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
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Adoption Services

Adoption Choice
700 Rayovac Rd, Suite 115, Madison WI, 53711
By Appointment
(608) 244-7805
800-236-7863 Toll Free
800-255-6305 Birth Parent – Toll Free (24/7)
Email: info@adoptionchoiceinc.org
http://www.adoptionchoiceinc.org

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

Catholic Charities
702 South High Point Road, Suite 105, Madison WI  53719
800-236-4673; 608-258-7506 after hours number for current clients
Email: ccharities@ccmadison.org
http://www.catholiccharitiesofmadison.org
Post Adoption Resource Center
Questions about adoption, adoption related events; Your adoption did not have to occur through Catholic Charities in order to receive services.
(608)826-8010
M-F 8:30 – 4:30pm
Email: postadoption@ccmadison.org

Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services
Baraboo Community Services Office
203 Fourth Street, Baraboo, WI  53913
(608) 356-3019
9:30 – 5:00pm M-F

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan – Madison Office
6314 Odana Rd, Madison, WI  53719
(608) 277-0610
http://www.lsswis.org/LSS/Programs-Services/Adoption
Serving all ages as well as for families of all faiths and backgrounds find each other.
Services include: Pregnancy Counseling, Adoption, Post Adoption and Waiting Families.

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

Wiadopt
Information and resources for families interested in adoption and birth parents interested in learning about making an adoption plan for their child.
http://wiadopt.org/

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
1 West Wilson Street Room 527, Madison, WI 53708
(608) 264-6838
https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/adoption/assistance
Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)

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

Local Help with the Marketplace
For the most current list of local help:
www.coveringwi.org

Columbus Community Hospital
1515 Park Street
Columbus, WI 53925
(920) 623-2200

Ethel Everhard Memorial Library
117 East Third Street
Westfield, WI 53964
(608) 296-2544

Ho Chunk Health Care Center
S2845 Whiteeagle Rd
Baraboo, WI 53913
(715) 284-9851

Hope House of South Central WI, Inc.
720 Ash Street
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-7500

JSV Insurance – Hannah
746 South Main
Columbus, WI 53925
(608) 575-1177

St. Clare Hospital
707 Fourteenth St.
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-1334

Sauk County Department of Human Services
505 Broadway
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 355-4200

Montello Public Library
128 Lake Court
Montello, WI 53949
(608) 297-7544

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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.
Email: info@4-C.org
http://www.4-c.org

Child Enhancement Center
(920) 348-5135 ext. 181 Abby Jones Interim Director
Email: abigail.jones@cambria-frieslandschools.org
http://www.cf.k12.wi.us/families/child-enhancement-center.cfm
Mon – Fri 5:30am – 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
www.columbusclubhouse.org
Before and after school program for children from 5K through 6th grade.
Summer program 6:00 am to 6:00pm.

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
www.renewalunlimited.net
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
Crisis Text line: 741741

Al-Anon Meetings
888-425-2666
Call for times and locations of meetings in Columbia County
Email: drdistrict9@area61afg.org district representative
www.area61afg.org

Alateen
866-425-2666
http://www.area61afg.org/what-is-al-anon/what-is-alateen/
http://al-anon.info/MeetingSearch/AlateenMeetings.aspx to find an al-anon meeting

Alcohol and Drug Referral Line
800-821-4357

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

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

Between Friends
Chicago, IL 60660
1-800-603-HELP (4357)
Building a community without domestic violence.

Brain Injury & Stroke Support Group
(608)745-9055 Kayla
2815 New Pinery Road, Portage, WI 53901
3rd Tuesday of each month; 4:00 – 5:00pm
Wellness Center at Divine Savior Healthcare, Suite 4

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Breastfeeding Workshop
Divine Savior Healthcare
(608) 745-5607 to register or for more information
Free workshop introducing parents-to-be about the latest information on breastfeeding. Topics include proper techniques, what to expect and the benefits of breastfeeding in today’s world.

Columbia County Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)
2652 Murphy Rd, Portage 53901
(608) 742-9227
CCS assists persons 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)
Journey Mental Health
322 de Witt St, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 745-9292
CSP (through Journey Mental Health) provides community based services to adults with severe and persistent mental illness (such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder).

Compass Counseling
1508 New Pinery Rd., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 745-4900
www.compasscounseling.info

Crisis Text Hotline
741741

Disaster Distress Helpline
800-985-5990
It’s common to feel anxious after incidents of mass violence. You’re not alone.
https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline

Drug and Alcohol Treatment
888-928-5278
Rosecrance offers inpatient and outpatient substance use disorder and mental health issue treatments. Rockford, IL
http://www.rosecrance.org/

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Family Health La Clinica – Behavioral Health Services
(800) 942-5330  (920) 787-5514 ext 242
First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Florence St., Cambria, WI 53923
www.famhealth.com
No one will be denied services due to an inability to pay for care. A sliding fee scale based on your income is available.

Foundations Counseling Center LLC (In-home counseling)
(608) 424-9100
619 River St., Suite F, Belleville, WI 53508
www.foundationscc.com

Greif Support Group
(608) 697-0645 Jeri Sutter for dates/times

Hope House
Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-9123
(608) 356-7500
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm
Toll Free: 800-584-6790 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.

