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### **Programs Available in the Home:**

- Home Visiting Programs: This website provides parent's a way to search home visiting programs in their area - also shares contact information and a document on the different home visiting models. Learn more at:  
**<https://supportingfamiliesogether.org/parents/supports-for-families/>**
  - Some home visiting programs highlighted on the website are:
    - City of Milwaukee Lead Program
    - COA Youth & Family Center - HIPPY Program
    - Direct Assistance for Dads (DAD Project)
    - Empowering Families of Milwaukee - City of Milwaukee
    - Early Head Start
    - Children's Wisconsin Home Visiting Program

### **School Preparedness Programs:**

- Head Start Program: Head Start is a free child and family development program offering half-day and full-day educational programs for three-year-old children and full-day programs for four-year-old children at 35 sites across the city of Milwaukee. Learn more at **<https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Programs/Head-Start.htm>**
  - Early Head Start Locator: Find a Head Start program near you at **<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/center-locator?latitude=43.039&longitude=-87.907&county=Milwaukee%20County&state=WI>**
- HIPPY Program - COA Youth & Family Center: HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) is an internationally recognized bilingual literacy and school-readiness program for preschool children ages two to five. Learn more at: **<https://www.coa-yfc.org/hippy/>**

### **Clinic Based Therapies**

- Children's Wisconsin - Physical and Occupational Therapy: The Children's Wisconsin Physical and Occupational Therapy care team focuses on helping kids who have been injured or who have a disability to function as independently as possible. Learn more at **<https://childrenswi.org/medical-care/physical-and-occupational-therapy>**
- Children's Wisconsin - Speech Program: The Masters Family Speech and Hearing Center diagnoses and treats infants, children and adolescents who have feeding or swallowing problems and communication or learning concerns. Learn more at **<https://childrenswi.org/medical-care/speech-and-hearing-center/programs-and-tests/speech>**



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- Marquette University Speech and Hearing Clinic: The Marquette University Speech and Hearing Clinic (MUSHC) evaluates and serves children and adults of all ages with autism spectrum disorders, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and other developmental disorders as well as those who have suffered an illness or injury. Learn more at: <https://www.marquette.edu/speech-pathology-audiology/clinic.php>
- Curative New Berlin Therapies: Curative New Berlin Therapies is a certified rehabilitation agency providing outpatient therapy services, including: Physical therapy, Occupational therapy, Speech/language and oral motor therapy, Massage therapy, and Aquatic Therapy. Get all the details at: <https://www.curative.org/Curative/Curative-New-Berlin-Therapies.htm>
- Ascension Pediatric Therapy: Ascension's personalized pediatric therapy programs treat childhood developmental issues from birth through adolescence, and provide ongoing family support; Ascension's therapy services are designed for your child's unique developmental needs. Find out more at <https://healthcare.ascension.org/Specialty-Care/Pediatrics/Therapy>

\*Depending on insurance and preference, your family can decide where to go; this list is not definitive

### Parent Resources & Support:

- Wisconsin Family Ties: Wisconsin Family Ties (WFT) is the only statewide, parent-run organization in Wisconsin working with families that include children with social, emotional or behavioral challenges. The organization walks beside families to provide emotional support while helping to navigate the complex service and treatment systems with which families are involved. Learn more at: <https://www.wifamilyties.org/>
- Disability Rights Wisconsin: Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) is a private, non-profit organization that protects the rights of people with disabilities statewide. DRW is completely independent of the government and the disability service system in order to be free of any conflicts of interest which undermines their capacity to advocate vigorously on behalf of the human and legal rights of people with disabilities. Find out more at <https://www.disabilityrightswi.org/>

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- Parent to Parent of Wisconsin: Parent to Parent of Wisconsin provides parent support to parents of children with special needs through a one-to-one connection with another parent who has similar experience and who knows first hand about the feelings and realities that come with having a child with special needs. Get all the details at: <https://p2pwi.org/>
- Southeast Regional Center: Southeast Regional Center provides free and confidential services for children and youth. This is like 211 but for children who are less than 22 years old, with a condition (physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional) or require more health or education services. Their brochure is available at: [https://www.southeastregionalcenter.org/SEregional/Documents/CYW\\_gatefold63.pdf](https://www.southeastregionalcenter.org/SEregional/Documents/CYW_gatefold63.pdf) and their website is at <https://www.southeastregionalcenter.org/>
- Parenting Network - Parent Café's: A Parent Café is a place to have meaningful conversations about what matters and a time to reflect on what can be done to strengthen families so that children can grow up to be healthy. Your involvement can help make Milwaukee a strong and safe city. Find a Parent Café near you at: <https://www.theparentingnetwork.org/parent-cafes>
- Children's Long Term Support Waiver Program: The Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program is a Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver program that provides services for children with severe disabilities. Learn more at <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/DSD/Childrens-Long-Term-Service-Waiver>
- Katie Beckett Program: The Katie Beckett Program is a special eligibility process that allows certain children with long-term disabilities, mental illness, or complex medical needs, living at home with their families, to obtain a ForwardHealth Medicaid card. Children who are not eligible for other Medicaid programs because the income or assets of their parents are too high may be eligible for Medicaid through the Katie Beckett Program. A child may be eligible for this source of Medicaid even if they are currently covered under a private health insurance policy. Get more details at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/kbp/index.htm>



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- Autism Society of Greater Wisconsin: The Autism Society of Greater Wisconsin exists to provide a community for individuals affected by autism, their families, and professionals who serve them. Visit their website at: **[www.autismgreaterwi.org](http://www.autismgreaterwi.org)**
  - Autism Society Southeastern Wisconsin Resource Directory: This resource guide was designed to assist and empower parents in their journey in researching optimal services for their children with Autism Spectrum Disorders by providing information on local resources.  
**[https://www.asew.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/RESOURCE-DIRECTORY-2020\\_v24.pdf](https://www.asew.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/RESOURCE-DIRECTORY-2020_v24.pdf)**

### **Resources About Adoption, Foster Care, Child Protective Services & Support:**

- Foster Care, Education and Mental Health | SaintA: SaintA strives to address the impact of trauma, prevent adversity and promote resilience. Headquartered in Milwaukee, the organization empowers people to overcome barriers to well-being – poverty, poor educational outcomes, unemployment and discrimination, to name a few – so they may thrive. Click here for their site: **<https://sainta.org/>**
- Foster care and adoption through foster care | Children’s Wisconsin: Children’s Wisconsin is the largest provider of foster care programming in the state. At any given time, there are approximately 7,000 children in foster care in Wisconsin. These children deserve safety, love and nurturing in a family setting. Foster parents provide a temporary home for children until they can be safely reunited with biological family or be adopted. Learn more here: **<https://childrenswi.org/childrens-and-the-community/foster-care-and-adoption>**
- Milwaukee Child Protective Services Home (wisconsin.gov): The Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS) works with families to ensure the safety and well-being of children. With its many community partners, DMCPS provides services to families in crisis that help keep children safely in the home. When it is necessary, DMCPS looks to foster and adoptive families to provide appropriate temporary and permanent homes for children who cannot live with their parents.



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- Guardianship - Kids Matter Inc.: Relatives often step in informally to assist parents during difficult times or take in a child after a parent has died. This is called informal caregiving, if child protection or the courts are not involved. As a relative caregiver, you need to understand your legal options when raising a child. Do you want to continue as an informal caregiver? Or do you need to consider a formal guardianship? This guide can help you determine which type of guardianship best fits the rights and duties you need to care for the child. Read the guide at: <https://kidsmatterinc.org/get-help/for-families/guardianship/>

