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
# Columbia County Community Resource Guide

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Adoption Services

Adoption Choice
2317 International Lane Suite 111, Madison WI, 53704
M-Th 8:30 – 4:30
608-244-7805
800-236-7863 Toll Free
800-255-6305 Birth Parent – Toll Free (24/7)
http://www.adoptionchoiceinc.org
info@adoptionchoiceinc.org

Adoptions of Wisconsin
450 South Yellowstone Drive, Madison, WI  53719
608-821-8220
608-445-7794 Alternate Birth Parent Line after Hours
info@adoptionofwisconsin.com
www.adoptionofwisconsin.com

Catholic Charities
702 South High Point Road, Suite 105, Madison WI  53719
800-236-4673
ccharities@ccmadison.org
http://www.ccmadison.org

Children’s Service Society
203 4th Street, Baraboo, WI  53913
608-356-3019

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan – Madison Office
6314 Odana Rd, Madison, WI  53719
608-277-0610
http://www.lsswis.org

Pauquette Adoption Services
315 Conant St., Portage, WI  53901
(608) 742-8004
http://www.pauquetteadoption.org/

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
1 West Wilson Street Room 527, Madison, WI  53708
608-264-6838
http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/children/adoption

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Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)

Health Insurance Marketplace
Official consumer site to learn about and buy health insurance.

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

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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. You can also go to http://www.4-c.org

Child Enhancement Center
Chelsie Stocker 920-296-8618
Chelsie.stocker@cfsdwi.org
Mon – Fri 6:00am – 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
Before and after school program for children from Kindergarten through age 12. There is also a full time summer program offered.

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.

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Head Start & Early Head Start
Renewal Unlimited
2900 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-5329
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.
Counseling

24-Hour Emergency Crisis Hotline
888-552-6642
Immediate crisis services for people having thoughts of suicide

Alcohol and Drug Referral Line
800-821-4357

Al-Anon Meetings
888-425-2666
Call for times and locations of meetings in Columbia County
www.area61afg.org

Alateen
866-425-2666
www.al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
(608) 222-8989
Call for times and locations of meetings in Columbia County

Aspen Family Counseling
2639 New Pinery Road, Suite 1, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-5020
www.aspenfamilycounseling.com

Between Friends
Chicago, IL 60660
1-800-603-HELP (4357)

Breastfeeding Support Group
Divine Savior Healthcare Classroom C
(608) 745-5696
1st Monday of the month

CASA National Center on Addiction on Substance Abuse Referral Service
1-800-662-HELP (4357)
www.centeronaddiction.org
Can link the caller to a variety of hotlines that provide treatment referrals 24 hours
Columbia County Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)
2901 Hunter’s Trail, Portage 53901
(608) 742-5518
CCS assists person 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)
2652 Murphy Rd, Portage 53901
(608) 742-9227
CSP (through Pauquette Center) provides community based services to adults with severe and persistent mental illness (such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder).

Compass Counseling
2910 New Pinery Rd., Unit A2, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 745-4900
www.compasscounseling.info

Disaster Distress Helpline
800-985-5990
It's common to feel anxious after incidents of mass violence. You’re not alone.

Drug and Alcohol Treatment
888-928-5278
Rosecrance offers inpatient and outpatient substance use disorder and mental health issue treatments. Rockford, IL

Hope House
Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-9123
Mon-Fri 8am-4pm
Toll Free: 800-584-6790 Crisis Line- (608) 356-7500
24-Hour Confidential Helpline
Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, 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.

Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin
800-291-4513

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Military One Source
Wisconsin Military OneSource Co.
(715)441-0077 Rebecca Bernau-Boehlke
www.militaryonesource.mil
A source of information for military and their families, active or inactive.

Narcotics Anonymous
866-590-2648
Visit our website for locations:
www.na.org

National Child Abuse Hotline
800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873)

National Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-SAFE (7233)
800-787-3224 (TDD)

National Hope Line Network, Suicide & Crisis Hotline
800-442-HOPE (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

National Youth Crisis Hotline
800-442-HOPE 800-442-4673

Pauquette Center for Psychological Services
2901 Hunters Trail; Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-5518
www.pauquette.com

Peer Run Respites
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.