Journey Mental Health Center
322 de Witt St, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 745-9292
www.journeymhc.org

Living with Cancer Support Group
(608) 742-2281
United Methodist Church, 1804 New Pinery Road, Portage, WI 53901
3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 pm

Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin
(LCFS) is a non-profit, state licensed outpatient mental health care agency and adoption service provider.
800-291-4513
www.lcfswi.org

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MATRS (Medication Assisted Treatment Recovery & Support)
2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 402-4312 - 24/7 Heroin and Opioid help
MATRS is an Outpatient treatment for addiction of opiates that uses medication assistance along with mental health and social supports to achieve sobriety.

Military One Source
Wisconsin Military OneSource Co.
(800) 342-9647
www.militaryonesource.mil
A source of information for military and their families, active or inactive.

Mommy and Me Connections
(608) 745-5696
Divine Savior Healthcare Classroom C
10:30am on the 1st Monday of the month
Support group for all mothers, breastfeeding or not, as an opportunity to connect with one another, listen to one another’s stories, and build relationships with other mothers in the community.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group
(608) 566-1272 Karen
Divine Savior Healthcare Classroom C
10:00am – 12:00pm, 3rd Saturday of the month.

Narcotics Anonymous – Scenic Bluff Area
866-590-2648
Meeting locations:
https://scenicbluffsarea.org

National Child Abuse Hotline
800-4-A-CHILD; (800) 442-4453

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

National Hope Line Network, Suicide & Crisis Hotline
800-442-HOPE; 800-442-4673
National network hotline for people in crisis and having thoughts of suicide

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National Institute of Mental Health Resource Center
866-615-6464
Provides information and literature on mental illness for professionals and general public
www.nimh.nih.gov

National Youth Crisis Hotline
800-442-HOPE; 800-442-4673
TEXT: 741741

Ostomy Support Group
(608) 742-1063 Theresa
Divine Savior Healthcare Café Classroom
5:30 – 6:30 pm, 2nd Monday every other month

Pauquette Center for Psychological Services
Portage:
(608) 742-5518
2901 Hunters Trail; Portage, WI 53901
Columbus:
(920) 623-5578
1343 Park Avenue, Columbus, WI 53925
Email: info@pauquette.com
www.pauquette.com

Psychiatric Associates
(920) 885-2780
200 Front St, Beaver Dam, WI 53916

SSM Health Treatment and Recovery Center (formerly St Clare)
1510 Jefferson Street, Baraboo WI 53913
(608)356-1533
https://www.ssmhealth.com/mental-health/treatment-recovery-for-chemical-dependency
Treatment for chemical dependency: outpatient treatment, day treatment, relapse prevention, gender specific groups, and an intensive outpatient opioid addiction treatment program.

Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern WI
Water Tower Place
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.

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SAMHSA’s National Helpline/Referral Service
800-662-HELP (4357)
www.samhsa.gov
Free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders. Can link the caller to a variety of hotlines that provide treatment referrals 24 hours a day.

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
Main Campus
300 Femrite Drive, Madison, WI
(608) 222-7311
(877) 661-9051 Tollfree
Sauk County Clinic
414 West Broadway, Ste 101, Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 477-4003

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) 242-6297
Contact: Ryan Sheahan, e-mail: rsheahan@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 (In-home counseling)
317 DeWitt Street, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 745-1751
www.tbhllc.com

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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 veterans themselves.

Warmline
(608) 422-2383
Need someone to talk to? The Warmline is answered by people who have experienced 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 (24 hours/day)
TEXT: 920-888-HELP
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
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
http://www.redcross.org/local/wisconsin/chapters/southwest
Responds to disasters such as fire, flood, and 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.

Hope House
Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-9123
(608) 356-7500
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm
Toll Free: 800-584-6790 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.

Lodi – Reach Out Lodi Community Store
610 Clark Street, Lodi WI 53555
(608) 592-4592
www.reachoutlodi.org
Open by appointment Mon, Tues, and Thurs from 9:00 – 3:30 and Sat from 8:30 – 11:00.
Provides FREE assistance to families and individuals in crisis to meet their basic living needs. Products include food, personal essentials, household cleaning supplies, school supplies and clothing for men, women and children.

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800-442-HOPE (4673)
National network hotline for people in crisis and having thoughts of suicide

National Youth Crisis Hotline
800-442-HOPE; 800-442-4673
TEXT: 741741

Pregnancy Resource Center
311 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901
800-705-4710
portageprc@yahoo.com
http://portagewiprc.com
Offers free pregnancy testing, adoption information and referrals, baby clothing, supplies, counseling and pregnancy education. Promotes life and adoption.

Runaway and Youth Services (RAYS)
Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan
24-Hour Hotline: 855-577-7297
(608) 355-4103
https://www.lsswis.org/LSS/Programs-Services/Housing-Homelessness/Teen-Runaway-Homelessness-Programs
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.

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 veterans themselves.

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Dental – Free or Low Cost Services

Columbia County Health and Human Services – Seal-A-Smile
Susan Lorenz R.N. M.S. Columbia County Health Officer at 608-742-9227
susan.lorenz@co.columbia.wi.us
The Columbia County Seal-A-Smile dental sealant program is available at no charge whether or not your child is covered by dental insurance. The program will bill Medical Assistance or BadgerCare if your child is covered by these programs.

