



A Quick Reference Guide to
Community Resources in
Wisconsin Rapids

*For further assistance with connecting you to information or
resources related to your specific needs contact
United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties.*

Dial 2•1•1 on any phone or visit
<https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>

Rental & Housing Assistance

North Central Community Action Program (NCCAP)

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Emergency Housing Assistance Funding (EHAF) - Homeless Prevention ➤ Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) ➤ Emergency Furnace Repair & Replacement Program 		
Referral Method	Self-referral; call to make an appointment.		
Additional Info for Family/Student	<p>Eligibility requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Social Security Number for all family members ➤ Proof of last month's income ➤ Lease and/or eviction notice ➤ FoodShare/ BadgerCare Verification 		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	<p style="text-align: center;">NCCAP 2111 8th Street South, #102 Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494</p>	715•424•2581	<p>Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM By appointment only</p>
Website	http://northcentralcap.org		

Mary's Place

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Transitional Housing Services➤ Necessities➤ Case management➤ Mentoring/Life Coaching➤ Job Service Referral➤ Financial Guidance➤ Community Referrals	
Referral Method	Self Referral	
Additional Info for Family/Student	Mary's Place of Central Wisconsin provides transitional housing services to those in need. Transitional housing is a stepping stone between homelessness and long-term housing. (This is not an emergency shelter.) Applicants must be 18 years or older to apply. An interview and background check are required. An arrest record does not deny entry into the program. People who have been convicted of sex-related crimes are not eligible All interested individuals must apply for the program, including an interview, and background check. Online applications are preferred. Paper applications are available by request to office@marysplacecw.org	
Contact Info	520 8th Ave S Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495 (715) 384-9227	
Website	https://www.marysplacecw.org/	

Hannah Center

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Urgent Housing Program ➤ Individual Goal Based Program ➤ Hannah's Caring Closet 	
Referral Method	Self Referral	
Additional Info for Family/Student	The Hannah Center exists to assist women in crisis through compassion and guidance in a nurturing environment. They are committed to preserving life, providing a home, and promoting change. Individuals who are in need of a safe home may find housing here as well as counseling and resources to achieve personal goals.	
Contact Info	1320 Pepper Avenue. Wisconsin Rapids, WI. 54494 715-387-6300	
Website	https://www.hannahcenter.com/	

Love Inc. (Love in the name of Christ)

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Needs analysis ➤ Referrals to local resources ➤ Service coordination 	
Referral Method	Self Referral	
Additional Info for Family/Student	Love INC of South Wood County is committed to connecting anyone in need with the resources necessary to live a productive and meaningful life. They are a referral source, coordinating services for those in need of help. This agency partners with local Christian Churches, volunteers, and community organizations to offer assistance in various ways.	
Contact Info	710 20th Ave. S. Wisconsin Rapids, WI. 54495 715-424-LOVE (5683)	Connection Center is staffed with trained volunteers on every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm.
Website	https://loveincswc.org/	

CW Solutions-PATHS Program

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Case management services and connection to community resources ➤ Connection to local landlords and rental properties ➤ Gift card incentives ➤ Housing assistance including rent payment(s) and security deposit ➤ Mentorship program 		
Referral Method	Self-referral-Agencies can also refer youth		
Additional Info for Family/Student	Paths works with young adults ages 17-21 who have received services from the child welfare system in the past. These teens/young adults are without housing or at risk of being without housing. PATHS provides immediate housing supports, as well as services, to facilitate long-term housing stability.		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	715.218.2887	Email: PATHSProgram@changewithin.net	
Website	https://www.changewithin.net/programs		

CW Solutions-WHSS Program

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WHSS provides services and transition support to assist individuals to locate safe and affordable housing. ➤ Housing consultations and support plans ➤ Financial assistance to move from temporary living spaces into permanent housing. This may include: security deposits, utility connection fees and arrears, or household furnishings primarily focused on children. 		
Referral Method	Referral form available on website. Self referrals are accepted and agencies can also make referrals on that site.		
Additional Info for Family/Student	Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Be part of a household with children or a pregnant individual ➤ Be under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level ➤ Consent to participate in the service area ➤ Meet the criteria for one of HUD's categories of homelessness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently unhoused - Facing imminent risk of being unhoused - Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence ➤ CW Solutions operates WHSS in Lincoln, Marathon, and Wood Counties. 		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Resource Line: 715-218-2887		
Website	https://www.changewithin.net/programs		