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<td>820 N. Broadway Street</td>
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St. Clare Center
1510 Jefferson Street, Baraboo WI 53913
800-433-2688 or (608)356-1533
www.stclare.com
Treatment for Chemical Dependency
St Clare Center offers primary residential treatment, outpatient treatment, day treatment, relapse prevention, gender specific groups, and an intensive outpatient opioid addiction treatment program with Buprenorphine (Suboxone)

Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern WI
Located in the Water Tower Place on Monona Drive
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.

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)

Tellurian UCAN, Inc.
300 Femrite Drive, Madison, WI
(608) 222-7311
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) 242-6442
Contact: Marissa Thomas e-mail: mthomas@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  
317 DeWitt Street, Portage, WI  53901  
(608) 745-1751

Veterans Mental Health/AODA Support Group  
400 DeWitt Street, Portage WI 53901  
608-256-1901 x 16904 Jennifer; Jennifer.gruba@va.gov  
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 veteran’s themselves.

Warmline  
(608) 422-2383  
Need someone to talk to? The Warmline is answered by people who have lived experience of 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

Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling  
1423 Kellogg Street, Green Bay, WI  
800-GAMBLE-5 / 800-426-2535  
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

Wisconsin We C.A.N. Change Addiction Now  
2nd Monday of the month 6:30 – 8:00  
Wisconsin United We CAN lorics@changeaddictionnow.org  
Portage United Methodist Church  
1804 New Pinery Road, Portage, WI  53901  
Bring the voice of the family to addiction and recovery with Wisconsin We CAN (Change Addiction Now) support group.
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
Sauk County Branch:
600 Chestnut St., PO Box 128, Baraboo, WI
(608) 355-0943
Responds to disasters such as fire, flood, 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.

Columbia County Pregnancy Resource Center
311 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901
800-705-4710
Offers free pregnancy testing, adoption information and referrals, baby clothing, counseling and pregnancy education.

Hope House
Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-9123
Mon-Fri 8am-4pm
Toll Free: 1-800-584-6790  Crisis Line- (608) 356-7500 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.

National Hope Line Network, Suicide & Crisis Hotline
800-442-HOPE (4673)
National network hotline for people in crisis and having thoughts of suicide
Reach Out Lodi
608-592-4592
610 Clark Street, Lodi, WI  53555
www.reachoutlodi.org
Assists individuals and families in crisis meet their basic living needs. Includes Lodi Food Pantry, Lodi Personal Essentials, Lodi Community Closet and various groups and members of the public.

Runaway and Youth Services
Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan
24-Hour Hotline: 855-577-7297
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. Hotline is for children and youth, ages 11-17, (and their families) who need to talk to a counselor about issues that may put them at risk for running away. Provided by Lutheran Social Services.

Salvation Army
PO Box 766, Mukwonago, WI 53149
(920) 980-7938 Angela Swinehart, Field Representative

Veterans Crisis Hotline
(800) 273-8255 (TALK)

Veterans Mental Health/AODA Support Group
400 DeWitt Street, Portage WI  53901
Third Wednesday of each month – 11:00-1:00 p.m.
For more information about the group contact:
608-256-1901 x 16904 Jennifer or Jennifer.gruba@va.gov

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 veteran’s themselves.

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Domestic Violence

Between Friends
Chicago, IL 60660
800-603-HELP (4357)

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
Toll-free 800-584-6790
Baraboo (608) 356-7500 & (608) 356-9123
24-Hour Confidential Helpline
Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, 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.peopleagainstaviolentenvironment.com/

Pregnancy Resource Center
311 E. Wisconsin St., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901
800-705-4710
Provides baby layettes and supplies and support to mothers and their families. 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.

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.
4126 Lien Rd. Ste. 14, 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.

Experience Works!
(Formerly Green Thumb, Inc)
(262) 334-1635
Specializes in service workers age 55+

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.

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR)
(608) 243-5670
Specializes in service workers age 55+
info@gwaar.org
http://gwaar.org

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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.
www.militaryonesource.mil
Contact: Rebecca Bernau-Boehlke (715) 441-0077
A source of information for military and their families, active or veterans.

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

Tools for Tomorrow
Madison Area Technical College
2125 Commercial Ave., Madison, WI 53705
(608) 246-5285
toolsfortomorrow@madisoncollege.edu
This program is designed to help women obtain training and employment in skilled trade and technical areas, including apprenticeships.