Serving the following schools in Columbia County during the school year:
Cambria Friesland Elementary & Middle Schools
Columbus Elementary
Endeavor Elementary
Fall River Elementary School & High Schools
Pardeeville Elementary & Middle Schools
Portage Elementary & Middle Schools
Randolph Elementary School
Rio Elementary, Middle/High Schools
Wisconsin Dells Spring Hill Elementary & Middle Schools

Familia Dental
3003 E Washington Ave., Madison, WI 53704
(608) 244-8050; (888) 988-4066
http://www.familiadental.com
Participants of Medical Assistance or BadgerCare

Family Health La Clinica - Beaver Dam
207 S. University Ave., Beaver Dam, WI 53916
(920) 356-5012
http://www.famhealth.com
Participants of Medical Assistance or BadgerCare

Family Health La Clinica - Wautoma
400 South Townline Road, Wautoma, WI 54982
(920) 787-5514
http://famhealth.com
Participants of Medical Assistance or BadgerCare, Insured, Low-Income (Uninsured). Affordable Care Program.

Free or Reduced Fee Dental Services
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/guide/freedental.htm

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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.

Madison Dental Initiative
630 E Washington Ave, Madison WI 53703
(608) 665-2752
www.mdidental.org
Individuals must have NO private dental insurance (BadgerCare, Medicaid accepted). Family incomes must be below 200% Federal Poverty Level.

Marshfield Clinic – Black River Falls Dental Clinic
N6571 Lumberjack Guy Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
(715) 670-0400
Serve all patients, regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. Those who lack access to dental care are given priority.

Marquette University School of Dentistry Clinic
1801 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 288-6790
All patients accepted including MA and Title XIX, Low-Income (uninsured); 13 years and older for general clinic. Must pass through the screening process. Pediatric clinic available.

Mauston Dental Center
880 Herriot Drive, Mauston, WI 53948
(608) 847-6700
http://www.famhealth.com
Participants of Medical Assistance or BadgerCare, Forward Health, Low-Income (uninsured), or Insured.

Poynette School District Dental Program – Brighter Smiles
608-635-4347 Dave Fischer ext. 201, Vicki Sukowski ext. 314 or Gabe Morton ext. 334
Services provided to qualified students in the Poynette School District.

St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care
2450 W. North Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53205
(414) 210-2440
www.stanncenter.org/clinic
Hours M, T, Th & F 8:00 – 5:00
For children and adults with disabilities who cannot be treated in a standard dental clinic because of expense or lack of accessibility. Referral from a Doctor or Dentist required.
St. Vincent de Paul Dental Clinic
1906 North Street, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578
(608) 644-0504 ext. 10 or 12
http://www.stvdpdental.com
Residents of Sauk and Columbia Counties. Low Income (<200% Poverty Level) Uninsured, and participants of Badger Care and Medical Assistance. Application required (608-742-9227).
Domestic Violence

Between Friends
Chicago, IL 60660
1-800-603-HELP (4357)
Building a community without domestic violence.

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
Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-9123
(608) 356-7500
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm
Toll Free: 800-584-6790 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 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.peopleagainstviolentenvironment.com/

Pregnancy Resource Center
311 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901
800-705-4710
portageprc@yahoo.com
http://portagewiprc.com
Offers free pregnancy testing, adoption information and referrals, baby clothing, supplies, counseling and pregnancy education. 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/](http://www.accesstoind.org/)
Provides resources, services and advocacy for people with any type of disability and of any age.

**Central Wisconsin Community Action Council (CWCAC)**
203 DeWitt St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-3320
[www.cwcac.org](http://www.cwcac.org)
9:00 am – 5:30 pm Monday – Wednesday. Closed Thursday and Friday
Get Smart: Skills Enhancement Program
Business and Economic Development: Micro-loans for start-up businesses to qualified applicants.

**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](http://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.

**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.

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Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR)
(866) 813-0974
1414 MacArthur Road, Suite A, Madison, WI 53714
Specializes in service workers age 55+
info@gwaar.org
http://gwaar.org

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.
(800) 342-9647
www.militaryonesource.mil
A source of information for military and their families, active or inactive.

Northwoods Inc. of Wisconsin
N6510 U.S. Highway 51 PO Box 357, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-7114
Northwoods Inc. is a private, non-profit organization which provides meaningful programs and services that maintain individuals and families in the least restrictive setting and assists them to reach their maximum potential of development and independence within an integrated community environment. Services include vocational training and placement, elderly and frail in-home support, day service programming, and independent living and family parenting/support/mentoring.

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 9-2
Job search assistance and resume writing help available.
Free one-on-one appointment

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QTI  
311 E. Wisconsin St. Suite 106, Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-7800  
Temporary employment agency

**Tools for Tomorrow**  
Madison Area Technical College  
2125 Commercial Ave., Madison, WI 53705  
(608) 745-3100  
toolsfortomorrow@madisoncollege.edu  
This program is designed to help women obtain training and employment in skilled trade and technical areas, including apprenticeships.

