



Community Resource Guide

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Our Mission:

To promote and protect the health and safety of the community.

This guide is intended to provide ready access to a variety of community resources to better serve the people of Columbia County

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Adoption Services

Adoption Choice

700 Rayovac Rd, Suite 115, Madison WI, 53711

By Appointment

(608) 244-7805

800-236-7863 Toll Free

800-255-6305 Birth Parent – Toll Free (24/7)

Email: info@adoptionchoiceinc.org

<http://www.adoptionchoiceinc.org>

Adoptions of Wisconsin

450 South Yellowstone Drive, Madison, WI 53719

(608) 821-8220

(608) 445-7794 Alternate Birth Parent Line after Hours

Email: info@adoptionsofwisconsin.com

www.adoptionsofwisconsin.com

Catholic Charities

702 South High Point Road, Suite 105, Madison WI 53719

800-236-4673; 608-258-7506 after hours number for current clients

Email: ccharities@ccmadison.org

<http://www.catholiccharitiesofmadison.org>

Post Adoption Resource Center

Questions about adoption, adoption related events; Your adoption did not have to occur through Catholic Charities in order to receive services.

(608)826-8010

M-F 8:30 – 4:30pm

Email: postadoption@ccmadison.org

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services

Baraboo Community Services Office

203 Fourth Street, Baraboo, WI 53913

(608) 356-3019

9:30 – 5:00pm M-F

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan – Madison Office

6314 Odana Rd, Madison, WI 53719

(608) 277-0610

<http://www.lsswis.org/LSS/Programs-Services/Adoption>

Serving all ages as well as for families of all faiths and backgrounds find each other.

Services include: Pregnancy Counseling, Adoption, Post Adoption and Waiting Families.

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Wiadopt

Information and resources for families interested in adoption and birth parents interested in learning about making an adoption plan for their child.

<http://wiadopt.org/>

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

1 West Wilson Street Room 527, Madison, WI 53708

(608) 264-6838

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/adoption/assistance>

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Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)

Coverage for Individuals & Families

<https://www.healthcare.gov/>

Questions? – Available 24/7

800-318-2596

TTY: 1-855-889-4325

Coverage for Small businesses (50 or fewer employees)

SHOP Marketplace

Monday through Friday – 9am to 5pm EST

800-706-7893

TTY: 1-800-706-7915

Local Help with the Marketplace

For the most current list of local help:

www.coveringwi.org

Columbus Community Hospital

1515 Park Street
Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-2200

Ethel Everhard Memorial Library

117 East Third Street
Westfield, WI 53964
(608) 296-2544

Ho Chunk Health Care Center

S2845 Whiteeagle Rd
Baraboo, WI 53913
(715) 284-9851

Hope House of South Central WI, Inc.

720 Ash Street
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-7500

JSV Insurance – Hannah

746 South Main
Columbus, WI 53925
(608) 575-1177

St. Clare Hospital

707 Fourteenth St.
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-1334

Sauk County Department of Human Services

505 Broadway
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 355-4200

Montello Public Library

128 Lake Court
Montello, WI 53949
(608) 297-7544

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Child Care/Early Childhood Education

4-C's

5 Odana Court, Madison, WI
800-750-5437

Help in finding childcare or training as a childcare provider. If interested in certified or licensed daycare, call 608-271-9181 and ask for a referral. All referrals are free.

Email: info@4-C.org

<http://www.4-c.org>

Child Enhancement Center

(920) 348-5135 ext. 181 Amanda Swisher Director

Email: amanda.swisher@cambria-frieslandschools.org

<http://www.cf.k12.wi.us/families/child-enhancement-center.cfm>

Mon – Fri 5:30am – 6:00pm

Cambria Friesland School District Child Care

For children 6 weeks to 12 years old

Columbia County Birth to 3 Program

P.O. Box 136, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9231 Bonnie Erickson-Service Coordinator

The Birth to 3 Program is a home-based service to assist families in supporting their child's development. If you are concerned about the way a child is developing, please contact the Birth to 3 Program to discuss your concerns. A staff member would be happy to set up a time to complete a developmental screening and discuss possible service options.

Columbus Club House

Columbus Middle School

400 S. Dickason Blvd., Columbus, WI 53925

(920) 623-4449

www.columbusclubhouse.org

Before and after school program for children from 5K through 6th grade.

Summer program 6:00 am to 6:00pm.

Family Resource Center

2946 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-8482

www.renewalunlimited.net

Provides service to all families who have children ages 0-5. Services include playgroups, field trips, workshops, home visiting, parenting classes, toy and resource lending library and more. Follow pregnant mothers and their children to age 5.

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Head Start & Early Head Start

Renewal Unlimited

2900 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-5329

www.renewalunlimited.net

Classroom or in-home services for 0-3 (Early Head Start) and 3-5 year-olds (Head Start) with classrooms in Columbus, Portage, and surrounding counties.

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Counseling

24-Hour Emergency Crisis Hotline

888-552-6642

Immediate crisis services for people having thoughts of suicide

Crisis Text line: 741741

Al-Anon Meetings

888-425-2666

Call for times and locations of meetings in Columbia County

Email: drdistrict9@area61afg.org district representative

www.area61afg.org

Alateen

866-425-2666

<http://www.area61afg.org/what-is-al-anon/what-is-alateen/>

<http://al-anon.info/MeetingSearch/AlateenMeetings.aspx> to find an al-anon meeting

Alcohol and Drug Referral Line

800-821-4357

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

(608) 222-8989

Call for times and locations of meetings in Columbia County

www.aamadisonwi.org

Aspen Family Counseling

(608) 742-5020

2639 New Pinery Road, Suite 1, Portage, WI 53901

www.aspenfamilycounseling.com

Between Friends

Chicago, IL 60660

1-800-603-HELP (4357)

Building a community without domestic violence.

www.betweenfriendschicago.org

Brain Injury & Stroke Support Group

(608)745-9055 Kayla

2815 New Pinery Road, Portage, WI 53901

3rd Tuesday of each month; 4:00 – 5:00pm

Wellness Center at Divine Savior Healthcare, Suite 4

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Breastfeeding Workshop

Divine Savior Healthcare

(608) 745-5607 to register or for more information

Free workshop introducing parents-to-be about the latest information on breastfeeding. Topics include proper techniques, what to expect and the benefits of breastfeeding in today's world.

Columbia County Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)

111 East Mullett Street, Portage 53901

(608) 742-9227

CCS assists persons with mental health or substance abuse concerns to identify what he/she needs in order to help increase their ability and enhance their connection to natural supports and community resources.

Columbia County Community Support Program (CSP)**Journey Mental Health**

1440 E. Wisconsin, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 745-9292

CSP (through Journey Mental Health) provides community based services to adults with severe and persistent mental illness (such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder).

Compass Counseling

1508 New Pinery Rd., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 745-4900

www.compasscounseling.info

Crisis Text Hotline

741741

Disaster Distress Helpline

800-985-5990

It's common to feel anxious after incidents of mass violence. You're not alone.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline>

Drug and Alcohol Treatment

888-928-5278

Rosecrance offers inpatient and outpatient substance use disorder and mental health issue treatments. Rockford, IL

<http://www.rosecrance.org/>

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Foundations Counseling Center LLC (In-home counseling)

(608) 424-9100

619 River St., Suite F, Belleville, WI 53508

www.foundationscc.com

Greif Support Group

(608) 697-0645 Jeri Sutter for dates/times

Hope House

Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913

(608) 356-9123

(608) 356-7500

Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm

Toll Free: 800-584-6790 24-Hour Confidential Helpline

www.hopehousescw.org

Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, and support groups) to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and provides education to community members on these issues in Columbia, Sauk, Marquette, Adams, and Juneau counties.

Journey Mental Health Center

1440 E. Wisconsin Street, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 745-9292

www.journeymhc.org

Living with Cancer Support Group

(608) 742-2281

United Methodist Church, 1804 New Pinery Road, Portage, WI 53901

3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 pm

Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin

(LCFS) is a non-profit, state licensed outpatient mental health care agency and adoption service provider.

800-291-4513

www.lcfswi.org

MARC (Medication Assistance, Recovery and Coordination)

111 East Mullett St, Portage, WI 53901

888-552-6642 – Application & Support

MARC is a collaborative program developed to provide an innovative approach to treating heroin and opioid prescription drug addiction. The MARC Program will facilitate referrals to medication-assisted treatment, as well as ongoing case management services with heroin and opiate addiction.

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Military One Source

Wisconsin Military OneSource Co.

(800) 342-9647

www.militaryonesource.mil

A source of information for military and their families, active or inactive.

Mommy and Me Connections

(608) 745-5696

Divine Savior Healthcare Classroom C

10:30am on the 1st Monday of the month

Support group for all mothers, breastfeeding or not, as an opportunity to connect with one another, listen to one another's stories, and build relationships with other mothers in the community.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

(608) 566-1272 Karen

Divine Savior Healthcare Classroom C

10:00am – 12:00pm, 3rd Saturday of the month.

Narcotics Anonymous – Scenic Bluff Area

866-590-2648

Meeting locations:

<https://scenicbluffsarea.org>

National Child Abuse Hotline

800-4-A-CHILD; (800) 442-4453

National Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-SAFE (7233)

800-787-3224 (TDD)

National Hope Line Network, Suicide & Crisis Hotline

800-442-HOPE; 800-442-4673

National network hotline for people in crisis and having thoughts of suicide

National Institute of Mental Health Resource Center

866-615-6464

Provides information and literature on mental illness for professionals and general public

www.nimh.nih.gov

National Youth Crisis Hotline

800-442-HOPE; 800-442-4673

TEXT: 741741

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Pauquette Center for Psychological Services

Portage:

(608) 742-5518

2901 Hunters Trail; Portage, WI 53901

Columbus:

(920) 623-5578

1343 Park Avenue, Columbus, WI 53925

Email: info@pauquette.com

www.pauquette.com

Psychiatric Associates

(920) 885-2780

200 Front St, Beaver Dam, WI 53916

Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern WI

Water Tower Place

5900 Monona Dr. Suite 100, Monona, WI

(608) 663-0763

<http://samaritancounselingcenterwi.org/>

The Samaritan Counseling Center is a Non-Profit Counseling Center in the Madison, WI area that specializes in Spiritually Integrated Counseling.

SAMHSA's National Helpline/Referral Service

800-662-HELP (4357)

www.samhsa.gov

Free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders. Can link the caller to a variety of hotlines that provide treatment referrals 24 hours a day.

