



SERVING OLDER YOUTH

- Chafee Act Overview: <https://fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/IF11070.pdf>
- Youth Transitioning from Foster Care-Background and Federal Programs: <https://fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL34499.pdf>
- FosterClub: <https://www.fosterclub.com>
 - Transition Toolkit: <http://store.fosterclub.com/transition-toolkit-download>
- Annie E. Casey Foundation: <https://www.aecf.org/>
- DCF Youth Services Framework: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/ys/pdf/ys-framework.pdf>
- DCF Youth Services Regional Map: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/youthservices/pdf/il-regionsmap.pdf>
- DCF Roadmap to Independent Living: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/il/pdf/il-roadmap.pdf>
- DCF Independent Living Worker Portal (“resources and training” tab): <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/il>

POINTS OF CONTACT

- Wisconsin Independent Living/Education Training Voucher Coordinators:
 - County and Tribal IL Contacts: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/map/il>
 - Regional Transition Resource Agency (TRA) IL Contacts: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/index.php/map/il-r>
- National Independent Living/Education and Training Voucher Coordinators: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/resources/states-territories-tribes/state-child-welfare-agency-education-contacts-independent-living-and-education-and-training/?rt=808>
- Wisconsin DCF Bureau of Regional Operations: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/regionaloperations>
- Wisconsin DCF Tribal Affairs: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/tribalaffairs>
- Wisconsin’s federally-recognized tribes: <http://witribes.wi.gov/>
- National federally-recognized tribes: <https://www.bia.gov/service/tribal-leaders-directory>

EDUCATION

Grade and Secondary School

WI Department of Public Instruction

- Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) Contact Information: <http://dpi.wi.gov/cesa>
- Schools’ Homeless Liaison Directory: <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/liaisons>
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):
 - Overview: <https://dpi.wi.gov/esea>
 - Accountability Reports: <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/essa/>
- Work-based Learning: <https://dpi.wi.gov/cte/work-based-learning>
- ****new**** Talent Incentive Program Grants: <https://dpi.wi.gov/weop/tip-grant>
- Supporting the Educational Needs of Children and Youth – Resource List for Child Welfare Professionals: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/Resource_List_for_Child_Welfare_Professionals_-_Supporting_the_Educational_Needs_of_Children_and_Youth_DPI_.pdf

Postsecondary School

- Wisconsin Colleges and Universities: http://www.mywcpa.org/colleges_universities.php



Wisconsin Technical Colleges

- Overview information: <https://www.wtcsystem.edu/>
- Campus locations: <https://www.wtcsystem.edu/detailed-college-map/>

Wisconsin Private Colleges

- Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities: <https://www.waicu.org/>
- Wisconsin's Private Colleges: <https://www.wisconsinsprivatecolleges.org/>

University of Wisconsin System

- Overview information: <https://www.wisconsin.edu/>
- Campus locations: <https://www.wisconsin.edu/campuses/>
 - <https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/>
- UW Fostering Success: <https://www.wisconsin.edu/fostering-success/>
- Wisconsin Tuition Promise: <https://www.wisconsin.edu/tuition-promise/>
- UW-Madison Bucky Tuition Promise: <https://financialaid.wisc.edu/types-of-aid/tuition-promise/>

Other

- Milwaukee Public Schools – M3 College Connections Program (MKE only):
<https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Programs/Postsecondary-Engagement/M3.htm>

Financial Aid

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- Wisconsin Tuition Promise: <https://www.wisconsin.edu/tuition-promise/>
- UW-Madison Bucky Tuition Promise: <https://financialaid.wisc.edu/types-of-aid/tuition-promise/>
- College Goal Wisconsin: <https://collegegoalwi.org/>
- DCF Paying for College page: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youthservices/college>
 - Brighter Star (Education and Training Voucher) Funds
 - <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/youthservices/pdf/brighterstar-etv.pdf>
 - <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/youthservices/pdf/bs-funding-guidelines.pdf>
- Point Foundation: <https://pointfoundation.org/>
- Ava's Grace Scholarship: <http://avasgrace.org/>
- ScholarChips for Children of Incarcerated Parents: <https://www.scholarchipsfund.org/>
- Give Back: <https://www.giveback.ngo/>
- The nsoro Foundation: <https://nsoro.foundation/>
- Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc.:
<https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>
- Fastweb - Financial Aid and Scholarships for Foster Care and Adopted Children:
<https://www.fastweb.com/financial-aid/articles/financial-aid-and-scholarships-for-foster-care-and-adopted-children>
- Foster Love x Academics: <https://academics.fosterlove.com/>
- Foster Care to Success: <http://www.fc2success.org/programs/scholarships-and-grants/>
- School House Connection: <https://schoolhouseconnection.org/youth-leadership/scholarship-program/>