CW Solutions-RHEAP Re-Housing of Emerging Populations

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ RHEAP is a Housing-First, Rapid Re-housing program for youth ages 18-24 who meet the definition of unhoused (homeless). RHEAP is focused on empowering and supporting young adults to provide housing support and services to facilitate long-term housing stability for young people. Referrals can be made by anyone, but must complete the Coordinated Entry process with our staff to determine eligibility. ➤ Service Area: Adams, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas, and Wood counties 		
Referral Method	<p>Youth are enrolled based on a prioritized list from Coordinated Entry.</p> <p>To enroll in Coordinated Entry, call their Resource Line at 715-218-2887 or visit any No Wrong Door agency.</p>		
Additional Info for Family/Student	<p>Eligibility: Youth eligible for RHEAP services are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Between the ages of 18-24 ➤ Enrolled in Coordinated Entry ➤ Unhoused or fleeing a DV situation 		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Resource Line: 715-218-2887		
Website	https://www.changewithin.net/rheap		

Energy Assistance

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Heating Assistance (October 1 – May 15) ➤ Electric Assistance (October 1 – May 15) ➤ Crisis Assistance – no heat or disconnect notice ➤ Proactive Services – information on reducing fuel costs ➤ Furnace Assistance 		
Referral Method	Self-referral; call to make an appointment or apply online.		
Additional Info for Family/Student	<p>Apply Online: https://energybenefit.wi.gov/OnlineApps/OnlineApp/Default#!</p> <p>Paper applications are available at the main office or to be printed via this link: http://homeenergyplus.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=29051&locid=25</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Call the local office immediately if you are experiencing a NO HEAT situation. If you are experiencing an after-hours emergency, call 715•421•2345 and follow the directions on the message.</i></p>		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Wood Co. Human Services 111 West Jackson Street Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495	715•421•2345	October 1st – May 15th
Website	https://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/HumanServices/EnergyAssistance.aspx		

Forward Service Corporation – Emergency Assistance

Services Provided	Emergency assistance may be available to families experiencing financial crises beyond the family's control such as homelessness, impending homelessness, energy crisis, fire, flood or natural disaster. Review the following link for a comprehensive guide to services: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p16091.pdf		
Referral Method	Self-referral; call to make an appointment or apply online.		
Additional Info for Family/Student	<p>Financial aid is available to families with minor children in the household. Agency will request the following information before approval and financial disbursement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Date of Birth (all members of household) ➤ Social Security Number (all members of household) ➤ Address ➤ Citizenship or immigration status ➤ Housing & utility expenses ➤ Employment information ➤ Income information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Earned income, child support, unemployment, social security, etc. ➤ Documentation of the financial need <p>Apply online: https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/</p> <p>Apply in person by making an appointment to complete the paperwork with a worker.</p>		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Wisconsin Job Center 320 West Grand Ave, #102 Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495	715•422•5000	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Website	https://fsc-corp.org/our-services/emergency_assistance/		

St. Lawrence Community Services – Catholic Charities

Services Provided	Services offered include financial literacy counseling, housing counseling, representative payee programming. The organization also runs the Beyond Shelter for people experiencing homelessness.		
Referral Method	Self-referral; attend walk-in office hours on Mondays between 9 AM – 3 PM.		
Additional Info for Family/Student	For financial assistance, clients will need to meet with a financial wellness advocate on a first come first served basis during walk-in office hours. In addition, a one-on-one budgeting session will be required following the walk-in session. This is not immediate emergency assistance.		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	St. Lawrence Community Services 540 South Third Avenue Wausau, WI 54401	715•849•3311	Monday – Thursday Friday 9 AM – 4 PM By Appt. Only
Website	https://cclse.org/st-lawrence-community-services/		

