

Family Resources and Services

Access to Independence

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

www.accesstoind.org/

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

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.



Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin

Janet Wiegel
(608) 697-2838
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.

Arbor Center

300 N 3rd Street Ste 220
Wausau, WI 54403
(715) 204-4260
Fax: 844-927-0227

www.arborcenter.org

Mental health services clinic which specializes in neuropsychological testing for obtaining or clarifying neurological and mental health diagnoses.

Boy Scouts of America

Glaciers Edge Council
5846 Manufacturers Drive
Madison WI 53704-6278
(608) 310-7300

<https://glaciersedge.org/>

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

Caregivers Support Group

Portage

Portage Public Library
253 W Edgewater Street
Portage, WI 53901

1st Monday of ea month, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Columbus

Columbus Senior Center
125 N Dickason Boulevard
Columbus, WI 53925

10:00 – 11:30 am

Janet Wiegel
(608) 697-2838

janet.wiegel@alzwisc.org

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council

203 DeWitt Street
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-3320
<https://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.

Children’s Wisconsin Car Seat Services

(877) 607-5280
Car seats available for purchase. Virtual appointments available for installation.

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>
Jeff Hoffman; Area Extension Director
(920) 296-2067
jeffrey.hoffman@wisc.edu
Positive Youth Development Educator
(608)742-9685
Provide youth, Kindergarten through 1 year past High School (K-13) with opportunities to explore their world through focused projects and activities.

Columbia County Extension continued
University of Wisconsin – Madison
FoodWise

Caitlin Richardson; FoodWise Coordinator
caitlin.richardson@wisc.edu
Kimberly Lafler; FoodWise Educator
kimberly.lafler@wisc.edu
(608) 742-9693
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

Prairie Ridge Health
1515 Park Ave., Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-1276
2nd Thurs of each month from 10 am – 11:30 am

Family Resource Center

Renewal Unlimited Inc.
2946 Red Fox Run
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-8482
Warmline: 1-800-344-7543
http://www.renewalunlimited.net/?page_id=87
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 Co-Director
<https://familyvoiceswi.org/>
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.

Kindred Kids

951 West James Street, Suite 2
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

1115 W. Pleasant Street, Suite 8
PO Box 542
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 697-3260
Sara McChesney, Program Coordinator
sara@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.reacoutlodi.org
M-F 8:30 – :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.

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.

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.

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.

REM WI CORE DAY SERVICES

1115 W. Pleasant St., Suite 3
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 566-1729
608-566-1624 fax
M-F 8 – 4

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

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.

UW Health Safety Center

(608) 890-8041

The goal of the Safety Center is to offer a variety of child safety products and injury prevention education materials to families at American Family Children’s Hospital and throughout Wisconsin

Wisconsin for Children and Families

Madison, WI 53701
(608) ALL-DADS (608) 255-3237

[Welcome to Wisconsin Fathers | Wisconsin Fathers For Children And Families](#)

Legal Resources:

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

Group of men and women working to assure every child has the fullest opportunity to experience the love and nurturance of both their father and mother.