EMPLOYMENT

National

- Job Corps: <https://www.jobcorps.gov/>

WI Department of Workforce Development

- DWD home: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/>
- Wisconsin Workforce Development Association: <https://www.wwda.org/system>
- Workforce Development Boards: <https://www.dwd.wisconsin.gov/dislocatedworker/wda/wda-map.htm>
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA): <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/wioa/>
- Vocational Rehabilitation: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr>
- Vocational Rehabilitation for Native Americans (VRNA): <https://www.glitc.org/programs/vocational-rehabilitation/vocational-rehabilitation-for-native-americans/vrna-eligibility/>
- Job Center of Wisconsin:
 - Overview information:
 - <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/>
 - <https://www.jobcenterofwisconsin.com/wisconomy/>
 - Locations: <http://wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/>
- Training Programs: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/wioa/jobseeker/>
- Wisconsin Apprenticeships:
 - Overview: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/>
 - Youth Apprenticeship: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/ya/>

WI Department of Children and Families

- Wisconsin Works (W2) Program: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/w2/parents>
 - W2 Agency Locator: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/w2/parents/locator>
 - Transitional Jobs: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/w2/tj>
 - Transform Milwaukee Jobs: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/w2/tmj>

Miscellaneous

- A Practice Framework for Creating Supportive Work Environments for Older Youth and Young Adults Who have Experienced Foster Care:
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f3c515ad379a91a95a2a186/t/6792e7c25279b176c53430d4/1737680849625/SupportiveWorkEnvironmentsForOlderYouth.pdf>

HEALTH, IDENTITY, AND WELLNESS

WI Department of Health Services and other Partners

- ACCESS – benefits portal: <https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/>
- Insurance – BadgerCare+: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/index.htm>
 - Income Maintenance Agencies: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/em/im-agencies-list.htm>
- FoodShare: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/foodshare/fpl.htm>
- ****new**** Requesting a Vital Record: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/vitalrecords/record.htm>
- County Public Health Departments: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lh-depts/counties.htm>
- Tribal Health Centers: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lh-depts/tribal.htm>
- Area Administration Coverage: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/areaadmin/index.htm>



- Community Program, Social Service, and Human Service Agencies: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/areaadmin/hsd-programs.htm>
- Supports and Services:
 - Comprehensive Community Services: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ccs/index.htm>
 - Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/index.htm>
 - Coordinated Services Teams: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/cst/index.htm>
 - Community Recovery Services: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/crs/index.htm>
 - Community Support Programs: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/csp/index.htm>
 - Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC): <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/consumer/index.htm>
- Establishing Power of Attorney for Health Care: <https://www.kidsmatterinc.org/for-youth/medical-power-of-attorney/>

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

- Community Outreach Wisconsin: <https://cow.waisman.wisc.edu/contact/>
 - After-hours-on-call: 608-219-2054
 - Community TIES Clinic – Behavioral Support for Individuals with Disabilities: <https://cow.waisman.wisc.edu/ties/>

Primary Care

- ****new**** Drug Interaction Checker: https://www.drugs.com/drug_interactions.html

Mental Health

- Consumer Guide to Health Care – Finding and Choosing Mental Health Care Treatment Programs: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/guide/mental-health.htm>
- Better Help: <https://www.betterhelp.com/>
- Sanvello: <https://lnk.bio/sanvello/>
- Crisis Services: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/crisis/988.htm>
 - Call or text 988
- Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health: <https://children.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>
- Wisconsin Peer-Run Respite Centers: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/peer-services/peer-run-respites.htm>
- National Suicide and Crisis Hotline: <https://988lifeline.org/>
 - Text 988
- Center for Suicide Awareness – Hopeline: <https://www.centerforsuicideawareness.org/hopeline>
 - Text "Hopeline" to 741741
- The Warmline – peer-run support line: 414-777-4729
- North Central Health Care – Mobile Crisis Team: <https://www.norcen.org/services/crisis-services/mobile-crisis-team/>
 - Crisis hotline: 715-845-4326 or 800-799-0122
- Prevent Suicide Wisconsin – County Crisis Lines: <https://www.preventsuicidewi.org/county-crisis-lines>
- Speaking of Suicide – Resources: <https://speakingofsuicide.com/resources/>
- Research and Training Center for Pathways to Positive Futures: <https://www.pathwaysrtc.pdx.edu/>
- A Home Within: <https://www.ahomewithin.org/>
- National Alliance on Mental Illness: <https://www.nami.org/Home>



- ****new**** Mental Health America – Supporting Young Minds: <https://mhanational.org/supporting-young-minds/>
- ****new**** Mental Health Resources: <https://mhanational.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/SYM-2025-Resource-Guide.pdf>