Clothing & Hygiene Supplies

WRPS Caring Closet

Services Provided	Clothing (including new socks and underwear) for students in need. Sizes 4T through adult sizes available. Inventory is reliant on in-kind donations; therefore, availability of items fluctuates and can be limited. Personal hygiene items and household supplies based on family size and availability. Items typically available include dental hygiene products, hair care products, body wash, lotion, feminine care products, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry supplies, and cleaning supplies. Inventory is reliant on in-kind donations; therefore, availability of items fluctuates and can be limited.	
Referral Method	Contact your school counselor or school social worker.	
Additional Info for Family/Student	Complete a form with a school counselor or social worker detailing the specific items and sizes needed. The form must be submitted or completed by the school counselor or social worker. Items requested may take up to a week to be collected and distributed. Availability is limited, and in the event items are unavailable, the school counselor or social worker will offer support in finding other options to fulfill the need.	
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Contact your school counselor or social worker.	Monday – Friday School Hours

Laundry Assistance

WRPS Laundromat

Services Provided	WRPS Laundromat is a laundry facilities space that was created to support students and families in reducing barriers to school by ensuring access to clean clothing. WRPS Laundromat is offered through WRPS's Families in Transition (FIT) Program via grant funding and continued district support.	
Referral Method	Contact your school social worker, school counselor, or district families in transition coordinator to schedule an appointment.	
Additional Info for Family/Student	Families may wash and dry up to six (6) loads of laundry per visit to WRPS Laundromat.	
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Contact your school social worker, school counselor, or district families in transition coordinator	During scheduled appointment times only.

Cleansing Waters Program

Services Provided	Volunteer run laundry assistance program sponsored by Wisconsin Rapids Moravian Church. Volunteers meet families at the laundromat, providing quarters for machine operations and laundry supplies.	
Referral Method	Contact your school counselor or social worker for a referral form and appointment scheduling.	
Additional Info for Family/Student	Referral form at the time of appointment.	
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Contact your school counselor or social worker.	During scheduled appointment times only.
Website	http://www.wrmoravian.org/cleansing-waters.html	

Food Resources

FOCUS Food Pantry

Services Provided	Receive a 7-day food supply based on family size - once every 30 days. Limited hygiene products are also available.		
Referral Method	Self-referral; clients check in during open hours to register.		
Additional Info for Family/Student	Must be a resident of South Wood County. You will need to bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Current proof of address (mail with current address) ➤ Photo ID ➤ Verification of income for all household members 		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	SWEPS 2321 West Grand Avenue Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495	715•422•2050	Monday 12:00 PM – 3:45 PM Tuesday 4:00 PM – 6:45 PM Wednesday CLOSED Thursday 12:00 PM – 3:45 PM Friday 12:00 PM – 3:45 PM
Website	https://www.swepspantry.org/		

FOCUS Family Backpacks

Services Provided	A backpack is sent home each Friday with the student containing a recipe, the ingredients to prepare the meal, plus some meal “stretchers like cereal and peanut butter.		
Referral Method	Contact your child’s school social worker or counselor.		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Grant - (715) 424-6766 Grove - (715) 424-6769 Howe - (715) 424-6772	Mead - (715) 424-6777 THINK - (715) 424-6784 Washington - (715) 424-6788	Woodside - (715) 424-6793 WRAMS - (715) 424-6740
Website	https://www.facebook.com/RapidsFamilyBackpacks/		

FOCUS Neighborhood Meals

Services Provided	A community meal program for those in need of a free meal and/or the companionship of others while sharing a meal. Meals are served every Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 PM in the FOCUS building, 2321 W Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids.		
Referral Method	Self-referral		
Additional Info for Family/Student	Open to the public; no reservations necessary. Doors open at 4:15 PM for seating. Guests must arrive no later than 5:45 PM. No carry-outs.		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	FOCUS Neighborhood Meals 2321 W Grand Ave Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495	715•422•2050	Thursdays 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM
Website	https://www.swepspantry.org/focus		