**UMOS**  
(414) 389-6000  
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  
http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/veterans/  
Provides job search assistance to eligible veterans.

**Wisconsin Fresh Start / AmeriCorps**  
Renewal Unlimited, Inc.  
2930 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  
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.

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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 be a 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 caregivers and individuals with dementia. Services include: a lending library, information and referral, consultation, ongoing individual support of caregivers, 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.
Aging and Disability Resource Center of Columbia County (ADRC)
2652 Murphy Rd., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9233
8:00 am -- 4:30 pm Monday-Friday
A place where all adults of all incomes and with any need may find information and resources. See www.co.columbia.wi.us for more details about the ADRC, which is in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Boy Scouts of America
(608) 273-1005
Madison WI
https://www.scouting.org/
One of the nation’s largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for your people that build character.

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. (CWCAC)
203 DeWitt St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-3320
www.cwcac.org
9:00 am – 5:30 pm Monday – Wednesday. Closed Thursday and Friday
Helping individuals manage their benefit money to meet their needs and assure them a better quality of life. Programs: Representative Payee Services, Conservatorships, Trustee Services and Federal Fiduciary.

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)742-9680
4-H Program Assistants: Jennifer Evans (608) 742-9687 jennifer.evans@ces.uwex.edu
Pat Wagner (608)742-9685 pat.wagner@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. Horticulture and natural resources protects our economy, our food supply, our natural environment and our future.
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.

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)742-9680
Strengthens families by helping adults be better parents, manage money wisely and handle life’s stress and changes.

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP)/FoodWise
Wisconsin Education Program Coordinator
(608)742-9693
Caitlin Richardson; caitlin.richardson@ces.uwex.edu
WNEP/FoodWise helps low-income families eat better, keep food safe, and stretch their food dollars. Open to those who receive or are eligible to receive FoodShare.

Communications Innovations
2927 S. Fish Hatchery Rd., Fitchburg, 53711
Becky Lotto
(608) 819-6394
info@communicationinnovations.com
www.communicationinnovations.com
Provides a comprehensive support system for individuals with special needs and their families through the highest quality services available.

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

Girl Scouts of Badgerland Council
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
www.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.

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Lodi – Reach Out Lodi Community Store
610 Clark Street, Lodi WI 53555
(608) 592-4592
www.reachoutlodi.org
Open by appointment Mon, Tues, and Thurs from 9:00 – 3:30 and Sat from 8:30 – 11:00. Provides FREE assistance to families and individuals in crisis to meet their basic living needs. Products include food, personal essentials, household cleaning supplies, school supplies and clothing for men, women and children.

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.
(800) 342-9647
www.militaryonesource.mil
A source of information for military and their families, active or inactive.

Mommy and Me Connections
Divine Savior Healthcare Conference Room C
(608) 745-5696
10:30am on the 1st Monday of the month
Support group for all mothers, breastfeeding or not, as an opportunity to connect with one another, listen to one another’s stories, and build relationships with other mothers in the community.

Northwoods Inc. of Wisconsin
N6510 U.S. Highway 51 PO Box 357, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-7114
Northwoods Inc. is a private, non-profit organization which provides meaningful programs and services that maintain individuals and families in the least restrictive setting and assists them to reach their maximum potential of development and independence within an integrated community environment. Services include vocational training and placement, elderly and frail in-home support, day service programming, and independent living and family parenting/support/mentoring.

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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, the local clergy fund and the local United Way.

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
1:00PM – 4:00PM Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Provides free clothing for men, women, children, and infants, some household items, paper products and toiletries, washcloths and towels, some baby products.

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Food Pantries and Nutrition Programs

2nd Harvest Mobile Food Pantries
(Open to all Columbia County residents) Everyone welcome. No ID’s needed.
Bring your own carts/baskets to carry your food.
**Portage:** 2nd Monday of every month, 10:30, at Columbia Co. Fairgrounds, Intersection of Griffith St/Superior St.
**Pardeeville:** 4th Monday of every month, 3:30pm at St. Mary’s Church, 318 S. Main St.

Blessings in a Back Pack
Poynette School District
Providing weekend meals to children in need.
Contact: (608) 635-4347 Vicki Sukowski ext.314 or Gabe Morton ext. 334

Bread Basket Community Food Pantry
First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Florence Street, Cambria, WI 53923
Serves residents of Cambria School District; Open Thursdays 3:00-5:00PM or by appointment.
Call: Joanne Sanderson at (920) 348-5568, or Jeanne Radke (920)326-3218 or Joanne Vaughn (920)296-2452 for assistance.

Bridgepoint Mission Center
Bridgepoint Mission Center, 1009 Stand Rock Rd. (near Rocky Rococo’s) Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
No Income requirements.
3rd Wednesday, 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council (CWCAC)
Food Pantry Director/Coordinator
(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; By Appt. only on Thursdays 4:00 -6:45pm
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.

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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: Laura (920) 623-4558 laurajreetz@yahoo.com
Poynette: Curtis 9608)635-2627 cjniglis@charter.com
Portage: Charles (608)742-7644 scbradleyjr@gmail.com
Lodi: Bill Welch (608) 843-3926

Crossroads Pantry
132A S. Ludington Street, Columbus, WI 53925
Can receive food twice a month, and personal hygiene products once a month.
Closed if Columbus Schools are closed.
(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

Food Share (formerly food stamps)
Food assistance based on income
Contact Columbia County Health and Human Services, 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; or call 1-(888)794-5556

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.