UMOS
Centre 7 Building
7 N Pinckney St. Suite 110, Madison, WI 53703
(608) 249-1180
A non-profit advocacy organization which provides programs and services which improve the employment, educational, health and housing opportunities of under-served populations.
**Veteran’s Services**
1819 Aberg Ave., Suite C, Madison, WI 53704  
(608) 242-4888  
Provides job search assistance to eligible veterans.

**Wisconsin Fresh Start / AmeriCorps**  
Renewal Unlimited, Inc.  
2900 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-1516 ext. 116 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  
[www.jobcenterofwisconsin.com](http://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.

**Wisconsin Works (W-2)**  
Forward Services Corporation, 2875 Village Road, Suite 200, Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-1089  
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 dislocated workers.

Work Smart Access Point of Service
   MATC-Portage
   330 Collins St., Portage, WI 53901
   (608) 745-3100
AND
   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.
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 care givers 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
2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9233
(888) 742-9233
2652 Murphy Road
Portage, WI 53901
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)
2652 Murphy Rd., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9233
8:00 am -- 4:30 pm Mon-Fri
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.

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. (CWCAC)
203 DeWitt St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-3320
www.cwcac.org
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.

Dementia Support Group
Columbus Community Hospital
1515 Park Ave., Columbus, WI 53925
(608)742-9055
888-308-6251
2nd Thursday of each month from 10 am – 11:30 am

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
120 W. Conant St., Suite 201, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9680
4-H Youth Development
(608)742-9684
Karen Nelson; karen.nelson@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.

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. Education about agriculture, 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
120 W. Conant St., Suite 201, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9680

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)742-9686
Patti Herman; patti.herman@ces.uwex.edu
Strengthens families by helping adults be better parents, manage money wisely and handle life’s stress and changes.

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP)
Caitlin Richardson; caitlin.richardson@ces.uwex.edu
WNEP 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.

Wisconsin Education Program Coordinator
(608)742-9693

Communications Innovations
716 Lois Dr., Sun Prairie, WI 53590
Becky Lotto
(608)204-6083
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.

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.

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Girl Scouts of Badgerland Council
1-800- 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
ww.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.

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

Military One Source
Wisconsin Military OneSource Co.
(715) 441-0077 Rebecca Bernau-Boehlke
www.militaryonesource.mil
A source of information for military and their families, active or inactive.

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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 and the local clergy fund and the location United Way.

**Portage Low Vision Support Group**
Fran (608)742-4060; Neil (608)592-5574 or Roz (608)742-8180
Resources available for people with vision problems.

**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
Wed-Fri 9 am-noon
Provides free clothing for men, women, children, and infants, some household items, paper products and toiletries, washcloths and towels, some baby products.

**Wisconsin We C.A.N. Change Addiction Now**
Wisconsin United We CAN lorics@changeaddictionnow.org
Portage United Methodist Church
1804 New Pinery Road, Portage, WI 53901
2nd Monday of the month 6:30 – 8:00
Bring the voice of the family to addiction and recovery with Wisconsin We CAN (Change Addiction Now) support group.
Food Pantries and Nutrition Programs

2nd Harvest Mobile Food Pantries
(open to all Columbia County residents)

Portage: 2nd Monday of every month, 11:00, at Columbia Co. Fairgrounds, Wauona Tr/Griffith St. Everyone welcome. No ID’s needed. Bring your own carts/baskets to carry your food.

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

Bread Basket Community Food Pantry
First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Florence Street, Cambria, WI 53923
Serves residents of Cambria School District on an on-call basis;
Call: Joanne Sanderson at (920) 348-5568, or Ann Smedema at (920) 348-5485 for assistance

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council
Food Pantry Director/Coordinator
Holly Weber
(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; Call (920) 623-5918 – a different church is responsible for distribution every month.

Columbus Nutrition Site
Columbus Senior Center, 125 N. Dickason Blvd, Columbus, WI 53925
(608) 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: garden.columbus@gmail.com
Poynette: Village Office (608) 635-2122
Portage: Parks and Recreation Dept (608) 742-2178
Lodi: Bill Welch (608) 592-5666

Crossroads Pantry
132A S. Ludington Street, Columbus, WI 53925
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
The clients are able to receive hygiene, cleaning and paper products 1 time per month and food 2 times. We are partnered with Second Harvest. Closed if Columbus Schools are closed.