Suicide Loss Support Group

Divine Savoir Hospital

2817 New Pinery Rd Classroom C, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 697-0374

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

5:30 to 6:30 pm

Suicide Prevention Lifeline

800-273-TALK (8255)

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Tellurian

Main Campus
300 Femrite Drive, Madison, WI
(608) 222-7311
(877) 661-9051 Tollfree

Sauk County Clinic
414 West Broadway, Ste 101, Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 477-4003

<http://tellurian.org/>

Tellurian UCAN, Inc. is a not-for profit agency that provides a wide array of human services. Services address problems relating to substance abuse and addictions, mental illness, and homelessness.

Tobacco Free Columbia/Dane County Coalition (TFCDC)

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Room 507, Madison, WI 53703
(608) 242-6297

Contact: Ryan Sheahan, e-mail: rsheahan@publichealthmdc.com

TFCDC collaborates with schools on youth prevention, provides organizations with tobacco and nicotine education, and assists properties with creating smoke-free housing policies.

Transitions Behavioral Health, LLC (In-home counseling)

317 DeWitt Street, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 745-1751

www.tbhllc.com

Veterans Mental Health/AODA Support Group

112 East Edgewater Street, Portage WI 53901
(608) 264-5342

Third Wednesday of each month – 11:00-1:00 p.m.

Types of services available include: group counseling, employment guidance, family/marital counseling and sexual trauma counseling. Services are confidential to all veterans, no co-pays required, counselors have master's degrees and are also veterans themselves.

Warmline

(608) 422-2383

Need someone to talk to? The Warmline is answered by people who have experienced mental health and/or substance use issues and are trained to support people during tough times.

Hours: M-F 4pm – 10pm; Saturday and Sunday 2pm – 10pm

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Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling

1585 Allouez Ave, Green Bay, WI 54311

800-GAMBLE-5 / 800-426-2535 (24 hours/day)

TEXT: 920-888-HELP

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling provides resources, public awareness and education on problem and pathological gambling disorders while maintaining strict neutrality on the issue of legalized gambling.

Wisconsin Poison Center

800-222-1222

www.wisconsinpoison.org

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Crisis Programs

24-Hour Emergency Crisis Hotline

888-552-6642

Immediate help and crisis services for people dealing with a Mental Health or AODA Crisis, or having thoughts of suicide.

American Red Cross

4860 Sheboygan Ave., Madison, WI 53705

877-618-6628

(608) 232-5819

<http://www.redcross.org/local/wisconsin/chapters/southwest>

Responds to disasters such as fire, flood, and tornado, providing relief (food, clothing, emergency shelter, and personal items, including essential household furnishings, medical supplies, and eyeglasses) to individuals and families, and recruits volunteers.

Hope House

Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913

(608) 356-9123

(608) 356-7500

Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm

Toll Free: 800-584-6790 24-Hour Confidential Helpline

www.hopehousesw.org

Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, and support groups) to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and provides education to community members on these issues in Columbia, Sauk, Marquette, Adams, and Juneau counties.

Lodi – Reach Out Lodi Community Store

610 Clark Street, Lodi WI 53555

(608) 592-4592

www.reachoutlodi.org

Open by appointment Mon, Tues, and Thurs from 9:00 – 3:30 and Sat from 8:30 – 11:00.

Provides FREE assistance to families and individuals in crisis to meet their basic living needs.

Products include food, personal essentials, household cleaning supplies, school supplies and clothing for men, women and children.

MARC (Medication Assistance, Recovery and Coordination)

111 East Mullett St, Portage, WI 53901

888-552-6642 – Application & Support

MARC is a collaborative program developed to provide an innovative approach to treating heroin and opioid prescription drug addiction. The MARC Program will facilitate referrals to medication-assisted treatment, as well as ongoing case management services with heroin and opiate addiction.

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National Hope Line Network, Suicide & Crisis Hotline

800-442-HOPE (4673)

National network hotline for people in crisis and having thoughts of suicide

National Youth Crisis Hotline

800-442-HOPE; 800-442-4673

TEXT: 741741

Pregnancy Resource Center

311 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901

800-705-4710

portageprc@yahoo.com

<http://portagewiprc.com>

Offers free pregnancy testing, adoption information and referrals, baby clothing, supplies, counseling and pregnancy education. Promotes life and adoption.

Runaway and Youth Services (RAYS)

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan

24-Hour Hotline: 855-577-7297

(608) 355-4103

<https://www.lsswis.org/LSS/Programs-Services/Housing-Homelessness/Teen-Runaway-Homelessness-Programs>

A program for youth with runaway and/or other at-risk behaviors and their families; short-term counseling and referrals provided to any youth age 11-17, and the family.

Veterans Crisis Hotline

800-273-8255 (TALK)

Veterans Mental Health/AODA Support Group

112 East Edgewater Street, Portage WI 53901

(608) 264-5342

Third Wednesday of each month – 11:00-1:00 p.m.

Types of services available include: group counseling, employment guidance, family/marital counseling and sexual trauma counseling. Services are confidential to all veterans, no co-pays required, counselors have master's degrees and are also veterans themselves.

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Dental – Free or Low Cost Services

Familia Dental

3003 E Washington Ave., Madison, WI 53704

(608) 244-8050; (888) 988-4066

<http://www.famliadental.com>

Participants of Medical Assistance or BadgerCare

Family Health La Clinica - Beaver Dam

207 S. University Ave., Beaver Dam, WI 53916

(920) 356-5012

<http://www.famhealth.com>

Participants of Medical Assistance or BadgerCare

Family Health La Clinica - Wautoma

400 South Townline Road, Wautoma, WI 54982

(920) 787-5514

<http://famhealth.com>

Participants of Medical Assistance or BadgerCare, Insured, Low-Income (Uninsured). Affordable Care Program.

Free or Reduced Fee Dental Services

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/guide/freedental.htm>

MA Dentist

Individuals receiving medical assistance: please call the number on the back of your M.A. Card or 800-362-3002 to find a dentist in your area.

Madison College Dental Clinic

1705 Hoffman Street, Room 151

Madison, WI 53704

(608) 258 2400

Offering cleaning and x-rays with dental hygiene students. Appointments are available fall and spring semesters, on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 7:30am to 12:00pm.

Madison Dental Initiative

630 E Washington Ave, Madison WI 53703

(608) 665-2752

www.mdidental.org

Individuals must have NO private dental insurance (BadgerCare, Medicaid accepted). Family incomes must be below 200% Federal Poverty Level.

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Marshfield Clinic – Black River Falls Dental Clinic

N6571 Lumberjack Guy Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
(715) 670-0400

Serve all patients, regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. Those who lack access to dental care are given priority.

Marquette University School of Dentistry Clinic

1801 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 288-6790

All patients accepted including MA and Title XIX, Low-Income (uninsured); 13 years and older for general clinic. Must pass through the screening process. Pediatric clinic available.

Mauston Dental Center

880 Herriot Drive, Mauston, WI 53948
(608) 847-6700

<http://www.famhealth.com>

Participants of Medical Assistance or BadgerCare, Forward Health, Low-Income (uninsured), or Insured.

Poynette School District Dental Program – Brighter Smiles

608-635-4347 Dave Fischer ext. 201, Vicki Sukowski ext. 314 or Gabe Morton ext. 334
Services provided to qualified students in the Poynette School District.

St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care

2450 W. North Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53205
(414) 210-2450

www.stanncenter.org/clinic

Hours M, T, Th & F 8:00 – 5:00

For children and adults with disabilities who cannot be treated in a standard dental clinic because of expense or lack of accessibility. Referral from a Doctor or Dentist required.

St. Vincent de Paul Dental Clinic

1906 North Street, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578
(608) 644-0504 ext. 10 or 12

<http://www.stvdpdental.com>

Residents of Sauk and Columbia Counties. Low Income (<200% Poverty Level) Uninsured, and participants of Badger Care and Medical Assistance. Application required (608-742-9227).

Seals-On-Wheels

www.sealsonwheelswisconsin.com

Free dental health program for Pre-K through 12th grade that visits schools throughout Columbia County providing dental screenings, cleanings, fluoride varnish and sealants. Contact your child's school to find out more.

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Domestic Violence

Between Friends

Chicago, IL 60660

1-800-603-HELP (4357)

Building a community without domestic violence.

Domestic Abuse Services

Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services

888-343-8190

Domestic Abuse Services available: Emergency shelter, emergency transportation, information, childcare assistance, advocacy, education, support groups.

Hope House

Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913

(608) 356-9123

(608) 356-7500

Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm

Toll Free: 800-584-6790 24-Hour Confidential Helpline

www.hopehousesw.org

Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, and support groups) to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and provides education to community members on these issues in Columbia, Sauk, Marquette, Adams, and Juneau counties.

National Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-SAFE (7233)

800-787-3224 (TDD)

PAVE

800-775-3785

920-344-0123 Crisis Texting Line

Domestic violence and sexual assault support group serving **Dodge County**

<http://www.peopleagainstavolentenvironment.com/>

Pregnancy Resource Center

311 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901

800-705-4710

portageprc@yahoo.com

<http://portagewiprc.com>

Offers free pregnancy testing, adoption information and referrals, baby clothing, supplies, counseling and pregnancy education. Promotes life and adoption.

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Employment and Training

Access to Independence

3810 Milwaukee St, Madison, WI 53714

800-362-9877

(608) 242-8484

www.accesstoind.org/

Provides resources, services and advocacy for people with any type of disability and of any age.

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council (CWCAC)

203 DeWitt St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-3320

www.cwcac.org

9:00 am – 5:30 pm Monday – Wednesday. Closed Thursday and Friday

Get Smart: Skills Enhancement Program

Business and Economic Development: Micro-loans for start-up businesses to qualified applicants.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

2875 Village Road, Suite 200, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-6250

Provide employment services to people with disabilities to obtain, maintain and improve their employment.

Employment Resources Inc.

2701 International Lane #210

Madison, WI 53704

(608) 246-3444

www.eri-wi.org

Employment Resources, Inc. (ER) is a private, non-profit organization located in Madison, Wisconsin. Since 1990 our mission has been to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Food Share Employment and Training (FSET)

Forward Services Corporation

2875 Village Road, Suite 200, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-1089

FSET is a voluntary, no-cost program that helps Foodshare members build their job skills and find jobs.

