

Child Care/Early Childhood Education

4-C's

5 Odana Court
Madison, WI 53719
800-750-5437

Help in finding childcare or training as a childcare provider.

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

Child Care Assistance - WisconsinShares

888-794-5556

111 East Mullett Street
Portage, WI 53930

Child Care Assistance (Wisconsin Shares) helps low-income working families pay for their child care.

Child Care Certification – Columbia County

(608) 742-9711

[Health & Human Service - Child Care Assistance](http://www.columbia.wi.us/Health%20%26amp%20Human%20Service%20-%20Child%20Care%20Assistance)
[columbia.wi.us](http://www.columbia.wi.us)

Individuals interested in becoming a Certified Child Care provider in Columbia County may request information by contacting Columbia County's Division of Economic Support.

Child Care Finder - Youngstar

<https://childcarefinder.wisconsin.gov/search/search.aspx>

Website to assist finding certified child care programs.

Child Enhancement Center

410 East Edgewater Street
Cambria, WI 53923
(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

111 East Mullett Street
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.

<https://www.co.columbia.wi.us/ColumbiaCounty/hhs/Divisions/BehavioralHealth/BirthtoThree/tabid/3592/Default.aspx>

Columbus Club House

Columbus Middle School
400 South Dickason Boulevard
Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-4449

www.columbusclubhouse.org

Before and after school program for children from 5K through 6th grade in the Columbus school district.

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

Head Start & Early Head Start

Renewal Unlimited
2900 Red Fox Run
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-5329
800-344-7543 Toll Free
(608) 742-5481 fax

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.

Family Resource Center

2946 Red Fox Run
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-8482
(608) 742-3136 fax

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.

Preschool Partnership – Portage

Community School District

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Portage Community School District has partnered with area preschools to provide tuition-free preschool for all children that will be 4 years of age on or before September 1st and live in the Portage Community School District.

Preschool Partnership Sites:

Alphabet Express

118 W Pleasant Street
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 566-5626

Endeavor School

414 Church Street
Endeavor, WI 53930
(608) 587-2625

Head Start

2930 Red Fox Run
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-5329

Learning Tree

636 E. Slifer Street
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-7035

Little School

1804 New Pinery Road
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-2129

St. John's Child Development Center

426W Emmett Street
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9000

St. Mary School

315 W. Cook Street
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-4998