Sexual Assault and Violence

- Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault: <https://www.wcasa.org/>
 - Sexual Assault Service Providers (SASPs) in Wisconsin: <https://www.wcasa.org/survivors/service-providers/>
- RAINN: <https://www.rainn.org/>
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center: <https://www.nsvrc.org/organizations>
- RALIANCE Rape Crisis Centers in Wisconsin: https://www.raliance.org/rape-crisis-centers/wpbdp_category/wisconsin/
- Safe Dates – An Adolescent Dating Abuse Prevention Curriculum for LGBTQ Youth: <https://www.diverseandresilient.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Safe-Dates-Toolkit-12.2018.pdf>

Human Trafficking

- Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/aht>
- National Human Trafficking Hotline: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>
 - Text “Help” to 233733
- Wisconsin Starting Point Map for Human Trafficking Victim Services: <https://www.wisdoj.gov/Criminal%20Investigation/HT%20Services%20Starting%20Point%20update%2021.pdf>
- The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children – Team HOPE: <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/support/teamhope>
 - Assists families of missing or exploited children, as well as adult survivors of certain types of sexual abuse, abduction, or other missing cases. They can also assist removal of online child sexual abuse material

LGBTQIA+

- Campus Pride Index: <https://www.campusprideindex.org/>
- CenterLink – Community of LGBT Centers: <https://www.lgbtcenters.org/>
- GLAAD: <https://www.glaad.org/>
- LGBTQ Competency Toolkit: <https://www.diverseandresilient.org/resources/lgbtq-competency-toolkit/>
- Family Acceptance Project: <https://familyproject.sfsu.edu/>
- Point Foundation: <https://pointfoundation.org/>
- LGBT Health Link: <https://www.lgbthealthlink.org/>
- Youth Resource List: <https://www.diverseandresilient.org/resources/youth-resource-list/>
- UW-Milwaukee LGBTQ+ Resource Center: <https://uwm.edu/lgbtrc/>
- Main Line Health – Coming Out to Your Provider: <https://www.mainlinehealth.org/specialties/lgbtq-inclusive-care/coming-out>
- American Psychological Association – LGBTQ+ Health: <https://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/resources/lgbt-health>
- GLMA – Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality: <http://www.glma.org/>
 - LGBTQ+ Healthcare Directory: <https://lgbtqhealthcaredirectory.org/>



- Safe Dates – An Adolescent Dating Abuse Prevention Curriculum for LGBTQ Youth: <https://www.diverseandresilient.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Safe-Dates-Toolkit-12.2018.pdf>
- Trans Lifeline: <https://translifeline.org/>
- Trans Resource List: <https://www.diverseandresilient.org/resources/trans-resource-list/>
- Gender Diversity: <http://www.genderdiversity.org/>
- Gender Spectrum: <https://www.genderspectrum.org/>
- Genderbread Person: <https://www.itspronouncedmetrosexual.com/genderbread-person/>
- The Trevor Project <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>
 - Call 1-866-488-7386 or text “Start” to 678678

Equity

- Disability Rights Wisconsin: <https://disabilityrightswi.org/>
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation – interactive Racial Equity Resource Guide: https://www.canr.msu.edu/od/uploads/files/Multiculturalism_Diversity/Racial_Equity_Resource_Guide_1.pdf
- Racial Equity Tools: <https://www.racialequitytools.org/>
- Social Current – Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: <https://www.social-current.org/impact-areas/equity-diversity-and-inclusion/>
- Trauma-Informed Practice Strategies to Support Indigenous Transition-Aged Youth: <https://tribalinformationexchange.org/index.php/2023/03/01/trauma-informed-practice-strategies-to-support-indigenous-transition-aged-youth/>

HOUSING

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:
 - Wisconsin profile: <https://www.hud.gov/states/wisconsin>
 - Wisconsin’s Public Housing Authorities: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PHA_Contact_Report_WI.pdf
 - Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) housing vouchers: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/public-indian-housing-fyi>
 - DCF DMCPs informational memo on FYI (MKE County only): <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/mcps/policy/2021-02-memo.pdf>
 - DCF informational memo on FYI: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/policy/pdf/memos/2023-25i.pdf>
 - Family Unification Program (FUP) housing vouchers: <https://www.hud.gov/helping-americans/housing-choice-vouchers-family>
- Wisconsin Disabilities Housing Assistance Programs: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/physical/housing-assist.htm>
- Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA): <https://www.wheda.com/Voucher-Administration/>
- Continuum of Care Agencies:
 - Dane County: <https://www.danecountyhomeless.org>
 - Milwaukee County: <http://milwaukeeecoc.org>
 - Racine County: <https://racinecoc.org/>
 - Balance of the State (remaining 69 counties): <https://www.wiboscoc.org>
- UW Extension – Rent Smart: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/rentsmart/>
 - Free virtual programs: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/rentsmart/rent-smart-online/>