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Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR)

(866) 813-0974

1414 MacArthur Road, Suite A, Madison, WI 53714

Specializes in service workers age 55+

info@gwaar.org

<http://gwaar.org>

Job Corps

800-733-5627

www.jobcorps.gov

Free education and training program for young men and women between ages of 16 and 24. They will learn a trade and earn a GED at a residential campus.

Madison College (formerly MATC) – Portage Campus

330 Collins St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 745-3100

Adult study center for GED: (608) 745-3110

<http://madisoncollege.edu/portage-campus>

Career Counseling available

Military One Source

Wisconsin Military OneSource Co.

(800) 342-9647

www.militaryonesource.mil

A source of information for military and their families, active or inactive.

Northwoods Inc. of Wisconsin

N6510 U.S. Highway 51 PO Box 357, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-7114

Northwoods Inc. is a private, non-profit organization which provides meaningful programs and services that maintain individuals and families in the least restrictive setting and assists them to reach their maximum potential of development and independence within an integrated community environment. Services include vocational training and placement, elderly and frail in-home support, day service programming, and independent living and family parenting/support/mentoring.

Portage Public Library

253 W. Edgewater St., Portage 53901

(608) 742-4959

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8:30; Fri 9-6; Sat 10-4

Sat hours between Memorial Day & Labor Day are 9-2

Job search assistance and resume writing help available.

Free one-on-one appointment

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QTI

311 E. Wisconsin St. Suite 106, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-7800
Temporary employment agency

Tools for Tomorrow

Madison Area Technical College
2125 Commercial Ave., Madison, WI 53705
(608) 745-3100
toolsfortomorrow@madisoncollege.edu

This program is designed to help women obtain training and employment in skilled trade and technical areas, including apprenticeships.

UMOS – Beaver Dam

135 S. Spring Street
Beaver Dam, WI 53916
(920) 356-0690

A non-profit advocacy organization which provides programs and services which improve the employment, educational, health and housing opportunities of under-served populations.

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development – Veteran’s Services

1819 Aberg Ave., Suite C, Madison, WI 53704
(608)242-4900
<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/veterans/>

Provides job search assistance to eligible veterans.

Wisconsin Fresh Start / AmeriCorps

Renewal Unlimited, Inc.
2930 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-1516 OR 800-344-7543

At-risk youth ages 17-24 construct or rehabilitate a single-family home for a modest wage while studying for HSED/GED. Income eligibility requirement.

Wisconsin Job Center

(608) 355-3140
(888)258-9966
www.jobcenterofwisconsin.com

Sauk County Job Center AND WorkSmart Workforce
505 Broadway, Rm 232, Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 355-4810

Dane County Job Center, 1819 Aberg Avenue, Madison, WI 53704
(608) 242-4900

Resource rooms with access to job postings, internet, telephone fax machine, copy machine, and information about writing resumes and cover letters, completing employment applications, interviewing, and finding employment opportunities. [Return to Table of Contents](#)

Wisconsin Works (W-2)

Forward Services Corporation, 2875 Village Road, Suite 200, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-1089 Case Manager for W-2

W-2 provides employment preparation services, case management, and cash assistance to eligible families.

WISE Program

Wisconsin Senior Employment Program

1819 Aberg Avenue, Suite C, Madison

(608) 242-4897

The WISE Program provides unemployed older adults who are 55 years of age and older with training and part-time, paid work experience in community service organizations. Work towards a new career in: clerical/computers, library aide, retail/sales, maintenance, food service, custodial/maintenance, teacher's aide, home health and hospital, adult/child day care. We help you make the right choice for your future.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

Sauk County Job Center, 505 Broadway Room 232, Baraboo, WI 53901

(608) 355-4810

Provides employment and training services to limited income adults (must meet income eligibility requirement) and be a dislocated workers.

Work Smart Access Point of ServiceMATC-Portage

330 Collins St., Portage, WI 53913

(608) 745-3100

WorkSmart Workforce

505 Broadway, Rm 232, Baraboo, WI 53913

(608) 355-4810

Work Smart Access Point of Service locations offer free access to computers/Internet for job searching.

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Family Resources and Services

Access to Independence, Inc. (“ATI”)

3810 Milwaukee Street, Madison, WI 53714

(608) 242-8484

www.accesstoind.org

Advocates and provides services for people with any type of disability, and of any age, to achieve or maintain their independence. Types of services: Peer Support, Independent Living Skills Training, Advocacy, Assistive Technology, Youth Programs, Public Benefits Assistance, Nursing Facility Transition and Diversion, Disability Awareness and Community Education.

Alzheimer’s and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin

Columbia/Sauk Regional Office

2825 Hunters Trail, Portage, WI 53901

888-308-6251

(608) 742-9055

Columbia/Sauk Regional Office

2825 Hunters Trail, Portage, WI 53901

<http://www.alzwisc.org/>

The Alzheimer’s and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin is dementia specific providing a variety of services for caregivers and individuals with dementia. Services include: a lending library, information and referral, consultation, ongoing individual support of care givers, families, and service providers, training and educational services, support groups, memory cafes and programs for persons who are early in the disease process.

Alzheimer’s Family and Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP)

Columbia County Aging & Disability Resource Center

111 East Mullett Street

Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9233

(888) 742-9233

www.co.columbia.wi.us/columbiacounty/adrc

The Alzheimer’s Family & Caregiver Support Program is designed to support families caring for a person with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementia in their home. Up to \$2,000 per year can be used to pay for respite care (in-home care or adult day care) so family members can have a break from caregiving. A co-payment might be required, depending upon the income level of the person with dementia and his or her spouse.

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Aging and Disability Resource Center of Columbia County (ADRC)

111 East Mullett Street, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9233

8:00 am --4:30 pm Monday-Friday

A place where all adults of all incomes and with any need may find information and resources. See www.co.columbia.wi.us for more details about the ADRC, which is in the Department of Health and Human Services.



Boy Scouts of America

(608) 273-1005

Madison WI

<https://www.scouting.org/>

One of the nation’s largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for your people that build character.

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. (CWCAC)

203 DeWitt St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-3320

www.cwcac.org

9:00 am – 5:30 pm Monday – Wednesday. Closed Thursday and Friday

Helping individuals manage their benefit money to meet their needs and assure them a better quality of life. Programs: Representative Payee Services, Conservatorships, Trustee Services and Federal Fiduciary.

Columbia County Connects Coalition

626 E. Slifer St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 745-5400 Rick Raatz

Provides information on drugs and alcohol to parents and community members. Offers Juvenile Underage Drinking Offender classes.

Columbia County University of Wisconsin – Extension

112 E. Edgewater St., Room 212, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9680

4-H Youth Development

(608)742-9680

4-H Program Assistants: Jennifer Evans (608) 742-9687 jennifer.evans@ces.uwex.edu

Pat Wagner (608)742-9685 pat.wagner@ces.uwex.edu

Provide youth, Kindergarten through 1 year past High School (K-13) with opportunities to explore their world through focused projects and activities.

Horticulture and natural resources protects our economy, our food supply, our natural environment and our future.

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Columbia County University of Wisconsin – Extension Continued

112 E. Edgewater St., Room 212, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9680

Agriculture and Natural Resources

(608)742-9682

George Koepp; George.koepp@ces.uwex.edu

Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension aims to make Wisconsin agriculture strong and competitive while conserving and protecting natural resources.

Community Development

(608)742-9683

Kathleen Haas; kathleen.haas@ces.uwex.edu

Teams up with the community to address challenges and maximize opportunities for growth.

Family Living

(608)742-9680

Strengthens families by helping adults be better parents, manage money wisely and handle life's stress and changes.

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP)/FoodWise

Wisconsin Education Program Coordinator

(608)742-9693

Caitlin Richardson; caitlin.richardson@ces.uwex.edu

WNEP/FoodWise helps low-income families eat better, keep food safe, and stretch their food dollars. Open to those who receive or are eligible to receive FoodShare.

Communications Innovations

2927 S. Fish Hatchery Rd., Fitchburg, 53711

(608) 819-6394

info@communicationinnovations.com

www.communicationinnovations.com

Provides a comprehensive support system for individuals with special needs and their families through the highest quality services available.

Dementia Support Group

Columbus Community Hospital

1515 Park Ave., Columbus, WI 53925

888-308-6251 or (608)742-9055 Janet Wiegel

2nd Thursday of each month from 10 am – 11:30 am

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Family Resource Center

2946 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-8482 Warmline: 1-800-325-5505

Provides a variety of family services, including scheduled playgroups, parenting support and information series, workshops, and family visiting program. Staff is available to answer questions or provide resources to help families. All services are free.

Family Voices

(608) 220-9598

Barbara Katz

Family Voices of Wisconsin is a statewide network of families who have children with special health care needs and disabilities and those who work on their behalf. The focus of our work is health care access, coverage and supports and services for children with special needs.

Girl Scouts of Badgerland Council

800-236-2710

www.gsbadgerland.org

Provides field trips, community service opportunities, recreation for girls K-12th grade.

Head Start & Early Head Start

(608) 742-5329

Renewal Unlimited

2900 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901

Classroom and/or in-home programs for 3-5 year olds and pre-natal to 3 year old.

Kids Wisconsin

(920) 296-0341

Mary Weinheimer

www.kidswi.org

Keeping Individuals with disabilities served.

Kindred Kids

(608) 438-5844

951 W. James St.

Columbus, WI 53925

www.kindredkids.org

Non-profit organization that provides lending library of toys and resale store for gently used children's clothing and toys.

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Lodi – Reach Out Lodi Community Store

610 Clark Street, Lodi WI 53555

(608) 592-4592

www.reachoutlodi.org

Open by appointment Mon, Tues, and Thurs from 9:00 – 3:30 and Sat from 8:30 – 11:00.

Provides FREE assistance to families and individuals in crisis to meet their basic living needs.

Products include food, personal essentials, household cleaning supplies, school supplies and clothing for men, women and children.

Memory Café

(608) 742-9055 Janet Wiegel

janet.wiegel@alzisc.org

4th Wednesday of each month from 1-3pm @ Portage Public Library

Anyone with memory challenges, mild cognitive impairment, early Alzheimer's/dementia can come to socialize and enjoy refreshments and a program or activity chosen by the group.

No charge. Donations welcome.

Military One Source

Wisconsin Military OneSource Co.

(800) 342-9647

www.militaryonesource.mil

A source of information for military and their families, active or inactive.

