

Family Resources and Services

Access to Independence

3810 Milwaukee Street
Madison, WI 53714
(608) 242-8484 ext. 228
800-362-9877

www.accesstoind.org/

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

Available at the ADRC of Columbia County the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 1-3pm.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin

Columbia/Sauk Regional Office
2825 Hunters Trail, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9055
888-308-6251

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

Dementia specific agency providing a variety of services for caregivers and individuals with dementia.

Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP)

Columbia County ADRC
111 East Mullett Street
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9233
888-742-9233

www.co.columbia.wi.us/columbiacounty/adrc
Program is designed to support families caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia in their home.

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

5846 Manufacturers Drive
Madison WI 53704-6278
(608) 273-1005

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

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

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council

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

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

9:00 AM – 5:00 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 East Slifer Street
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 745-5400 – Chris Boettcher

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

Columbia County Extension

University of Wisconsin – Madison

112 E. Edgewater Street; Room 212

Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9680

<https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu>

4H Positive Youth Development

(608)742-9685

Pat Wagner; Positive Youth Development

Educator pat.wagner@wisc.edu

(608) 742-9688

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

Agriculture

(608)742-9682

George Koepp; Agriculture Educator

george.koepp@wisc.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; Community Development

Educator

kathleen.haas@wisc.edu

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

Human Development & Relationships

Amanda Coorough; Human Development &

Relationship Educator

(608) 742-9680

amanda.coorough@wisc.edu

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

FoodWise

FoodWise Program Coordinator

Caitlin Richardson; FoodWise Program

Coordinator

caitlin.richardson@wisc.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

(608) 742-9055 Janet Wiegel

888-308-6251

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

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

PO Box 5070

Madison, WI 53705

(608) 220-9598 Barbara Katz

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. Statewide network for families with special health needs.

Girl Scouts of Badgerland Council

2710 Ski Lane
Madison, WI 53713
800-236-2710

www.gsbadgerland.org

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

Head Start & Early Head Start

Renewal Unlimited
2900 Red Fox Run
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-5329

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

Kids Wisconsin

(920) 296-0341 Mary Weinheimer
www.kidswi.org

Keeping Individuals with disabilities served

Kindred Kids

951 West James Street
Columbus, WI 53925
(608) 438-5844
<https://kindredkids.org>

Adaptive equipment lending Library created specifically to meet the needs of children with special needs.

Kinship Mentoring of Columbia County

PO Box 542
Portage, WI 53901
(262) 204-3564
executivedirector@kinshipcc.org
www.kinshipcc.org

Matching children ages 5-14 with positive adult influences, improving kids' lives by bolstering self-esteem and offering opportunities for social and emotional skill development.

Lodi – Reach Out Lodi Community Store

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

www.reachoutlodi.org

M-F 8:30 – 3:30PM, Saturday 8:00 – 11:00 AM.

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@alzwisc.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. Call to verify changes due to weather etc.

Military One Source

Wisconsin Military OneSource Co.
(800) 342-9647

www.militaryonesource.mil

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

Mommy and Me Connections

Divine Savior Healthcare
2817 New Pinery Road, Classroom C
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 745-5696

6:00pm 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

P.O. Box 357

Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-7114

<https://nwdswi.org>

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-Area Community Assistance Program (PACAP)

108 East Pleasant Street

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.

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

REM WI CORE DAY SERVICES

412 East Slifer Street

Portage, WI 53901

(608) 745-0585 ext. 15

M-F 8 – 4

REM CORE is contracted with the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation as experienced Supported Employment Providers. REM CORE also works with individuals who are not participants of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation program but are seeking community-based employment and job coaching supports.

REM CORE Supported Employment Providers assist individuals with: creating professional resumes, cover letters, employment applications, job searches, new hire placement papers, and onsite guided job coaching supports.

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.