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Food Share (formerly food stamps)
Food assistance based on income
Contact Columbia County Health and Human Services at 2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 53901
Check your eligibility or apply for Food Share, health care or other services on line at [www.access.wisconsin.gov](http://www.access.wisconsin.gov); or call 1-(888)794-5556

WI Dells/Lake Delton Community Food Pantry
Community Action Building, 1000 Hwy 13, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Serves residents of Wisconsin Dells School District; Call Kim McClelland or Lisa Williams at (608) 254-8353
Hours: Tues: 9am-noon; Thurs: 1-4pm

Lodi Area Food Pantry
Serves residents of Lodi School District
By appointment only: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
Call Carol Meyer (608) 592-4324 or Judy Brownrigg (608) 592-4626

Lodi Nutrition Site
Elementary School
101 School St.
(608) 592-4208 Place your order by noon the day prior for a meal the following day.
Monday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

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.

PAD Pantry (Poynette, Arlington, Dekorra) Food Pantry
Village Hall/Nutrition Site, 106 S. Main St., Poynette, WI 53955
Serves residents of Poynette School District - Call: Ruth Ann Waugh (608) 635-4167; or Donna Luessman (608) 635-4448; Marv & Jan Gardner (608) 742-4494
Hours: Tuesday 1-3 pm and Thursday 5-7pm

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 *(New Location)*
405 E Howard St., Portage, WI 53901
Serves residents of Portage Community School District; (608) 742-3774
Hours: Mon and Wed 11-noon; Thurs 5-6pm

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**Portage Nutrition Site**  
City Hall (Basement) *Temporarily in basement of LEC until further notice*  
115 W Pleasant St  
(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.  
Salad/Soup/Sandwich Bar Wednesdays January through September

**Poynette Clergy Food Pantry**  
Bethel Lutheran Church, 101 Bethel Dr., Poynette, WI 53955  
Serves residents of Poynette area on an on-call basis; Call Pastor Stephen (608) 635-2468;  
Church Office (608) 635-7118; or Kenneth Nelson (608) 695-6741

**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  
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

**Rio Area Food Pantry**  
Rio Community Center, 104 Lincoln Ave., Rio, WI 53960  
Serves residents of Rio, Cambria, & Doylestown; Call John Atkinson (608) 429-3728; Dean Hoel (608) 617-8044; Suzi Salzwedel (608) 697-1490; or Bob & Helen Risgaard (920) 992-5258  
Hours: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays – 10am-noon; 4th Monday – 5-6pm

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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
  - Wednesday’s, 4-7pm; Tarrant Park
- Columbus Downtown Farmer’s Market
  - Wednesdays, 3-6pm; 220 E. James Street (Jodee O’s parking lot)
- Columbus Farmer’s Market
  - Sunday from 9am-1pm; N. Ludington (next to Amtrak)
- Fall River Area Farm & Flea Market
  - Saturdays, 8am-12:00pm; Hwy 16 & Savanna Road
- Lodi Valley Farmer’s Market
  - Fridays 2-6pm; 902 N. Main (next to Koltes Hdw.)
- Portage Farmer’s Market
  - Thursday, Noon-6pm; Commerce Plaza (Corner of Cook & Wisconsin)
- Poynette Area Farmer’s Market
  - Saturdays, 8am-11am; Pauquette Park (S. Main St.)
- Wisconsin Dells Farmer’s Market
  - Sundays, 9am-1pm; Thunder Valley (W15344 Waubeek Rd. off Hwy 13)

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 ADRC (608) 742-9211 for details.

Senior Nutrition Program
Serves people over age 60 and their spouses. No income or asset limits. Noon meals at sites in Columbus, Lodi, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, Wisconsin Dells, and home delivered meals to homebound seniors who can’t prepare daily meals. For more information, call Columbia County at (608) 742-9219

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.
Clothing, shoes, books, games, puzzles, and small household items available to anyone in need. Call Bridget Rhode (608) 742-4905 for questions.
**WIC (Women, Infants, Children Nutrition Program)**
2652 Murphy Road, 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 Nutrition Education Program**
(608) 742-9693
WNEP 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.
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, 2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9227
Administers Food Stamps and Medical Assistance Programs; Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program; Free immunizations to qualifying families; well-baby clinics; child protection services; Aging and Disability Resource Center.