Mommy and Me Connections

Divine Savior Healthcare Conference Room C

(608) 745-5696

10:30am on the 1st Monday of the month

Support group for all mothers, breastfeeding or not, as an opportunity to connect with one another, listen to one another's stories, and build relationships with other mothers in the community.

Northwoods Inc. of Wisconsin

N6510 U.S. Highway 51 PO Box 357, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-7114

Northwoods Inc. is a private, non-profit organization which provides meaningful programs and services that maintain individuals and families in the least restrictive setting and assists them to reach their maximum potential of development and independence within an integrated community environment. Services include vocational training and placement, elderly and frail in-home support, day service programming, and independent living and family parenting/support/mentoring.

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Portage Caregivers Support Group

Portage Public Library

(608) 742-9055 Janet Wiegel

janet.wiegel@alzwisc.org

1st Monday of the month 1:00 – 2:30

PACAP (Portage-Area Community Assistance Program)

108 E. Pleasant St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-7687

A stream-lined approach to community assistance initiatives between River Haven, St. Vincent de Paul (Portage) St. John's Lutheran Church Portage, the local clergy fund and the local United Way.

Tax Assistance Program

(608) 742-9233 or 1-888-742-9233

Offers tax preparation assistance to middle to low income taxpayers during tax season. Priority is given to individuals age 60 and older.

TLC Communities Clothes Closet

141 E. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 617-4813 Sue Drabek or

(608) 617-9217 Abby

1:00PM – 4:00PM Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Provides free clothing for men, women, children, and infants, some household items, paper products and toiletries, washcloths and towels, some baby products.

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Food Pantries and Nutrition Programs

2nd Harvest Mobile Food Pantries

(Open to all Columbia County residents) Everyone welcome. No ID's needed.

Bring your own carts/baskets to carry your food.

Portage: 2nd Monday of every month, 10:30, at Columbia Co. Fairgrounds, Intersection of Griffith St/Superior St.

Pardeeville: 4th Monday of every month, 3:30pm at St. Mary's Church, 318 S. Main St.

Backpack Program

Portage School District

Providing weekend meals to children in need.

Contact: (608) 742-8545 ext. 1219 Elizabeth Hansen hansene@portage.k12.wi.us

<https://sites.google.com/portage.k12.wi.us/portage-community-schools-back/home>

Blessings in a Back Pack

Poynette School District

Providing weekend meals to children in need.

Contact: (608) 635-4347 Vicki Sukowski ext.314 or Gabe Morton ext. 334

Bread Basket Community Food Pantry

First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Florence Street, Cambria, WI 53923

Serves residents of Cambria School District; Open Thursdays 3:00-5:00PM or by appointment.

Call: Joanne Sanderson at (920) 348-5568, or Jeanne Radke (920)326-3218 or Joanne Vaughn (920)296-2452 for assistance.

Bridgepoint Mission Center

Bridgepoint Mission Center, 1009 Stand Rock Rd. (near Rocky Rococo's) Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

No Income requirements.

3rd Wednesday, 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council (CWCAC)

Food Pantry Director/Coordinator

(608) 697-4612

Columbus/Fall River Food Pantry

Columbus Area Senior Center, 125 N. Dickason Blvd, Columbus, WI 53925

Serves residents of Columbus & Fall River School Districts; By Appt. only on Thursdays 4:00 -6:45pm

Call (920) 623-5918

A different church is responsible for distribution every month.

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Columbus Nutrition Site

Columbus Senior Center, 125 N. Dickason Blvd, Columbus, WI 53925

(920) 763-2124 Place your order by noon the day prior for a meal the following day.

Monday – Friday, 9:00-12:30 p.m. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. **Community Gardens**

Community Gardens provide a small plot of land for a nominal fee to people who want to grow some of their own food.

Cambria: Cheryl Schwark (920) 763-2332

Columbus: Laura (920) 623-4558 laurajreetz@yahoo.com

Poynette: Curtis (920) 635-2627 cjniglis@charter.com

Portage: Charles (608) 742-7644 scbradleyjr@gmail.com

Lodi: Bill Welch (608) 843-3926

Crossroads Pantry

132A S. Ludington Street, Columbus, WI 53925

Can receive food twice a month, and personal hygiene products once a month.

Closed if Columbus Schools are closed.

(920) 350-0011 – messages are checked throughout each day

Hours: Monday - 4:30-6:30; Thursday - 9:00-11:00; 1st & 3rd Saturdays - 9:00-11:00

Food Share (formerly food stamps)

Food assistance based on income

Contact Columbia County Health and Human Services, 111 East Mullett St., Portage, WI 53901

Check your eligibility or apply for Food Share, health care or other services on line at

www.access.wisconsin.gov; or call 1-(888)794-5556

Lodi Nutrition Site

Temporarily Closed

Lodi – Reach Out Lodi Community Store

610 Clark Street, Lodi WI 53555

(608) 592-4592

www.reachoutlodi.org

Open by appointment Mon, Tues, and Thurs from 9:00 – 3:30 and Sat from 8:30 – 11:00.

Provides FREE assistance to families and individuals in crisis to meet their basic living needs.

Products include food, personal essentials, household cleaning supplies, school supplies and clothing for men, women and children.

Neighbors in Constant Care Foundation (NICC)

Serves residents in Columbus/Fall River School Districts; Call (920) 623-5540, (920) 623-4772, or (920) 623-4722 for information. Credit mediation, housing, food assistance, school supplies, or referral to other resources.

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Poynette Area Community Food Pantry

Village Hall/Nutrition Site, 106 S. Main St., Poynette, WI 53955

Serves residents of Poynette School District

Hours: Tuesday 1-3 pm and Thursday 5-7pm; if there is a 5th Tues/Thurs pantry is closed.

Pardeeville Nutrition Site

Angie Cox Library

119 N Main Street

(608) 429-4962 Place your order by noon the day prior for a meal the following day.

Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Portage Food Pantry

405 E Howard St., Portage, WI 53901

Serves income eligible residents of Portage Community School District; must provide ID

(608) 742-3774

Hours: Mon and Wed 11-noon; Thurs 5-6pm

Portage Nutrition Site

111 East Mullett Street, Meeting Room 1

(608) 742-8726 Place your order by noon the day prior for a meal the following day.

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:30p.m., Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Poynette Nutrition Site

Village Hall

106 S Main Street

(608) 635-2122 ext. 435 Place your order by noon the day prior for a meal the following day.

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Prairie Pride Pantry

United Methodist Church, 103 Reagles St., Arlington, WI 53911

Serves residents of Arlington and Poynette and Towns of Dekorra, Hampton, and Leeds.

Hours: Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm and Saturdays 9:00-10:30am

Randolph Food Pantry

Evangelical Free Church, 702 N. High St., Randolph, WI 53956 (corner of Hwy 73 and P)

Serves Randolph area; call church secretary, afternoons (920) 326-3821; call ahead, preferably before the weekend

Hours: Tuesday 1-3pm

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Rio Area Food Pantry

Rio Community Center, 104 Lincoln Ave., Rio, WI 53960

Serves income eligible residents living within the school districts of: Cambria-Friesland, Doylestown, Ostego & Rio. ID required.

Call John Atkinson (608) 429-3728

Hours: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays – 10am-noon; 4th Monday – 5-6pm

School Lunch Program

Free or reduced price school lunch to eligible families. Some schools also offer breakfast. Contact your school district for details.

Seasonal Farmers' Markets

- Cambria Farmer's Market
 - May-Oct; Wednesdays 4-7pm; Tarrant Park
- Columbus Farmer's Market
 - June – Oct; Sundays 9am-1pm; 409 N. Ludington (next to Amtrak)
- Fall River Area Farm & Flea Market
 - May – Oct; Saturdays, 8am-12:30pm; 100 Savanna Road
- Lodi Valley Farmer's Market
 - May – Oct; Fridays 2-6pm; 902 N. Main (next to Koltes Hdw.)
- Portage Farmer's Market
 - May – Oct; Thursday, Noon-5pm; Commerce Plaza (Corner of State Roads 16&33)
- Poynette Area Farmer's Market
 - May – Sept; Saturdays, 8am-11am; Pauquette Park, 106 S. Main St.
- Wisconsin Dells Farmer's Market
 - May – Oct; Sundays, 9am-1pm; Thunder Valley (W15344 Waubeek Rd. off Hwy 13)
- Wisconsin Dells Downtown Market
 - May-Sept; Sundays 9am – 1pm, 200 Lacrosse St.

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

\$25 in vouchers to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables at farmer's markets and participating farm stands, for age 60 and over meeting income eligibility guidelines.

Call Columbia County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) (608) 742-9233 for details.

Senior Nutrition Program

Serves people over age 60 and their spouses. No income or asset limits. Place your order by noon the day prior to the date you wish to have your meal. Meals are served at 11:30am at sites in, Columbus, Lodi (temporarily closed), Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, and home delivered meals to homebound seniors who can't prepare daily meals. For more information, call the Columbia County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) at (608) 742-9219.

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St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

1311 W. Wisconsin St., Portage WI 53901

(608)742-5513

ID and Proof of Residency Required. Must provide your own bags. Variety of food available including fresh produce, dairy products and healthier options such as milk, eggs, salad bags, lettuce, spinach & fresh fruit.

M-Th & Sat. 9-5; F 9-8

Stepping Stone Food Pantry

New Hope Community Church, 1199 N US Hwy 51, Poynette

(608)635-3880

Participants must meet income eligibility. Confidential referrals and delivery options available 1st and 3rd Friday of the month; 8-10AM and 6-7:30 PM (by appointment only)

WIC (Women, Infants, Children Nutrition Program)

111 East Mullett Street, Portage, WI 53901

Provides food vouchers, farmer's market vouchers, and nutrition information to keep pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants, and children under 5 years healthy and strong. Income eligibility requirement. For more information call (608) 742-9254

Wisconsin Dells Community Food Pantry

Community Action Building, 1000 Hwy 13, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Serves residents of Wisconsin Dells School District

Contact Holly Weber for assistance (608) 697-4612

Hours: Tues: 9am-noon; Thurs: 1-4pm

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program/FoodWise Education Program

(608) 742-9693

FoodWise helps families eat better, keep food safe, and stretch their food dollars. Open to those who receive or who are eligible to receive FoodShare.

Caitlin Richardson (608)742-9693 UW-Extension Nutrition Coordinator

Wyocena Community Helping Hands Pantry

Wyocena Community Center, 165 E. Dodge St., Wyocena, WI 53969

Serves residents of Pardeeville School District based on income eligibility

Open 1st, 2nd and 3rd weeks of the month.