Lodi – Reach Out Lodi Community Store
610 Clark Street, Lodi WI 53555
(608) 592-4592
www.reachoutlodi.org
Open by appointment Mon, Tues, and Thurs from 9:00 – 3:30 and Sat from 8:30 – 11:00.
Provides FREE assistance to families and individuals in crisis to meet their basic living needs.
Products include food, personal essentials, household cleaning supplies, school supplies and clothing for men, women and children.

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  
Hours: Tuesday 1-3 pm and Thursday 5-7pm; if there is a 5th Tues/Thurs pantry is closed.

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

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. – 12:30 p.m., Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.  
Salad/Soup/Sandwich Bar Wednesdays January through September

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

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Rio Area Food Pantry
Rio Community Center, 104 Lincoln Ave., Rio, WI 53960
Serves income eligible residents living within the school districts of: Cambria-Friesland, Doylestown, Ostego & Rio. ID required.
Call John Atkinson (608) 429-3728
Hours: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays – 10am-noon; 4th Monday – 5-6pm

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
  - May-Oct; Wednesdays 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
  - June – Oct; Sundays 9am-1pm; 409 N. Ludington (next to Amtrak)
- Fall River Area Farm & Flea Market
  - May – Oct; Saturdays, 8am-12:30pm; 100 Savanna Road
- Lodi Valley Farmer’s Market
  - May – Oct; Fridays 2-6pm; 902 N. Main (next to Koltes Hdw.)
- Portage Farmer’s Market
  - May – Oct; Thursday, Noon-5pm; Commerce Plaza (Corner of State Roads 16&33)
- Poynette Area Farmer’s Market
  - May – Sept; Saturdays, 8am-11am; Pauquette Park, 106 S. Main St.
- Wisconsin Dells Farmer’s Market
  - May – Oct; Sundays, 9am-1pm; Thunder Valley (W15344 Waubeek Rd. off Hwy 13)
- Wisconsin Dells Downtown Market
  - May-Sept; Sundays 9am – 1pm, 200 Lacrosse St.

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 Columbia County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) (608) 742-9233 for details.
Senior Nutrition Program
Serves people over age 60 and their spouses. No income or asset limits. Place your order by noon the day prior to the date you wish to have your meal. Meals are served at 11:30am at sites in, Columbus, Lodi, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, and home delivered meals to homebound seniors who can’t prepare daily meals. For more information, call the Columbia County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) at (608) 742-9219.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
1311 W. Wisconsin St., Portage WI 53901
(608)742-5513
ID and Proof of Residency Required. Must provide your own bags. Variety of food available including fresh produce, dairy products and healthier options such as milk, eggs, salad bags, lettuce, spinach & fresh fruit.
M-Th & Sat. 9-5; F 9-8

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 Dells Community Food Pantry
Community Action Building, 1000 Hwy 13, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Serves residents of Wisconsin Dells School District
Contact Holly Weber for assistance (608) 697-4612
Hours: Tues: 9am-noon; Thurs: 1-4pm

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program/ FoodWIse Education Program
(608) 742-9693
FoodWIse helps families eat better, keep food safe, and stretch their food dollars. Open to those who receive or who are eligible to receive FoodShare.
Caitlin Richardson (608)742-9693 UW-Extension Nutrition Coordinator

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.

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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, Temporarily: 111 E Mullet St., Portage, WI 53901
After Courthouse remodel summer 2018: 400 DeWitt St.
(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 FoodShare, ChildCare and Medical Assistance Programs; Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program; Free immunizations to qualifying families; well-baby programs; child protection services; Aging and Disability Resource Center and Behavioral Health Programs, and Adult Protective Services.

Columbia County Jail and Huber Center
403 Jackson St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-6476

Columbia County Register of Deeds
PO Box 133, Temporarily: 111 E Mullet St., Portage, WI 53901
After Courthouse remodel summer 2018: 400 DeWitt St.
(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, Temporarily: 111 E Mullet St., Portage, WI 53901
After Courthouse remodel summer 2018: 400 DeWitt St.
(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

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)
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
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
608-232-0678
For faster services call on the following days:
Last digit of SSN ending in: 0-2 Monday
Last digit of SSN ending in: 3-6 Tuesday
Last digit of SSN ending in: 7-9 Wednesday
Any: Thursday and Friday
ALL unemployment claims taken over the phone or online. No local office.
https://my.unemployment.wisconsin.gov to apply online.

Veteran’s Service Officer – Columbia County
112 E. Edgewater St., Portage, WI 53901
608-742-9618
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Healthcare-Free or Low Cost Services

Care 4 U Clinic
6440 E. Pine St., Dalton, WI 53926
(920) 394-2136     Fax: 920-394-2021
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 – 4:30; Walk-Ins or Appts.
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 – Now by Appointment
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. By Appointment: (608)742-9227. A well water test for fluoride is required.