CONNECTIONS

- The Open Table: <https://www.theopentable.org/>
- Foster Care Alumni of America: <https://fostercarealumni.org/>
- ****new**** Wisconsin Family Connections Center Virtual Support Group: Adult Adoptees: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-group-adult-adoptees-tickets-114467094160?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>
- FosterClub: The App: <https://app.fosterclub.com/>
- University of Minnesota's Youth Connections Scale: <https://cascw.umn.edu/portfolio-items/youth-connections-scale-ycs/>

FINANCES

- UW Extension – Money Matters: <https://finances.extension.wisc.edu/programs/money-matters/>
- Youthful Savings: <https://youthfulsavings.com/>
- InCharge – Credit Counseling: <https://www.incharge.org/debt-relief/credit-counseling/>
- ****new**** Annual Credit Report.com: <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>
- AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Service: <https://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org/>
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) – find providers: <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>
- My Free Taxes – specific to people making \$60,000 or less: <https://myfreetaxes.com/>

TRANSPORTATION

- ****new**** Teen Driver Portal: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/teen-driver/teen-sfty/index.aspx>
- ****new**** Graduated Driver License (GDL): <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/teen-driver/yr-frst-lcns/gdlfaq.aspx>
- Driver Education Grant Program: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/teen-driver/teen-sfty/degrant.aspx>
- ****new**** MTM Link (BadgerCare+ Ride Options): <https://www.mtm-inc.net/mtm-link/>

OTHER

- ****new**** A Guide for Youth in Out-of-Home care Placements in Wisconsin: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/405.pdf>
- 211 Resources: www.211.org
 - 211 Wisconsin App: <https://www.unitedwaydanecounty.org/get-help-211/>
- Wayfinder: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wiscway/index.htm>
- Child Protective Services Agency Information: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/reportabuse>
- One Simple Wish: <https://www.onesimplewish.org/>
- ****new**** CarePortal: <https://www.careportal.org/>
- UMOS: <https://www.umos.org/services/>
- ****new**** US Social Security Administration: <https://www.ssa.gov/>
- ****new**** Obtaining an ID card: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/id-card.aspx>
- MyVote Wisconsin – Register to Vote: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Register-To-Vote>
- Legal Action of Wisconsin: <https://www.legalaction.org/>
- ****new**** Identity Theft Resource Center: <https://www.idtheftcenter.org/>
- Wisconsin's Adoption Records Search Program: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/0005a.pdf>



- Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP):
 - Overview information: <https://wiscap.org/>
 - Community Action Agencies (CAPs): <https://www.wiscap.org/find-an-agency>
- Wisconsin Tribes:
 - Native American Tribal Lands of Wisconsin: <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/pdf/tribal-map.pdf>
 - Wisconsin DCF Tribal Affairs: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/tribalaffairs>
 - Wisconsin's federally-recognized tribes: <http://witribes.wi.gov/>
 - Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council: <https://www.glitc.org/>
- Youth Voice and Positive Youth Development:
 - DCF Youth Leadership Opportunities: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youthservices/leadership>
 - Youth Collaboratory: <https://www.youthcollaboratory.org/>
 - National Foster Youth Institute: <https://nfyi.org/>
 - Office of Children's Mental Health – Youth Leadership: <https://children.wi.gov/pages/LivedExperience/BecomeALeader.aspx>
- Safety and De-Escalation Tactics:
 - Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training, such as: <https://www.cesa6.org/services/nvci/index.cfm>
 - Verbal Judo: <https://verbaljudo.com/>
 - Mandt training: <https://www.mandtsystem.com/>
 - Crisis Prevention Institute trainings: <https://www.crisisprevention.com/Our-Programs>
 - Safe Crisis Management: <https://safecrisismanagement.com/>
 - Vision Change Win
 - Community Safety Training Series: <https://visionchangewin.org/training-series/>
 - Get in Formation – Community Safety Toolkit: <https://visionchangewin.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/VCW-Safety-Toolkit-Final.pdf>
 - American Psychological Association – Coping with Challenging Clients: <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2017/07-08/challenging-clients>
 - Working with Angry People (90 min lecture): <https://naswinstitute.inreachce.com/Details/Information/228f8e2d-9ff6-426c-b284-be234675576b>
 - Mental Health First Aid: <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>
 - Motivational Interviewing: <https://motivationalinterviewing.org/understanding-motivational-interviewing>