Hours: Mon-Wed 10-noon; closed holidays, and when school district is closed due to weather.

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Government Offices

More information regarding each Columbia County Department may be found at www.co.columbia.wi.us. To find out if you may be eligible for a government benefit program, visit www.access.wisconsin.gov.

Columbia County Child Support Office

PO Box 256,
400 DeWitt St.
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9610
<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/bcs>

Columbia County Department of Health and Human Services

PO Box 136
111 East Mullett Street
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9227
Administers FoodShare, ChildCare and Medical Assistance Programs; Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program; Free immunizations to qualifying families; well-baby programs; child protection services; Aging and Disability Resource Center and Behavioral Health Programs, and Adult Protective Services.

Columbia County Jail and Huber Center

403 Jackson St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-6476

Columbia County Register of Deeds

PO Box 133
400 DeWitt St.
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9677
Copy of original birth certificate if issued by Columbia County, \$20

Columbia County Sheriff's Department (Law Enforcement Center)

PO Box 132, 711 E. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-4166

Columbia County Veterans' Service Office

PO Box 232
400 DeWitt St.
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9618
Fax: (608) 742-9634

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Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, Driver Licensing & Testing

260 Eastridge Drive, Portage, WI 53901

7am-5pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays

www.dot.state.wi.us/drivers/index.htm

To check driver's license status:

<https://trust.dot.state.wi.us/occsin/occsinservlet?whoami=statusp1>

Lost Quest Card or Food Share Card

877-415-5164

Probation and Parole Office

260 Eastridge Drive, Suite 2

Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-4020 (M-F, 7:45 – 4:30)

Social Security Administration

2875 Village Rd., Suite 100, Portage, WI 53901

800-772-1213 (7:00am – 7:00 pm)

888-875-1681 Local office

9:00am - 4:00pm Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri; 9:00am - 12:00pm Wed

Administers Social Security retirement, survivors, and disability benefits, and handles Medicare.

Also administers the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, which provides basic income to people who are 65 or older, disabled, or blind, and have limited income and resources. Most Social Security business can be conducted by telephone, from receiving general information to applying for a Social Security card or benefits.

State of Wisconsin

Wisconsin.gov

Wisconsin.gov is the Wisconsin Citizen's Portal that provides interactive government services online to help meet the needs of the businesses and the people of Wisconsin. Wisconsin.gov provides a variety of online support tools, which enable you to quickly and accurately locate answers to your questions.

Unemployment Compensation

608-232-0678

For faster services call on the following days:

Last digit of SSN ending in: 0-2 Monday

Last digit of SSN ending in: 3-6 Tuesday

Last digit of SSN ending in: 7-9 Wednesday

Any: Thursday and Friday

ALL unemployment claims taken over the phone or online. No local office.

<https://my.unemployment.wisconsin.gov> to apply online.

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Healthcare-Free or Low Cost Services

Care 4 U Clinic

6440 E. Pine St., Dalton, WI 53926

(920) 394-2136 Fax: 920-394-2021

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 – 4:30; Walk-Ins or Appts.

www.care4uclinic.org

Low cost and cash only clinic serving the greater Dalton area.

Church Health Services

115 N. Center St., Beaver Dam, WI 53916

(920) 887-1766

<http://www.churchclinic.org/>

Church Health Services is a primary health care clinic serving the needs of the poor and uninsured of **Dodge County**.

Columbia County Department of Health and Human Services

111 East Mullett Street, PO Box 136, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9227

Some Services offered:

Capillary Blood Lead Testing (Free)

Provided for children age 1 to 6. Call for an appointment.

Child Passenger Safety

Free child care restraint (car seat) inspection including recall checks, instructions on safely securing child and how to install properly in car. Call for an appointment.

Communicable Disease Control

Public health nurses provide surveillance, investigation, prevention, and control of communicable disease. The Hepatitis B vaccine for adults is available for a fee as well as TB skin tests, influenza, and pneumonia vaccines.

Fluoride Supplements – Now by Appointment

Fluoride drops and tablets are available free of charge. Children ages 6 months to 16 years of age who drink well water or live in villages with un-fluoridated water should be given daily fluoride supplements. By Appointment: (608)742-9227. A well water test for fluoride is required.

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Columbia County Department of Health and Human Services (cont'd)

Healthy Beginnings+ (formerly Prenatal Care Coordination)

Medical Assistance benefit for pregnant women, provides support and services to have a healthy baby.

Immunization Clinic (Free) – Now by Appointment

By Appointment: (608)742-9227 – Birth parent or legal guardian signature required. Bring immunization records.

Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

Nurse Family Partnership matches first-time parents with a free personal nurse who provides ongoing education and support beginning during the mother's pregnancy and continuing until the child turns two years old.

Public Health Walk-In Clinic – Now by Appointment

Immunizations and TB skin tests are available by appointment: (608)742-9227

Well Water Testing (Free) – Now by Appointment

Testing for bacteria nitrates and fluoride is available to pregnant women and families with infants up to one year. Call for details. (608)742-9227

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)

Supplemental nutrition program for pregnant, post partum, and breast feeding women, infants, and young children. It provides nutrition education and vouchers for specific food items. Eligibility is based on family income.

Good Neighbor Clinic

95 Lincoln Street, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

(608) 643-4749

Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 12:30 – 4:00PM.

Please note: Good Neighbor Clinic only serves Columbia County residents that live in the Lodi School District.

www.goodneighborclinic.org

MA Dentist

Individuals receiving medical assistance: please call the number on the back of your M.A. Card or 800-362-3002 to find a dentist in your area.

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Pink Ribbon Angels, Inc.

(608)617-5444

1020 Prospect Ave. Unit 3, Portage WI 53901

To apply: <http://pinkribbonangels.org>

Helps pay for out-of-pocket expenses to ensure the best care possible. Some of the products and services covered: Mammograms (both screening and diagnostic); insurance co-pays; prescription co-pays, physical/occupational therapy supplies; wigs, prosthetics, medical devices; mileage stipend; daycare needs during treatments; and house cleaning services.

Planned Parenthood

132 W. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-1551

800-230-PLAN (7526)

Provides family planning services, regardless of income. Hours: Tuesdays from 10:30am to 6:00pm and Fridays from 9:30am-5:00pm. Call 1-800-230-7526 for more information about services offered.

Pregnancy Resource Center

311 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901

800-705-4710

portageprc@yahoo.com

<http://portagewiprc.com>

Offers free pregnancy testing, adoption information and referrals, baby clothing, supplies, counseling and pregnancy education. Promotes life and adoption.

Prescription, Health & Dental Discounts

877-573-2395

Offers Low-Fee Health Discount Program, Dental Discount Program and Free Prescription Discount Program. Prescription Savings average 24%.

St Vincent De Paul Free Clinic

140 E. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901

Located in basement of Wilz Drug Store

Clinic is open Wednesdays only from 8:00am to Noon; open to both adults and children on a first come/first served basis. We are willing to help you find free or low cost medications or supplies.

There are no financial limitations. Any questions call Bonny at (608) 234-0159.

Diabetic Educator – assists patients get their diabetes in control

Toenail care – available every week

Physical therapist – available every week

Pediatrician – does WIAA and preschool physicals

Services not provided: chiropractor, commercial drivers exams, prescribing narcotics, obstetrics, disability exams, pregnancy tests, STD testing or immunizations.

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VA Hotline for Women

855-VA-WOMEN A hotline to receive and respond to questions from veterans, their families, and their caregivers about the many VA services and resources available to women veterans.

Wisconsin Dental Association

www.wda.org

Oral health information including community activities, events, newsletters, and other programs including Mission of Mercy and Donated Dental Services. Use the following link to find resources for dental care for low income and uninsured:

<http://www.wda.org/your-oral-health/community-activities/community-dental-clinics>

Wisconsin website for Free or Low Cost Health Clinics in Wisconsin

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/clinics.htm>

Wisconsin Well Woman Program

Provides preventive health screening services to low-income, uninsured or underinsured women. Contact Jennifer Froh, Community Health Educator, for referral: (608)847-9373, Toll Free: (866) 735-9616

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Healthcare – General

Columbus Clinic

1513 Park Ave., Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-9611

Columbus Community Hospital

1515 Park Ave., Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-2200
Emergency room and urgent care 24 hours a day

Consumer Protection Safety Committee

www.cpsc.gov

Recall List / Product Safety

Divine Savior Healthcare

Portage Hospital and Clinic:

(608) 742-4131
2817 New Pinery Road, Portage, WI 53901

Wellness Center:

(608) 742-4131
2815 New Pinery Road, Portage, WI 53901

Pardeeville Clinic:

(608) 429-2185
102 Gillette, Pardeeville, WI 53954

www.dshealthcare.com

Call the Community Wellness Department at (608) 745-6289 for info on free or low-cost screenings and programs. For assistance with insurance questions in regards to Divine Savior please call Concierge Services at (608) 745-6239.

Lodi Clinic – Sauk Prairie Health Care

608-592-3296
160 Valley Drive, Lodi, WI 53555
www.saukprairiehealthcare.org/clinic-details/location/Lodi-Clinic

Poison Control (Wisconsin)

800-222-1222
www.poison.org

Portage Clinic

2825 Hunters Trail, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-7161
Affiliated with Dean/St. Marys Regional Clinic/Family Practice, obstetrics, General Practice; Internal Medicine; Pediatrics

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Poser Clinic

635 Park Ave., Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-5000

Randolph Community Clinic

504 S. High St., Randolph, WI 53956
(920)3626-5060

SSM Health Dean Medical Group Specialty Clinic Columbus

1513 Park Ave., 2nd Floor, Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-9535

SSM Health Dean Medical Group Specialty Clinic Portage

2825 Hunters Trail #2, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-1063

SSM Health Dean Medical Group Wisconsin Dells

1310 Broadway Rd., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 253-1171
Family Practice, Obstetrics, General Surgery, Podiatry

UW Health - Portage

2977 County Hwy CX, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-3004
Family Medicine, Rheumatology, Vascular, Allergy

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Housing

Bureau of Consumer Protection

2811 Agriculture Dr.; PO Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911
800-422-7128 608-224-5012 608-224-5058 (TDD)

DATCPHotline@Wisconsin.gov

Information on tenants' rights and responsibilities.

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ConsumerProtection.aspx

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council (CWAC)

203 DeWitt St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-3320

Processes applications for HUD Section 8 housing; provides emergency assistance for qualifying applicants; case management services for homeless; also has weatherization program which provides insulation and other energy-saving services to owners and renters.