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

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

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Lost Quest Card or Food Share Card
877-415-5164

Probation and Parole Office
260 Eastridge Drive, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-4020

Social Security Administration
2875 Village Rd., Suite 100, Portage, WI 53901
800-772-1213 (7:00am – 7:00 pm)
1-888-875-1681 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
800-822-5246
ALL unemployment claims taken over the phone or online. No local office.
www.dwd.state.wi.us/ui to apply online
Healthcare-Free or Low Cost Services

Care 4 U Clinic
6440 E. Pine St., Dalton, WI 53926
(920) 394-2136    Fax: 920-394-2021
Care4u@centurytel.net
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
2652 Murphy Road, PO Box 136, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9227
Some Services offered:

Free Capillary Blood Lead Testing
Provided for children age 1 to 6. 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
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. Fluoride can be picked up on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00am-12:00pm during Public Health Walk-In Clinic hours. A well water test for fluoride is required.

Free Immunization Clinic
2:30pm-5:30pm (10/10, 11/14, 12/12 - 2016)
No appointment is necessary – Birth parent or legal guardian signature required. Bring immunization records.

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

Public Health Walk-In Clinic
Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00am-12:00pm
Immunizations and TB skin tests are available at this time. TB tests are done on
Monday, am only.

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

Free Well Water Testing
Testing for bacteria nitrates and fluoride is available to pregnant women and families
with infants up to one year. Call for details.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
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 1 to 5 p.m.
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.

Pink Ribbon Angels, Inc.
1010 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 will help cover include: Mammograms (both screening and diagnostic); insurance
copays; prescription co-pays, physical/occupational therapy supplies; wigs, prosthetics,
medical devices; mileage stipend; daycare needs during treatments; and house cleaning
services.

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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 St., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901
800-705-4710
Provides baby layettes and supplies and support to mothers and their families. 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 9:00am 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.

Toenail care – available every week
Physical therapist – available every other 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.

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
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

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

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

Divine Savior Healthcare
Portage:
    2817 New Pinery Road, PO Box 387, Portage, WI 53901
    (608) 742-4131
    www.dshealthcare.com
    Call education department for information about no fee or nominal fee classes open to the public on topics such as fibromyalgia fitness, smoking cessation, cancer support group, aquatic fitness, grief support, etc.
    • For assistance with Insurance questions in re: to Divine Savior please call: Linda Bannen-Stillwell (608)745-6239

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

Tivoli at Divine Savior:
    2805 Hunter’s Trail, Portage, WI 53901
    (608) 745-5900

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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

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

Rural Cancer Network (RCaN)
http://ruralcancernetwork.org/
RCaN is a web-based resource for public health, social services, healthcare and voluntary organization. RCaN also features one and two page, user-friendly handouts with cancer information, questions to ask your doctor and healthy tips and ideas. You can also search RCaN listings for local cancer-related resources by county.

UW Health Columbus Clinic
1511 Park Ave., Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-5226

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
Information on tenants’ rights and responsibilities.

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 Housing Rehabilitation Program
MSA Professional Services, Sue Koehn
Housing Program Department, 201 Corporate Drive, Beaver Dam, WI 53916
or 800-552-6330
May provide no-interest loan for qualifying owner-occupied housing.

Foreclosure Answer Clinic
City-County Building
(608) 261-5677
www.daneforeclosurehelp.org
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Madison, WI 53703
Open the first and third Thursdays of each month from 11:00am-1:00pm. Operates on a walk-in basis, no appointment necessary. The purpose of the clinic is for homeowners to obtain basic legal information in regard to foreclosures.

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
Hoard Clean-up Services through Central Wisconsin Community Action Council  
(608) 339-4900  
CWCAC offers services for persons having difficulty discarding or parting with possessions regardless of their actual value. Contact us for details.

Hope House  
24-Hour Confidential Helpline (608) 356-9123 or toll-free at 800-584-6790  
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.  
Crisis Line – (608) 356-7500

MSA Housing Program  
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.

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

River Haven Men’s Shelter  
211 W. Pleasant St., Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-7687

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Salvation Army
PO Box 766, Mukwonago, WI 53149
(920) 980-7938 Angela Swinehart, Field Representative

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.