Healthy Beginnings+ (formerly Prenatal Care Coordination)
Medical Assistance benefit for pregnant women, provides support and services to have a healthy baby.

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

**Free Immunization Clinic – Now by Appointment**
By Appointment: (608)742-9227 – Birth parent or legal guardian signature required. Bring immunization records.

**Public Health Walk-In Clinic – Now by Appointment**
Immunizations and TB skin tests are available by appointment: (608)742-9227

**Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)**
Nurse Family Partnership matches first-time parents with a free personal nurse who provides ongoing education and support beginning during the mother’s pregnancy and continuing until the child turns two years old.

**Free Well Water Testing – Now by Appointment**
Testing for bacteria nitrates and fluoride is available to pregnant women and families with infants up to one year. Call for details. (608)742-9227

**WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)**
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](http://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.

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Pink Ribbon Angels, Inc.
(608)617-5444
1020 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 covered: Mammograms (both screening and diagnostic); insurance co-pays; prescription co-pays, physical/occupational therapy supplies; wigs, prosthetics, medical devices; mileage stipend; daycare needs during treatments; and house cleaning services.

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 Ave., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901
800-705-4710
portageprc@yahoo.com
http://portagewiprc.com
Offers free pregnancy testing, adoption information and referrals, baby clothing, supplies, counseling and pregnancy education. 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%.

RCaN - Rural Cancer Network
A web-based network that supports rural service providers through resources.
https://ruralcancernetwork.org/columbia-county/

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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.

- Diabetic Educator – assists patients get their diabetes in control
- Toenail care – available every week
- Physical therapist – available every week
- Pediatrician – does WI AA 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](http://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:

Wisconsin website for Free or Low Cost Health Clinics in Wisconsin
[http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/clinics.htm](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

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

SSM Health Dean Medical Group Specialty Clinic Portage
2825 Hunters Trail #2, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-1063

SSM Health Dean Medical Group Wisconsin Dells
1310 Broadway Rd., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 253-1171
Family Practice, Obstetrics, General Surgery, Podiatry

Divine Savior Healthcare
Portage Hospital and Clinic:
(608) 742-4131
2817 New Pinery Road, Portage, WI 53901
Wellness Center:
(608) 742-4131
2815 New Pinery Road, Portage, WI 53901
Pardeeville Clinic:
(608) 429-2185
102 Gillette, Pardeeville, WI 53954

www.dshealthcare.com
Call the Community Wellness Department at (608) 745-6289 for info on free or low-cost screenings
and programs. For assistance with insurance questions in regards to Divine Savior please call
Concierge Services at (608) 745-6239.

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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 - 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 608-224-5012 608-224-5058 (TDD)
DATCPHotline@Wisconsin.gov
Information on tenants’ rights and responsibilities.
https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ConsumerProtection.aspx

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 Housing Program
MSA Professional Services, Sue Koehn
Housing Program Department, 201 Corporate Drive, Beaver Dam, WI 53916
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.

Foreclosure Assistance Clinic
215 S. Hamilton St. Room L1007 (Legal Resource Center)
https://pdf.countyofdane.com/court/Foreclosure_Assistance_Clinic.pdf
Tuesday’s 9:00 – 11:00 AM, No appointment necessary
Free legal help for homeowners in foreclosure. Please bring your legal papers to the session.

Foreclosure Helpline
(608) 263-9574
U.W. Law School Consumer Law Clinic’s Foreclosure Helpline

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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.hfhsc.org

Homeless Students Resource
CESA 5 - AmeriCorps VISTA Homeless Coordinator
Website of resources for homeless students: goo.gl/RXlvTK

Hope House
Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-9123
(608) 356-7500
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm
Toll Free: 800-584-6790 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.

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.

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

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.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WX)
Central Wisconsin Community Action Council
(608)742-203 De Witt St., Portage, WI 53901
Available to homeowners or renters at or below 200% poverty. WX provides energy efficiency and health and safety measures funded through the State Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Assistance provided includes attic insulation, sidewall insulation, smoke detectors, air sealing, and or/furnace, water heater and refrigerator replacement.

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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; (608) 742-3320
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.

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

Columbia County Treatment Court – Drug
Office: (608) 742-9623

Columbia County OWI Court - OWI
(608) 742-9681
A post-conviction criminal court that attempts to achieve a decrease in recidivism and substance abuse, the purposes of which will increase the chances of successful habilitation to its participants.

Columbia County Victim/Witness Assistance
Columbia County District Attorney’s Office
(608) 742-9650
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.