Columbia County Southern Housing Region (SHR) Program

MSA Professional Services, Inc.
800-552-6330

Qualifying Columbia County residents can apply for Community Development Block Grant funds to be used for housing rehabilitation. Funds are loaned at 0% interest and repayment is deferred. The loans can be used to make the following types of repairs: handicap accessibility, replace windows and doors, roofing, repair/replace heating systems, water heaters and plumbing systems, electrical upgrades, connect water and sewer lines, painting, siding, porch repairs and other general improvements.

<http://www.co.columbia.wi.us/columbiacounty/accounting/Housing/SouthernHousingRegion/tabid/2540/Default.aspx>

Foreclosure Assistance Clinic

215 S. Hamilton St. Room L1007 (Legal Resource Center)

https://pdf.countyofdane.com/court/Foreclosure_Assistance_Clinic.pdf

Tuesday's 9:00 – 11:00 AM, No appointment necessary

Free legal help for homeowners in foreclosure. Please bring your legal papers to the session.

Foreclosure Helpline

(608) 263-9574

U.W. Law School Consumer Law Clinic's Foreclosure Helpline

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Forward Services

2875 Village Road, Portage, WI 53930

800-771-8420

(608) 742-1089

<http://www.fsc-corp.org/our-services/>

Assistance for those who qualify: trouble paying rent, eviction notice, foreclosure notice, living in shelter, disconnected utilities, lost house due to fire, flood or natural disaster.

Habitat for Humanity of Sauk-Columbia Area

P.O. Box 38, 1211 8th St., Baraboo, WI 53913

(608) 448-2888

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

www.hfhsca.org

Homeless Students Resource

CESA 5 - AmeriCorps VISTA Homeless Coordinator

Website of resources for homeless students: goo.gl/RXlvTK

Hope House

Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913

(608) 356-9123

(608) 356-7500

Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm

Toll Free: 800-584-6790 24-Hour Confidential Helpline

www.hopehousescw.org

Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, and support groups) to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and provides education to community members on these issues in Columbia, Sauk, Marquette, Adams, and Juneau counties.

Renewal Unlimited

2900 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-5329

Offers HCRI program to give 0% interest loan to qualifying, low-income families to meet 'crisis' needs such as rental assistance, mortgage payment assistance, security deposit, utilities and property tax.

River Haven

108 E. Pleasant St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-7687

Shelter for homeless women and children, and clearinghouse for information for others experiencing homelessness.

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River Haven Men's Shelter

211 W. Pleasant St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-7687

Tenant Resource Center

1202 Williamson St., Suite 102, Madison, WI 53703
877-238-7368

Spanish: (608) 237-8913

Monday-Friday 9am-6pm

Housing Counseling: (608) 257-0006; Housing Mediation Service (608) 257-2799; Housing Help Desk: (608) 242-7406 (7:45am-4:30pm Mon-Fri, until 7pm on Weds)

Counseling for tenants and landlords on rental rights and responsibilities.

Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs

Department of Veterans Affairs offers outreach services to veterans including assisting them in finding housing, medical/subsistence assistance and state education benefits.

For other information or assistance:

201 W Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703

800-WIS-VETS (947-8387)

(608) 266-1311

<https://dva.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx>

Weatherization Assistance Program (WX)

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council

(608)742-3320 De Witt St., Portage, WI 53901

Available to homeowners or renters at or below 150% poverty. WX provides energy efficiency and health and safety measures funded through the State Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Assistance provided includes attic insulation, sidewall insulation, smoke detectors, air sealing, and or/furnace, water heater and refrigerator replacement.

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Legal Services

Attorney Introduction and Referral Service of the State Bar of Wisconsin

800-362-9082

Monday-Thursday 7:30am-6pm, Friday 7:30am-5pm

Provides three services: Lawyer Hotline, Lawyer Referral and Community Referral. Caller will be screened at initial call to determine nature of the problem and make appropriate referral.

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. (CWCAC)

(608) 254-8353; (608) 742-3320

Helping individuals manage their benefit money to meet their needs and assure them a better quality of life. Programs: Representative Payee Services, Conservatorships, Trustee Services and Federal Fiduciary.

Coalition of WI Aging Groups and Elder Law Center

PO Box 628248, Middleton, WI 53562

(608) 224-0606 OR 800-488-2596

www.cwag.org

Columbia County Treatment Court – Drug

Office: (608) 742-9623

Columbia County OWI Court - OWI

(608) 742-9681

A post-conviction criminal court that attempts to achieve a decrease in recidivism and substance abuse, the purposes of which will increase the chances of successful habilitation to its participants.

Columbia County Victim/Witness Assistance

Columbia County District Attorney's Office

400 DeWitt St, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9650

Victim's Rights include:

- Timely disposition of case;
- Opportunity to attend court proceedings unless trial court finds sequestration is necessary to a fair trial for the defendant;
- Notification of court proceedings;
- Reasonable protection from the accused throughout the criminal justice process;
- Opportunity to confer with prosecutor;
- Opportunity to make a statement (Victim Impact Statement) at disposition;
- Restitution;
- Information about the outcome of the case and release of the accused.

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Foreclosure Helpline

(608) 263-9574

U.W. Law School Consumer Law Clinic's Foreclosure Helpline

Lawyer Referral and Information Service

State Bar of Wisconsin

PO Box 7158, Madison, WI 53718

800-362-9082

<http://www.wisbar.org/forPublic/INeedaLawyer/Pages/LRIS.aspx>

Referral to an attorney, \$20 for 1st ½ hr.

Legal Action of Wisconsin

31 S. Mills St., PO Box 9686, Madison, WI 53715

800-362-3904 OR 608-256-3304

<http://www.legalaction.org/>

Legal services focuses on safe and affordable housing, adequate income and nutrition, access to health care, preservation of the family and protection from domestic violence. Representation is limited to very low income residents of south eastern Wisconsin, including Columbia County.

On-line resource for self-representation or self-help

See <https://www.wicourts.gov/services/public/selfhelp/index.htm>

Pro Se Divorce Service – Wisconsin eCourts

<https://myforms.wicourts.gov/>

Wisconsin eCourts for self-represented parties is an interactive Web site that assists you in filling out forms for a variety of legal issues, including divorce and legal separation. The site guides you through a series of questions and then completes the necessary forms.

Wisconsin Fathers for Children and Families

Madison, WI 53701

(608) ALL-DADS (608-255-3237)

<http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/>

Legal Resources: <http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/legal.htm>

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Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy

131 W. Wilson St., Suite 700, Madison, WI 53703

(608) 267-0214 OR 800-928-8778

<http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/>

For those with disabilities or mental illness

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

2811 Agriculture Drive; P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53707-8911

800-422-7128

DATCPHotline@Wisconsin.gov

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ConsumerProtection.aspx

Wisconsin eCourts

<https://myforms.wicourts.gov/>

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Libraries

Contact the library in your community to inquire about special programs for children and families, such as story hour or summer reading programs.

Cambria

Jane Morgan Memorial Library

109 W. Edgewater St., Cambria 53923

(920) 348-4030

Hours: Mon & Weds 9-1 & 3-5; Tues, Thurs, and Fri 9-1 & 3-5; Sat 9-12

Contact: jtallman@scls.lib.wi.us

Website: www.jmml.org

Columbus

Columbus Public Library

223 W. James St., Columbus 53925

(920) 623-5910

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8:30; Fri 9-5:30; Sat 9-1

Contact: info@columbus.publiclibrary.info

Website: www.columbuspubliclibrary.info

Lodi

Lodi Woman's Club Public Library

130 Lodi St., Lodi 53555

(608) 592-4130

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8; Fri 9-5; Sat 9-2

Contact: ldistaff@scls.lib.wi.us

Website: www.LodiPublicLibrary.org

Pardeeville

Angie W. Cox Public Library

119 N. Main St., Box 370, Pardeeville 53954

(608) 429-2354

Hours: Mon-Thurs 10-7:00; Fri 10-5; Sat 10-1

Contact: parstaff@scls.lib.wi.us

Website: www.pardeevillelibrary.com

Portage

Portage Public Library

253 W. Edgewater St., Portage 53901

(608) 742-4959

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8:30; Fri 9-6; Sat 9-2

Sat hours between Memorial Day & Labor Day are 10-1

Contact: info@portagelibrary.us

Website: <http://www.portagelibrary.us/>

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Poynette

Poynette Public Library

118 N. Main St., Box 368, Poynette 53955

(608) 635-7577

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30-8; Fri 9:30-5:30; Sat 9:30-1

Contact: poylib@scls.lib.wi.us

Website: www.poynettelibrary.com

Randolph

Hutchinson Memorial Library

228 North High St., Randolph, WI 53956

(920) 326-4640

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8; Fri 9-2; Sat 9-12

Contact: pkpotter@randolphlib.org

Website: www.randolph.lib.wi.us

Rio

Rio Community Library

324 W. Lyons St., Box 306, Rio 53960

(920) 992-3206

Fax: (920) 992-3983

Hours: Mon & Weds 10-8; Tues, Thurs, & Fri 10-5; Sat 10-3

Contact: riolib@yahoo.com

Website: www.scls.lib.wi.us/rio/

Online Catalog: <http://riolib.booksys.net/opac/rcl/index.html>

Wisconsin Dells

Kilbourn Public Library

620 Elm St., Wisconsin Dells 53965

(608) 254-2146

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8; Fri 9-5; Sat 9-2

Summer: same except Mon-Thurs 10-7

Contact: ckborck@scls.lib.wi.us

Website: www.dellslibrary.org

Wyocena

Wyocena Public Library

165 E. Dodge St., Box 913, Wyocena, WI 53969

(608) 429-4899

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30-12:30 & 3-6; Fri Closed; Sat 9:30-12:30

Website: www.wyocenalibrary.org

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Parenting Education and Support Programs

Columbia County CARES

UW Extension – Columbia County

(608)742-9680

A coalition of organizations and individuals working together to promote the well-being of children, youth and families in the county.