Veteran Affairs
877-424-3838 (877-4AID-VET) National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
Department of Veterans Affairs offers outreach services to homeless veterans including assisting them in finding housing 24 hours a day.
For other information or assistance:
345 W Washington Avenue, Suite 501, Madison, WI 53703
(608) 280-2095.
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
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 Victim/Witness Assistance
Columbia County District Attorney’s Office
(608) 742-9650
http://wcca.wicourts.gov/index.xsl Link to Wisconsin Circuit Court Access
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.

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

Lawyer Referral and Information Service
State Bar of Wisconsin
PO Box 7158, Madison, WI 53718
800-362-9082 OR 608-257-4666
http://www.wisbar.org/forPublic/INeedaLawyer/Pages/LRIS.aspx
Referral to an attorney, $20 for 1st ½ hr

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Legal Action of Wisconsin
31 S. Mills St., PO Box 9686, Madison, WI 53715-0686
800-362-3904 OR 608-256-3258
http://www.legalaction.org/
Legal services focus 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 www.wicourts.gov

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

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 OR 608-224-4960
DATCPHotline@Wisconsin.gov
http://datcp.wi.gov/Consumer/Consumer_Protection/

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. The site guides you through a series of questions and then completes the necessary forms.
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 10-8; Tues, Thurs, and Fri 10-5; Sat 9-12
Contact: itallman@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: colpl@scls.lib.wi.us 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 9:30-2
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 10-7:30; 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 10-4
Sat hours between Memorial Day & Labor Day are 10-1
Contact: info@portagelibrary.us Website: http://www.portagelibrary.us/

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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
Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8; Fri 9-2; Sat 9-12
Contact: pkpotter@mwfls.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/rc/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: ckbork@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 & 3-7; Fri Closed; Sat 9:30-12:00
Contact: wyolib@scls.lib.wi.us Website: www.wyocenalibrary.org

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Columbia County CARES
UW Extension – Columbia County
(608) 742-9686
Patti Herman, UW-Extension (patti.herman@ces.uwex.edu)
A coalition of organizations and individuals working together to promote the wellbeing 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/

Home Alone: Preparing for Self-Care
UW-Extension Family Living Programs
http://fyi.uwex.edu/homealone/

eParenting®: High-Tech Kids
UW-Extension Family Living Programs
http://fyi.uwex.edu/eparenting/

Parenthetical
UW-Extension Family Living Programs
http://myparenthetical.com/

Preparing to Parent Newsletters
UW-Extension Family Living Programs
http://parenting.uwex.edu/preparing-to-parent/

Parenting the First/Second/Third Year Newsletters
UW-Extension Family Living Programs
http://parenting.uwex.edu/parenting-first-year/

Parenting Your Unique Child
UW-Extension Family Living Programs
http://parenting.uwex.edu/parenting-your-unique-child/

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**Parenting Future Readers**
UW-Extension Family Living Programs

**Parenting 24-7: Parenting Teens**
University of Illinois-Extension

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; contact them to learn more about when it is offered, costs, and other details.
- Renewal Unlimited, Inc – contact the main office, 608-742-5481
- Columbus School District – contact Cori Denk, 920-350-0370, cdenk@columbus.k12.wi.us
- Poynette School District – check the Poynette School District website, [http://www.poynette.k12.wi.us/phs/](http://www.poynette.k12.wi.us/phs/), or contact the main office, 608-635-4347

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).

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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**
161 N. Dickason Blvd.
(920) 623-5936

**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 x260

Lodi:

**City Hall**
113 South Main St.
(608) 592-3247

**Lodi C.R.E.W. – Community Resource Enrichment and Wellness**
608-592-1077
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**
806 Silver Lake Dr.
(608) 742-2178

**Family Resource Center**
2946 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-8482
Warmline: 800-325-5505
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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School Districts

Cambria-Friesland School District
www.cambria-friesland.k12.wi.us
410 E. Edgewater St., Cambria, WI 53923
(920) 348-5548

Columbus School District
www.columbus.k12.wi.us
200 W. School St., Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-5950

Fall River Schools
www.fallriver.k12.wi.us
150 Bradley St., Fall River, WI 53923
(920) 484-3333

Lodi School District
www.lodi.k12.wi.us
115 School St., Lodi, WI 53555
(608) 592-3851