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

Legal Action of Wisconsin
31 S. Mills St., PO Box 9686, Madison, WI 53715
800-362-3904 OR 608-256-3304
http://www.legalaction.org/
Legal services focuses 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 https://www.wicourts.gov/services/public/selfhelp/index.htm

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

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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
DATCPHotline@Wisconsin.gov
https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ConsumerProtection.aspx

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 9-1 & 3-5; Tues, Thurs, and Fri 9-1 & 3-5; Sat 9-12
Contact: jtallman@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: info@columbus.publiclibrary.info 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 9-2
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 10-7:00; 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 9-2
Sat hours between Memorial Day & Labor Day are 10-1
Contact: info@portagelibrary.us Website: http://www.portagelibrary.us/

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Poynette
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
(920) 326-4640
Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8; Fri 9-2; Sat 9-12
Contact: pkpotter@randolphlib.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/rcl/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: ckborck@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 9:30-12:30 & 3-6; Fri Closed; Sat 9:30-12:30
Website: www.wyocenalibrary.org

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Parenting Education and Support Programs

Columbia County CARES
UW Extension – Columbia County
(608)742-9680
A coalition of organizations and individuals working together to promote the well-being 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/](http://fyi.uwex.edu/parentingthepreschooler/)

**eParenting®: High-Tech Kids**
UW-Extension Family Living Programs
[http://fyi.uwex.edu/eparenting/](http://fyi.uwex.edu/eparenting/)

**Preparing to Parent Newsletters**
UW-Extension Family Living Programs

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

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

**Parenthetical**
UW-Extension Family Living Programs
[http://myparenthetical.com/](http://myparenthetical.com/)

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

**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.

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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Love and Logic
Love and Logic courses are currently offered on a periodic basis by each of the following:

- Columbus Community Learning Services – contact Zona Sumnicht, 920-623-5954 ext. 3208, zsumnicht@columbus.k12.wi.us
- Compass Counseling – (608) 745-4900, Offering both classes and group therapy
- Poynette School District – check the Poynette School District website, http://www.poynette.k12.wi.us/phs/, or contact the main office, 608-635-4347
- Renewal Unlimited, Inc. – contact the main office, 608-742-5481

Mommy and Me Connections
Divine Savior Healthcare Conference Room C
(608) 745-5696
10:30am on the 1st Monday of the month
Support group for all mothers, breastfeeding or not, as an opportunity to connect with one another, listen to one another’s stories, and build relationships with other mothers in the community.

Northwoods Inc. of Wisconsin
N6510 U.S. Highway 51 PO Box 357, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-7114
Northwoods Inc. is a private, non-profit organization which provides meaningful programs and services that maintain individuals and families in the least restrictive setting and assists them to reach their maximum potential of development and independence within an integrated community environment. Services include vocational training and placement, elderly and frail in-home support, day service programming, and independent living and family parenting/support/mentoring.
**Peer Support 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.

**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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Pregnancy Resources

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

Healthy Beginnings+ (formerly Prenatal Care Coordination)
2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9227
Medical Assistance benefit for pregnant women, provides support and services to have a healthy baby.

Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)
2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 697-0625
Nurse Family Partnership matches first-time parents with a free personal nurse who provides ongoing education and support beginning during the mother’s pregnancy and continuing until the child turns two years old.

Pregnancy Resource Center
311 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901
800-705-4710
portageprc@yahoo.com
http://portagewiprc.com
Offers free pregnancy testing, adoption information and referrals, baby clothing, supplies, counseling and pregnancy education. Promotes life and adoption.

WIC (Women, Infants, Children Nutrition Program)
2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9254
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.

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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
  229 E. School St, Columbus, WI 53925
  (920) 623-5936 Amy J Meier
  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 x304 Cody Schultz - Director

Lodi:
  Lodi Recreation (City Hall)
  130 South Main St.
  (608) 592-3247
  Lodi C.R.E.W. – Community Resource Enrichment and Wellness
  608-592-1077 Diana
  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
  701 Silver Lake Dr.
  (608) 742-2178
  Family Resource Center
  2946 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901
  (608) 742-8482
  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.
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

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Sexual Assault

Hope House
Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-9123
(608) 356-7500
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm
Toll Free: 800-584-6790 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.

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 veterans themselves.

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Sober Living

Jessie Crawford Recovery Center
1438 N. Sherman Ave, Madison, WI  53701
(608) 241-4285  (800) 334-8893
Provides sober housing for single men, women and families in recovery.

John Adams Recovery Home
815 19th Street, Prairie du Sac, WI  53578
(608) 643-8905
The John Adams House is open to women who are committed to sobriety. The home is equipped with all the amenities necessary to rebuild healthy productive lives.
Substance Abuse Resources

Al-Anon Meetings
888-425-2666
Call for times and locations of meetings in Columbia County
Email: drdistrict9@area61afg.org district representative
www.area61afg.org

Alateen
866-425-2666
http://www.area61afg.org/what-is-alanon/what-is-alateen/
http://al-anon.info/MeetingSearch/AlateenMeetings.aspx to find an al-anon meeting

Alcohol and Drug Referral Line
800-821-4357

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

Columbia County Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)
2652 Murphy Rd, Portage 53901
(608) 742-9227
CCS assists persons 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 Treatment Court – Drug
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Provides sober housing for single men, women and families in recovery.

John Adams Recovery Home
815 19th Street, Prairie du Sac, WI  53578
(608) 643-8905
The John Adams House is open to women who are committed to sobriety. The home is equipped with all the amenities necessary to rebuild healthy productive lives.

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MATRS (Medication Assisted Treatment Recovery & Support)
2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI  53901
(608) 402-4312 - 24/7 Heroin and Opioid help
Outpatient treatment for addiction of opiates that uses medication assistance along with mental health and social supports to achieve sobriety.

Narcotics Anonymous – Scenic Bluff Area
866-590-2648
Meeting locations:  
https://scenicbluffsarea.org

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.