Online Resources:

Parenting the Preschooler Fact Sheets

UW-Extension Family Living Programs

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/parentingthepreschooler/>

eParenting®: High-Tech Kids

UW-Extension Family Living Programs

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/eparenting/>

Just in Time Parenting

UW-Extension Family Living Programs

<https://jitp.info/>

Parenting Future Readers

UW-Extension Family Living Programs

<http://parenting.uwex.edu/parenting-future-readers/>

Home Alone: Preparing for Self-Care

UW-Extension Family Living Programs

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/homealone/>

Parentetical

UW-Extension Family Living Programs

<http://myparentetical.com/>

Parenting Your Unique Child

UW-Extension Family Living Programs

<http://parenting.uwex.edu/parenting-your-unique-child/>

Parenting 24-7: Parenting Teens

University of Illinois-Extension

<http://parenting247.org/section.cfm?agegroup=4>

Face-to-Face Programs:

Children in the Middle

UW-Extension Columbia County

This program is designed for parents who are experiencing a divorce, separation, or change in child placement and who have a child under the age of 18.

Love and Logic

Love and Logic courses are currently offered on a periodic basis by each of the following:

- Columbus Community Learning Services – contact Cori Denk, cdenk@columbus.k12.wi.us 920-350-0370 or check the Community Learning Services Calendar at [Community Learning Services / CLS Offerings](#)
- Poynette School District – check the Poynette School District website, http://www.poynette.k12.wi.us/parents/par_famresources.cfm, or contact the main office, 608-635-4347
- Renewal Unlimited, Inc. – contact the main office, 608-742-5329

Computer-Based Programs:

These programs require you to view the materials on a computer at the site of the sponsoring/hosting organization.

Positive Discipline

Offered by UW-Extension Columbia County
Three DVD's, created by InJoy Birth & Parenting Education.

Parenting Wisely

Offered by UW-Extension Columbia County
Parenting Wisely is an interactive computer program for parents with children ages 3-9 years old (Young Children Program) or 9-18 years old (Teen Program).

Mommy and Me Connections

Divine Savior Healthcare Conference Room C
(608) 745-5696

10:30am on the 1st Monday of the month

Support group for all mothers, breastfeeding or not, as an opportunity to connect with one another, listen to one another's stories, and build relationships with other mothers in the community.

Northwoods Inc. of Wisconsin

N6510 U.S. Highway 51 PO Box 357, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-7114

Northwoods Inc. is a private, non-profit organization which provides meaningful programs and services that maintain individuals and families in the least restrictive setting and assists them to reach their maximum potential of development and independence within an integrated community environment. Services include vocational training and placement, elderly and frail in-home support, day service programming, and independent living and family parenting/support/mentoring.

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Peer Support Services

Access to Independence, Inc. (“ATI”)

3810 Milwaukee Street, Madison, WI 53714

(608) 242-8484

www.accesstoind.org

Advocates and provides services for people with any type of disability, and of any age, to achieve or maintain their independence. Types of services: Peer Support, Independent Living Skills Training, Advocacy, Assistive Technology, Youth Programs, Public Benefits Assistance, Nursing Facility Transition and Diversion, Disability Awareness and Community Education.

Peer Run Respite

Peer run respites are for individuals living with mental health or substance use concerns. These places offer a supportive, home-like environment during times of increased stress or symptoms. Stays are short-term, typically no longer than one week.

Grassroots Wellness

820 N. Broadway Street

Menomonie, WI 54751

(800) 770-0588, ext. 1

Iris Place

1213 S. Matthias Street

Appleton, WI 54915

(920) 815-3217

Solstice House

2649 Milwaukee Street

Madison, WI 53704

(608) 244-5077

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Pregnancy Resources

Breastfeeding Workshop

Divine Savior Healthcare

(608) 745-5607 to register or for more information

Free workshop introducing parents-to-be about the latest information on breastfeeding. Topics include proper techniques, what to expect and the benefits of breastfeeding in today's world.

Healthy Beginnings+ (formerly Prenatal Care Coordination)

111 East Mullett Street, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9227

Medical Assistance benefit for pregnant women, provides support and services to have a healthy baby.

Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

111 East Mullett Street, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 697-0625

Nurse Family Partnership matches first-time parents with a free personal nurse who provides ongoing education and support beginning during the mother's pregnancy and continuing until the child turns two years old.

Pregnancy Resource Center

311 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901

800-705-4710

portageprc@yahoo.com

<http://portagewiprc.com>

Offers free pregnancy testing, adoption information and referrals, baby clothing, supplies, counseling and pregnancy education. Promotes life and adoption.

WIC (Women, Infants, Children Nutrition Program)

111 East Mullett Street, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9254

Provides food vouchers, farmer's market vouchers, and nutrition information to keep pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants, and children under 5 years healthy and strong. Income eligibility requirement. For more information call (608) 742-9254.

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Recreation

Many communities in the county have planned and supervised recreational activities for children. Most have a residency requirement and fees vary, but are often modest.

Columbus:

Columbus Recreation

229 E. School St, Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-5936 Amy J Meier

Columbus Area Senior Center

125 N. Dickason Blvd.
(920) 623-5918

Fall River:

Fall River Recreation Department

150 Bradley St.
Fall River, WI 53932
(920) 484-3333 x304 Cody Schultz - Director

Lodi:

Lodi Recreation (City Hall)

130 South Main St.
(608) 592-3247

Lodi C.R.E.W. – Community Resource Enrichment and Wellness

608-592-1077 Diana

A part of the Lodi School District, Lodi C.R.E.W. offers a variety of recreational programs and events for youth and adults.

Portage:

Park and Recreation Department

701 Silver Lake Dr.
(608) 742-2178

Family Resource Center

2946 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-8482

Call for information about field trips and other recreation. Provides a variety of family services, including scheduled playgroups, parenting support and information series, workshops, and family visiting program. Staff are available to answer questions or provide resources to help families. All services are free.

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Schools and School Districts

Cambria-Friesland School District

www.cf.k12.wi.us

410 E. Edgewater St., Cambria, WI 53923
(920) 348-5548

Columbus High School

1164 Farnham Street
Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-5950

Columbus School District

www.columbus.k12.wi.us

200 W. School St., Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-5950

Hillside School

N617 Sommers Road
Cambria, WI 53923

Lewiston Elementary School

W11195 Highway 127
Portage, WI 53901
(608)742-2524

MATC Portage

<https://madisoncollege.edu/>

330 W Collins St
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 745-3100

North Scott School

N9426 Fenske Road
Dalton, WI 53926

Peterson Elementary

W1004 Hall Road
Columbus, WI 53925
920-623-4056

Columbus Elementary School

200 Fuller St
Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-5950

Columbus Middle School

400 South Dickason Blvd
Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-5950

Fall River Schools

www.fallriver.k12.wi.us

150 Bradley St., Fall River, WI 53923
(920) 484-3333

John Muir Elementary

2600 Woodcrest Drive
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-5531

Lodi School District

www.lodi.k12.wi.us

115 School St., Lodi, WI 53555
(608) 592-3851

Meadowview School

N8492 Dolgner Road
Pardeeville, WI 53954
(608) 356-3317

Pardeeville School District

www.pardeeville.k12.wi.us

120 S. Oak St., Pardeeville, WI 53954
(608) 429-2153

Pleasant Ridge School

W2399 County Road E
Cambria, WI 53923

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Portage High School

301 E. Collins Street
Portage, WI 53901
608-742-8545

Poynette Area Schools

www.poynette.k12.wi.us

108 N. Cleveland St., Poynette, WI 53955
(608) 635-4347

Randolph School District

www.randolph.k12.wi.us

110 Meadowood Drive, Randolph, WI 53956
(920) 326-2427

Rusch Elementary School

117 West Franklin St
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-7376

St. John's Lutheran – Pardeeville

505 E. LaFollette Street
Pardeeville, WI 53954
(608) 429-3636

St. Mary's Catholic

315 W. Cook Street
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-6998

Woodridge Primary School

333 East Slifer Street
Portage, WI 53901
608-742-3494

Zion Lutheran

822 Western Ave
Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-5180

Portage School District

www.portage.k12.wi.us

305 E. Slifer St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-4879

Randolph Christian School Society

457 2nd Street
Randolph, WI 53956
(920) 326-3320

Rio Community School District

<http://www.rsdwi.org/>

411 Church St., Rio, WI 53960
(920) 992-3141

St. Jerome's

1550 Franham Street
Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-5780

St. John's Lutheran – Portage

430 W Emmett Street
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9000

Wayne E. Bartels Middle School

2505 New Pinery Road
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-2165

Wisconsin Dells Public Schools

www.sdwd.k12.wi.us

811 County Rd. H, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 254-7769

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Sexual Assault

Hope House

Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913

(608) 356-9123

(608) 356-7500

Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm

Toll Free: 800-584-6790 24-Hour Confidential Helpline

www.hopehousescw.org

Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, and support groups) to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and provides education to community members on these issues in Columbia, Sauk, Marquette, Adams, and Juneau counties.

Veterans Mental Health/AODA Support Group

112 East Edgewater Street, Portage WI 53901

(608) 264-5342

Third Wednesday of each month – 11:00-1:00 p.m.

Types of services available include: group counseling, employment guidance, family/marital counseling and sexual trauma counseling. Services are confidential to all veterans, no co-pays required, counselors have master's degrees and are also veterans themselves.

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Sober Living

Jessie Crawford Recovery Center

2101 N. Sherman Ave, Madison, WI 53704

(608) 241-4285 (800) 334-8893

Provides sober housing for single men, women and families in recovery.

John Adams Recovery Home

815 19th Street, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

(608) 643-8905

The John Adams House is open to women who are committed to sobriety. The home is equipped with all the amenities necessary to rebuild healthy productive lives.

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Substance Abuse Resources

Al-Anon Meetings

888-425-2666

Call for times and locations of meetings in Columbia County

Email: drdistrict9@area61afg.org district representative

www.area61afg.org

Alateen

866-425-2666

<http://www.area61afg.org/what-is-al-anon/what-is-alateen/>

<http://al-anon.info/MeetingSearch/AlateenMeetings.aspx> to find an al-anon meeting

Alcohol and Drug Referral Line

800-821-4357

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

(608) 222-8989

Call for times and locations of meetings in Columbia County

Columbia County Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)

2652 Murphy Rd, Portage 53901

(608) 742-9227

CCS assists persons with mental health or substance abuse concerns to identify what he/she needs in order to help increase their ability and enhance their connection to natural supports and community resources.

Columbia County Treatment Court – Drug

Office: (608) 742-9623

Columbia County OWI Court - OWI

(608) 742-9681

A post-conviction criminal court that attempts to achieve a decrease in recidivism and substance abuse, the purposes of which will increase the chances of successful habilitation to its participants.

