health care; and supports essential partnerships between families and professionals.
 - 1-608-233-3726; www.familyvoices.org
- **Disability Advocates: Wisconsin Network (DAWN):** A strong advocacy voice in Wisconsin to communicate needs and priorities of families who have family members with disabilities; Friday Fax and other project-related news bulletins provide a weekly report on current governmental policy, planning, activities, information, resources and leadership education for individuals or organizations.
 - 1-888-332-1677; www.dawninfo.org

PARENT RESOURCES EDUCATION

- **WI FACETS:** Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support, Inc. (WI FACETS) is a nonprofit organization serving Wisconsin children and adults with disabilities, their families and those who support them.
 - 414-374-4645 or 877-374-4677; www.wifacets.org
- **Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI):** Helping parents and school districts find or create the resources that will help them build positive working relationships that lead to shared decision making and children's learning. It supports increased sharing of information among parents, schools, projects, organizations and agencies through networking meetings, conferences, person-to-person contact, and media. It is based on support and leadership for parents and local school districts and Collaborates with the twelve Cooperative Educational Service Agencies.
 - 1-877-844-4925; <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/parent.html>
- **Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA):** Twelve regional agencies created by the Wisconsin Legislature to "serve educational needs in all areas of Wisconsin by serving as a link between school districts and between school districts and the state. Cooperative Educational Service Agencies may facilitate communication and cooperation among all public and private schools, agencies and organizations that provide services to pupils."
 - For information: 1-800-441-4563; <http://dpi.wi.gov/oea/cesainfo.html>
 - To find your district: <http://dpi.wi.gov/lbstat/newmap2.html>
- **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) rights:** Parents, educators, advocates, and attorneys come to the [Wrightsllaw](http://www.wrightsllaw.com) website for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.
 - www.wrightsllaw.com

PARENT RESOURCES FINANCIAL

- **Wisconsin Department of Health & Family Services:** Information available about Medical Assistance Programs, Disability Programs (including B-3, Katie Beckett and Family Support Program) and long term planning.
 - For Medicaid and state program eligibility: <https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/>
- **SSI/Medicaid:** A federal program offering supplemental income along with Medicaid coverage for those who meet income and disability guidelines.
 - 1-800-772-1213
- **Katie Beckett Program (Medicaid):** A state Medicaid waiver program that allows certain children with long-term disabilities or complex medical needs, living at home with their families to receive Wisconsin Medicaid coverage. Contact regional representative: see map of Katie Beckett regions.
 - 1-608-266-3266; <http://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/kbp/kbpcons.htm>
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- **Trust Funds:** ARC Milwaukee: ARC Milwaukee offers assistance to families wishing to create trust funds for their children with special needs.
 - 1-414-774-6255

PARENT RESOURCES RESPITE CARE

Respite care is the temporary care of a child with special needs so that parents/caregivers can have a needed break. The websites below have contact information for national organizations as well as their local chapters. Also check with your county human service department working with Family Support Program or Children's Long Term Support Waiver.

- **Children's Service Society of Wisconsin:** Children's Service Society of WI offers a volunteer respite program for families of children with special health care needs. They also offer activities and programs in three core service areas: out-of-home care, counseling and case management, and prevention services.
 - 414-453-1400; www.cssw.org
- **UCP:** United Cerebral Palsy of Southeastern Wisconsin provides Respite opportunities for families of children with special health care needs birth to 21.
 - 414-329-4500; www.ucp.org
- **Respite Care Association of WI:** This agency offers a database for the state of respite providers by county and then specific providers.
 - www.resitecarewi.org (statewide)
- **County Department of Human Services:** look in local phone book in "Government Offices" under your county for "Human Services" to locate phone number.
- **Easter Seals of WI:** Easter Seals Respite Services gives parents and caregivers time away from the stresses of caring for a loved one (ages 3 and up) with disabilities, allowing them the opportunity to have time to themselves, spend time with their other family members or friends, run errands, and take care of all those other activities that go into having a well-balanced life.
 - http://wi.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=WIMA_homepage

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CESA	1-800-441-4563	dpi.wi.gov/lbstat/newmap2.html (to find your district); http://dpi.wi.gov/oea/cesainfo.html (for information)
IDEA rights		www.wrightslaw.com
Financial		
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ARC Milwaukee (Trust Funds)	1-414-774-6255	
Respite Care		
Children's Service Society of Wisconsin	1-414-453-1400	www.cssw.org
UCP	1-888-482-7739	www.ucp.org
Respite care locator for Wisconsin		www.respitecarewi.org
County Department of Human Services	For phone number look for "Human Services" under your county in "Government Offices" section of phone book	
Easter Seals of Wisconsin		wi.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=WIMA_homepage
Help to find the right resource for you/your child		
Clinic Nurse		
Social Worker		