Grassroots Wellness  Iris Place  Solstice House
820 N. Broadway Street  1213 S. Matthias Street  2649 Milwaukee Street
Menomonie, WI 54751  Appleton, WI 54915  Madison, WI 53704
(800) 770-0588, ext. 1  (920) 815-3217  (608) 244-5077

SSM Health Treatment and Recovery Center (formerly St Clare)
1510 Jefferson Street, Baraboo WI  53913
(608)356-1533
https://www.ssmhealth.com/mental-health/treatment-recovery-for-chemical-dependency
Treatment for chemical dependency: outpatient treatment, day treatment, relapse prevention, gender specific groups, and an intensive outpatient opioid addiction treatment program.

SAMHSA’s National Helpline/Referral Service
800-662-HELP (4357)
www.samhsa.gov
Free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders. Can link the caller to a variety of hotlines that provide treatment referrals 24 hours a day.

Tobacco Free Columbia/Dane County Coalition (TFCDC)
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Room 507, Madison, WI 53703
(608) 242-6297
Contact: Ryan Sheahan  e-mail: rsheahan@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.

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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 veterans 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 – Reach Out Lodi Community Store
610 Clark Street, Lodi WI 53555
(608) 592-4592
www.reachoutlodi.org
Open by appointment Mon, Tues, and Thurs from 9:00 – 3:30 and Sat from 8:30 – 11:00. Provides FREE assistance to families and individuals in crisis to meet their basic living needs. Products include food, personal essentials, household cleaning supplies, school supplies and clothing for men, women and children.

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
(608) 254-4011

ReStore (Habitat for Humanity)
1450 E. Wisconsin St, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 356-0332
M-F 9:00am – 5:00pm; Sat 9:00am – 4:00pm

TLC Communities Clothes Closet
141 E. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 617-4813 Gina & Johanne
1:00PM – 4:00PM Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
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
https://www.amtrak.com/home.html
400 W. Oneida St. - Portage
359 N. Ludington St. - Columbus
100 LaCrosse St. - Wisconsin Dells
Portage stop is not staffed. Call or visit website for prices or to book a trip.

Car Loan Program (formerly Wisconsin Employment Transportation Program)
Central Wisconsin Community Action Council
(608) 254-8353
Provides car loans to income-eligible, employed individuals. Buyer is responsible for sales tax, license plates, title fee, lien fee, dealer fee (if any), and administration fee mandated by the State of Wisconsin. Other restrictions apply.

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.
Route: Serving veterans in Columbia County and northern Dane County; Direct service to/from the veteran’s home by appointment.

Eas-Z Medical Transport
(608)683-9061
info@eas-zmedicaltransport.com
www.eas-zmedicaltransport.com
120 East Albert St, Portage, WI 53901

Lamers Bus Line
800-261-6600
https://www.golamers.com/
Lamers Connect routes operate 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
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Reservations for members and those assisting them.
http://www.mtm-inc.net/Wisconsin/
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 bus, rides in specialized medical vehicles or rides in other types of vehicles depending on a member’s medical and transportation needs.

Northwoods Inc. of Wisconsin
N6510 U.S. Highway 51 PO Box 357, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-7114
Northwoods Inc. of Wisconsin provides transportation for many of its program participants.

Portage Cab (Running Inc.)
(608) 742-4700
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
105 E 2nd St, Waunakee, WI 53597
www.vangotaxi.com

Vanpool
1-800-884-VANS
https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/StateEmployees/JoinAVanPool.aspx
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.
Utilities

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

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

CenturyLink
1-800-788-3500
Payment arrangements: 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
800-891-9276 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.

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 (After 4/16/18: 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI)
800-225-7729
https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx
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 Low Income Home Energy – Heat Wisconsin (LIHEAP)
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 866-433-8947.

Wisconsin Gas Company
Customer Service: 800-242-4035
Veterans

Columbia County Veterans’ Service Office
PO Box 232, 400 DeWitt St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9618
Fax: (608) 742-9634

Heat for Heroes
800-891-9276 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.

Madison Vet Center
608-264-5342
8:00 – 4:30 M-F
After hours: 1-877-WAR VETS (927-8387)

Military One Source
Wisconsin Military OneSource Co.
(800) 342-9647
www.militaryonesource.mil
A source of information for military and their families, active or inactive.

Tomah VA Medical Center
500 E. Veterans Street, Tomah, WI  54660
(800) 872-8662 or (608) 372-3971
(888) 598-7793 Telephone Care available 24/7
www.tomah.va.gov/

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.

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.

Veterans Assistance Foundation, Inc.
(608) VAF-VETS (823-8387)

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Veterans Crisis Hotline
800-273-8255 (TALK)

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 veterans themselves.

Veteran’s Services
1819 Aberg Ave., Suite C, Madison, WI 53704
(608) 242-4888
http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/veterans/
Provides job search assistance to eligible veterans.

Veteran’s Service Officer – Columbia County
608-742-9618

William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital
2500 Overlook Terrace, Madison, WAI 53705
(888) 478-8321 or (608) 256-1901
(888) 598-7793 Telephone Care available 24/7
www.madison.va.gov/

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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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