

# WI Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs: Supporting Families & Providers Who Support Them

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# Guiding Principles

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- Children are best served within their families.
- Children, youth, and families are best supported within the context of their community.
- Families will have convenient access to care planning.
- Collaboration is the best way to provide comprehensive services.
- Family perspective and presence must be included in all aspects of the system.



# Who We Serve

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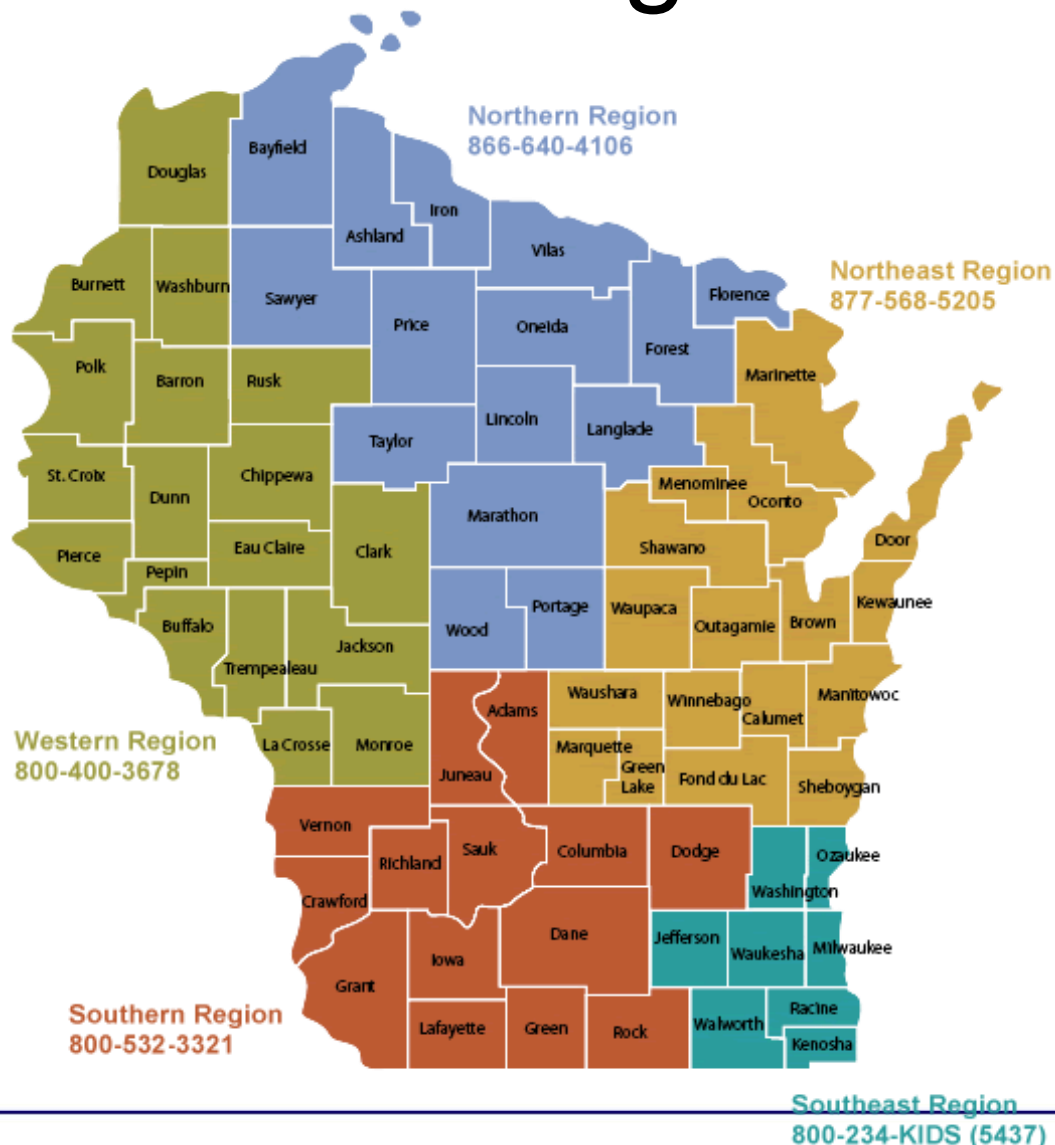
Wisconsin uses the federal definition as:

"...those who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally."





# Five Regional Centers



Wisconsin Regional Centers  
Children and Youth with  
Special Health Care Needs

¿Necesita algún tipo de ayuda?

Wisconsin's Regional Centers help families get answers, find services, and connect to community resources.

**Contact us!**

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# Themes from Regional Centers

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- “Our work is diving in, being with, walking along the side of parents.”
- “We spend as much time as needed, as often as needed and as long as needed.”
- Families tell us:
  - You listened.
  - You helped me with what I thought was important.
  - You helped me find my next step.



# Why Families Call

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- Access to Information
- Health Benefits Questions
- Care Coordination Needs
- Education Related Concerns
- Parent Support
- Family and Youth Leadership
- Transportation
- Help with Transition and Medical Home



# WI Youth Health Transition

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- Health care transition is the process of changing from a pediatric to an adult model of health care
- Supports youth in acquiring independent health care skills, preparing for an adult model of care, and transferring to new providers without a disruption in care.
- Six Core Elements
- [healthtransitionwi.org](http://healthtransitionwi.org)



# WI Medical Home Initiative

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- A medical home is a trusting partnership between your child, and your pediatric primary health care team.
- Key components:
  - Care Coordination
  - Shared Plan of Care
  - Care Mapping

[wismhi.org](http://wismhi.org)





- Statewide non-profit focused on supporting the voice of families in decision-making, leadership, and systems change roles.
- Provides information, training, and support around health care and community services.
- [familyvoicesofwisconsin.com](http://familyvoicesofwisconsin.com)
- Fact Sheets
- Advocacy for Change



# Parent Parent of Wisconsin

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*...making connections statewide*

- Provides parent support to parents of children with special needs.
- One-to-one connection with another parent who knows firsthand about the feelings and realities that come with having a child with special needs.
- Support Parent Training
- 715-361-2934 / 888-266-0028
- [Get-Connected@p2pwi.org](mailto:Get-Connected@p2pwi.org)
- [p2pwi.org](http://p2pwi.org)





- Nonprofit public-interest law firm
- Dedicated to ensuring health care access for children and families, particularly those with special needs or who are at risk.
- Provides information, advocacy tools, legal services, and expert support.
- 608-261-6939 / 800-585-4222
- [safetyweb.org](http://safetyweb.org)





- Statewide Information and Referral hotline
- Serves families with children who have special health care needs and professionals.
- A health and human services database of disability-related resources has been developed and is regularly updated.
- 1-800-642-7837
- <https://wellbadger.org/>



# Training Opportunities Youth Health Transition

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- Build Your Bridge; Moving From Child to Adult Health Care
- Dreaming Differently
- Bridging the Gap
- Closing the Gap
- What's After High School?

Contact your CYSHCN Regional Center



# Training Opportunities

## Medical Home

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- Did You Know? Now You Know!
- C.A.R.E. Medical Home Series for Families
  - Caring for the Whole Family
  - Assembling a Care Notebook
  - Requesting a Shared Plan of Care
  - Exploring Care Mapping
- Medicaid Made Easy

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