Pardeeville School District
www.pardeeville.k12.wi.us
120 S. Oak St., Pardeeville, WI 53954
(608) 429-2153

Portage School District
www.portage.k12.wi.us
305 E. Slifer St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-4879

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

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Rio Community School District
http://www.rsdwi.org/
411 Church St., Rio, WI 53960
(920) 992-3141

Wisconsin Dells Public Schools
www.sdwd.k12.wi.us
811 County Rd. H, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 254-7769
Sexual Assault

Hope House
720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-9123
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:00pm
24-Hour Confidential Helpline
Toll Free: 800-584-6790    Crisis Line-(608) 356-7500
Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, 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
400 DeWitt Street, Portage WI
Third Wednesday of each month – 11:00-1:00 p.m.
   For more information about the group contact: Jennifer at 608-256-1901 x 16904 or Jennifer.gruba@va.gov

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 veteran’s themselves.
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 Community Store
610 Clark Street, Lodi, WI 53555
(608) 592-4592
M,T, Th 9:00 – 3:30; Sat 8:30 – 11:00am; Call for emergency off hour needs
Clothing, school Supplies and personal essentials such as: supplies needed to care for individual family members such as shampoo & conditioner, feminine supplies, shaving cream & razor, laundry detergent, diapers, and household cleaners.

Rainbow Thrift Shoppe
230 W. Wisconsin St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 745-4489
9am to 5pm Monday – Friday
10am-2pm Saturday

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

TLC Communities Clothes Closet
141 E. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901
Sue Drabek (608) 617-4813 or
Abby (608) 617-9217
Wed-Fri 9:00am-12:00pm
Provides free clothing for men, women, children, and infants, some household items, paper products and toiletries, washcloths and towels, some baby products.
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
400 W. Oneida St. - Portage
359 N. Ludington St. - Columbus
100 LaCrosse St. - Wisconsin Dells
Portage stop is not staffed. Call 800 number for details and fares.

ComfortCare Transportation LLC.
(608)745-8392
info@comfortcaretransportation.com

DAV Van Program
608-617-6000
www.dav-wi.org/dav-van-program
Days of Operation: By appt.
Hours of Operation: By appt.
Fare Per Trip: No charge
Serving veterans in Columbia County; Direct Services to/from the veteran’s home.

Lamers Bus Line
1-800-261-6600
www.golamers.com/Lamers-connect.php
Lamers Connect routes operate 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

MTM INC.
1-866-907-1493  (1-800-855-2880 TTY) - Reservations for members and those assisting them.
http://www.mtm-inc.net/wisconsin-website/wisconsin-home/
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 busy, rides in specialized medical vehicles or rides in other types of vehicles depending on a member’s medical and transportation needs.

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Portage Cab (Running Inc.)
(608) 742-4700
Rides within city limits are about $3.25 per trip. Call for specific price. Cab will also go outside of normal service area; call with details for specific price. 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
1110 Race Street, Wisconsin Dells

Van Go Taxi LLC
608-849-7070
Waunakee
www.vangotaxi.com
Days of Operation: M-S
Hours of Operation: 4am-12am
Fare Per Trip: Mileage

Vanpool
www.doa.state.wi.us/vanpool
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. If interested, contact the Vanpool Office: 1-800-884-VANS or e-mail Brian Luther at brian.luther@wisconsin.gov

Wisconsin Employment Transportation Program
Central Wisconsin Community Action Council
(608) 254-8353
Provides car loans to income-eligible, employed individuals. Down payment is required.
Utilities

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative
W6290 Hwy 33, Pardeeville, WI 53954
(608) 429-9300

Alliant Energy
Billing: 1-800-862-6222
Emergency: 1-800-255-4268

CenturyLink
1-800-788-3500
Payment arrangements: 1-888-646-0004

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

Heat for Heroes
(800) 289 – 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.

Wisconsin Low Income Home Energy
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 1-866-433-8947.
Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund
www.kwwf.org
Income guidelines and a state map of where families that are in the 60%-80% median income can apply.

Lifeline and Link-Up Programs
Call local phone company to apply
For questions, contact:
Public Service Commission
610 N. Whitney Way, Madison, WI 53707
800-225-7729
www.psc.state.wi.us
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

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.

Please note that Columbia County Health and Human Services does not endorse agencies, but supplies them as a resource to the community. Thank you for your interest.
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