Jessie Crawford Recovery Center

21018 N. Sherman Ave, Madison, WI 53704

(608) 241-4285; (800) 334-8893

Provides sober housing for single men, women and families in recovery.

John Adams Recovery Home

815 19th Street, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

(608) 643-8905

The John Adams House is open to women who are committed to sobriety. The home is equipped with all the amenities necessary to rebuild healthy productive lives.

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MARC (Medication Assistance, Recovery and Coordination)

111 East Mullett St, Portage, WI 53901

888-552-6642 – Application & Support

MARC is a collaborative program developed to provide an innovative approach to treating heroin and opioid prescription drug addiction. The MARC Program will facilitate referrals to medication-assisted treatment, as well as ongoing case management services with heroin and opiate addiction.

Narcotics Anonymous – Scenic Bluff Area

866-590-2648

Meeting locations:

<https://scenicbluffsarea.org>

Peer Run Respite

Peer run respites are for individuals living with mental health or substance use concerns. These places offer a supportive, home-like environment during times of increased stress or symptoms. Stays are short-term, typically no longer than one week.

Grassroots Wellness

820 N. Broadway Street
Menomonie, WI 54751
(800) 770-0588, ext. 1

Iris Place

1213 S. Matthias Street
Appleton, WI 54915
(920) 815-3217

Solstice House

2649 Milwaukee Street
Madison, WI 53704
(608) 244-5077

SAMHSA’s National Helpline/Referral Service

800-662-HELP (4357)

www.samhsa.gov

Free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders. Can link the caller to a variety of hotlines that provide treatment referrals 24 hours a day.

Tobacco Free Columbia/Dane County Coalition (TFCDC)

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Room 507, Madison, WI 53703
(608) 242-6297

Contact: Ryan Sheahan e-mail: rsheahan@publichealthmdc.com

TFCDC collaborates with schools on youth prevention, provides organizations with tobacco and nicotine education, and assists properties with creating smoke-free housing policies.

Veterans Mental Health/AODA Support Group

112 East Edgewater Street, Portage WI 53901
(608) 264-5342

Third Wednesday of each month – 11:00-1:00 p.m.

Types of services available include: group counseling, employment guidance, family/marital counseling and sexual trauma counseling. Services are confidential to all veterans, no co-pays required, counselors have master’s degrees and are also veterans themselves.

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Thrift and Resale Stores

Includes only stores operated by non-profit organizations

Goodwill Industries

2902 American Legion Dr., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 745-0616

Lodi – Reach Out Lodi Community Store

610 Clark Street, Lodi WI 53555
(608) 592-4592

www.reachoutlodi.org

Open by appointment Mon, Tues, and Thurs from 9:00 – 3:30 and Sat from 8:30 – 11:00.
Provides FREE assistance to families and individuals in crisis to meet their basic living needs.
Products include food, personal essentials, household cleaning supplies, school supplies and clothing for men, women and children.

St. Vincent de Paul Store

Columbus

110 Meister Dr.
Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-2004

Portage

1311 W. Wisconsin St
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-5513

Wisconsin Dells

W15210 Hwy 16
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 254-4011

ReStore (Habitat for Humanity)

1450 E. Wisconsin St, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 356-0332
M-F 9:00am – 5:00pm; Sat 9:00am – 4:00pm

TLC Communities Clothes Closet

141 E. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 617-4813 Gina & Johanne

1:00PM – 4:00PM Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Provides free clothing for men, women, children, and infants, some household items, paper products and toiletries, washcloths and towels, some baby products.

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Transportation

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Columbia County (ADRC)

Transportation Program

(608) 742-9213

60 and above or disabled

Please call at least 24 hours in advance for a transport.



Amtrak

Reservations & Customer Service 1-800-USA-RAIL or 1-800-872-7245

<https://www.amtrak.com/home.html>

400 W. Oneida St. - Portage

359 N. Ludington St. - Columbus

100 LaCrosse St. - Wisconsin Dells

Portage stop is not staffed. Call or visit website for prices or to book a trip.

Car Loan Program (formerly Wisconsin Employment Transportation Program)

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council

(608) 254-8353

Provides car loans to income-eligible, employed individuals. Buyer is responsible for sales tax, license plates, title fee, lien fee, dealer fee (if any), and administration fee mandated by the State of Wisconsin. Other restrictions apply.

ComfortCare Transportation LLC.

(608) 745-8392

info@comfortcaretransportation.com

DAV Van Program

(608) 772-4761 Columbia County

Days of Operation: By appt.

Route: Serving veterans in Columbia County and northern Dane County; Direct service to/from the veteran's home by appointment.

Eas-Z Medical Transport

(608)683-9061

info@eas-zmedicaltransport.com

www.eas-zmedicaltransport.com

120 East Albert St, Portage, WI 53901

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Lamers Bus Line

800-261-6600

(608) 236-1240

<https://www.golamers.com/>

Lamers Connect routes operate 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

MTM INC.

866-907-1493 (771 TTY) - Reservations for members and those assisting them.

<http://www.mtm-inc.net/Wisconsin/>

Provides non-emergency medical transportation rides for BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid members statewide who have no other way to receive a ride. Rides can include public transportation such as a city bus, rides in specialized medical vehicles or rides in other types of vehicles depending on a member's medical and transportation needs.

Northwoods Inc. of Wisconsin

N6510 U.S. Highway 51 PO Box 357, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-7114

Northwoods Inc. of Wisconsin provides transportation for many of its program participants.

Portage Cab (Running Inc.)

(608) 742-4700

Operates 24 hours/day, every day.

Offers reduced fares to disabled persons who are unable without special facilities or special planning or design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services.

Sureway Taxi

(608) 963-9218

(608) 253-2129

1110 Race Street, Wisconsin Dells

Van Go Taxi LLC

(608) 849-7070

105 E 2nd St, Waunakee, WI 53597

www.vangotaxi.com

Vanpool

1-800-884-VANS

<https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/StateEmployees/JoinAVanPool.aspx>

The State Vanpool provides alternate transportation for state and non-state employees commuting to Madison from outside communities. Participants can join a group that is already established or, if there are enough interested people, they can form a new vanpool. Riders enjoy low rates, comfortable vans, and the benefit of convenient pick-up and drop-off locations.

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Utilities

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

W6290 Hwy 33, Pardeeville, WI 53954
(608) 429-9300

Alliant Energy

Emergency: 800-255-4268

CenturyLink

1-800-788-3500

Payment arrangements: 888-646-0004

Energy Services of Wisconsin (Home Energy Plus)

242 W. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901

<http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov/>

800-506-5596 Appointments

(608) 742-4088 Information (Judie Wiersma)

Provides financial assistance for paying fuel or electric costs, and emergency furnace repair or replacement once per year per family. Specific income guidelines apply, but you can be any age, with or without children, and own or rent your home.

Frontier

New Services: 800-927-8101 Billing Inquiries: 800-801-6652

Heat for Heroes

800-891-9276 for questions or to find an application site nearest you.

An Energy Services, Inc., /Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund initiative that helps Veterans who are facing an energy –related emergency.

Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund

800-891-WARM (9276)

www.kwwf.org

Income guidelines and a state map of where families that are in the 60%-80% median income can apply.

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Lifeline and Link-Up Programs

Call local phone company to apply

For questions, contact:

Public Service Commission

610 N. Whitney Way, Madison, WI 53707 (After 4/16/18: 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI)
888-816-3831

<https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>

Reduced cost phone connection and service for customers receiving benefits from W2, MA, SSI, Food Stamps, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, WI Homestead Tax Credit, or Badger Care. Brochure available in Resource Room.

Rio Emergency Fuel Fund

Contact Rose Gumz (608) 617-3261

Help for Columbia County residents not just those in the Rio area.

Safelink Wireless

Free cell phone, access to emergency services and free 60 minutes airtime monthly for eligible low-income households. Additional minutes can be purchased through prepaid airtime cards purchased at local retailers. See www.safelink.com for more information.

Wisconsin Gas Company

Customer Service: 800-242-4035

Wisconsin Low Income Home Energy – Heat Wisconsin (LIHEAP)

866-HEATWIS (432-8947) for information about where you can purchase propane in your area, or to apply for assistance towards your propane heating bill or medically necessary cooling bills.

Also visit:

www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov

About where to apply for heating assistance or call 866-432-8947.

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Veterans

Columbia County Veterans' Service Office

112 East Edgewater St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9618

Fax: (608) 742-9634

Heat for Heroes

800-891-9276 for questions or to find an application site nearest you.

<http://heat4heroes.org/>

An Energy Services, Inc., /Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund initiative that helps Veterans who are facing an energy –related emergency.

Madison Vet Center

608-264-5342 After hours: 1-877-WAR VETS (927-8387)

8:00 – 4:30 M-F

Counseling service for combat veterans and their families.

Military One Source

Wisconsin Military OneSource Co.

(800) 342-9647

www.militaryonesource.mil

A source of information for military and their families, active or inactive.

Tomah VA Medical Center

500 E. Veterans Street, Tomah, WI 54660

(800) 872-8662 or (608) 372-3971

(888) 598-7793 Telephone Care available 24/7

www.tomah.va.gov/

VA Hotline for Women

855-VA-WOMEN

A hotline to receive and respond to questions from veterans, their families, and their caregivers about the many VA services and resources available to women veterans.

Veterans Assistance Foundation, Inc.

(608) VAF-VETS (372-8387)

Veterans Crisis Hotline

800-273-8255 (TALK)

Veterans Homeless Hotline

877-4AIDS-VET or 877-424-3838

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Veterans Mental Health/AODA Support Group

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(608) 264-5342

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William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital

2500 Overlook Terrace, Madison, WAI 53705

(888) 478-8321 or (608) 256-1901

(888) 598-7793 Telephone Care available 24/7

www.madison.va.gov/

Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs

Department of Veterans Affairs offers outreach services to veterans including assisting them in finding housing, medical/subsistence assistance and state education benefits.

For other information or assistance:

201 W Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703

800-WIS-VETS (947-8387)

(608) 266-1311

<https://dva.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx>

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development – Veteran's Services

1819 Aberg Ave., Suite C, Madison, WI 53704

(608)242-4888

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/veterans/>

Provides job search assistance to eligible veterans.

Please remember that we are constantly updating and expanding our files, and we are always happy to share our latest information with you. Although we believe the information we collect from service providers is accurate and up-to-date, Columbia County Health and Human Services disclaims responsibility for the accuracy or current status of these materials.

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