Ruby's Pantry

Services Provided	A once per month mobile food distribution hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church.	
Referral Method	Self-referral; open to anyone who eats.	
Additional Info for Family/Student	Distribution: 3rd Saturday of every month; 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Location: 501 17th Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 Cost: \$25 per share to offset costs Registration: 8:00 AM Online Pre-Registration: Visit https://www.rubyspantry.org/location/109	
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Contact your school counselor or social worker for more information.	Third Saturday of the Month 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Website	https://www.rubyspantry.org/location/109	

FoodShare, Employment, & Training (FSET)

Services Provided	FSET provides support in the areas of education, employment, work experience, and other support services. For a more comprehensive list of these services visit http://myfset.net/FSET-Services .		
Referral Method	Self-referral; call to make an appointment.		
Additional Info for Family/Student	FSET is a voluntary employment and training program for recipients of FoodShare in Wisconsin. The primary goal of the FSET program is to help people gain employment. This goal is achieved by helping people increase skills and education, and overcome barriers to employment.		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Wood Co. Human Services 111 West Jackson Street Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495	715•421•8608	Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 4 PM Friday By Appt. Only
Website	http://myfset.net		

Furniture & Household Needs

Affordable Connectivity Program

Services Provided	Discounted broadband internet services for eligible households and a one-time discount toward the purchase of a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.	
Referral Method	Self-referral. Review eligibility and begin the enrollment process at https://www.fcc.gov/acp .	
Additional Info for Family/Student	Two-step enrollment process: 1. Submit an application: https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/ 2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied.	
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Federal Communications Commission	888•225•5322
Website	https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/?utm_source=FCCApplyNow	

Lifeline Program

Services Provided	Discounted landline, cell phone, and/or internet services to eligible households.	
Referral Method	Self-referral. Review https://psc.wi.gov/Documents/USF/WisconsinLifelineFactSheet.pdf for eligibility. Download and complete an application at https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/ForConsumers/Lifeline.aspx .	
Additional Info for Family/Student	The Lifeline discount is limited to one telephone number per household. A list of participating service providers can be found at https://psc.wi.gov/Documents/USF/ETCServiceProviders.pdf .	
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Wisconsin Internet & Phone Helpline 608•267•3595	Monday – Friday 7:45 AM– 4:30 PM
Website	https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/ForConsumers/Lifeline.aspx	

Ashley Furniture – Hope to Dream

Services Provided	Free twin mattress, bed frame, bedding, and pillow (\$399 value) to children in need.	
Referral Method	Accepts referrals from social workers, teachers, counselors, foster parents, and other agency professionals that work with low-income families. Complete referral form: https://www.ashleyfurniturehomestore.com/a-hope-to-dream	
Additional Info for Family/Student	If your child is between the ages of 3 – 16 and in need of a bed, contact your school counselor or social worker to discuss eligibility and referral. The application is online only. If accepted, the bed is delivered by Ashley Furniture to the family's home.	
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Contact your school counselor or social worker.	HopeToDream@AshleyHomeStore.com
Website	https://www.ashleyfurniturehomestore.com/a-hope-to-dream	

Automotive Assistance

CAP Services: Work-n-Wheels Auto Loan Program

Services Provided	The Work-n-Wheels auto loan program is an auto purchase and repair loan for working adults with limited income.	
Referral Method	Self Referral	
Additional Info for Family/Student	Program Requirements at https://capservices.org/what-we-do/housing-transportation/wnw/	
Contact Info	Charlie Krause	920•450•2159/ckrause@capmail.org
Website	https://capservices.org/what-we-do/housing-transportation/wnw/	

CAP Services: Affordable Auto Loan Program

Services Provided	The Affordable Auto loan program is an auto purchase loan for income eligible adults not able to get affordable financing elsewhere:	
Referral Method	Self Referral	
Additional Info for Family/Student	Program Requirements at https://capservices.org/what-we-do/housing-transportation/wnw/	
Contact Info	Charlie Krause	920•450•2159/ckrause@capmail.org
Website	https://capservices.org/what-we-do/housing-transportation/wnw/	

Running Inc. Cab Service (Previously River City Cab)

Services Provided	➤ Shared ride taxi service	
Additional Info for Family/Student	Service hours: 5 a.m. to midnight Monday-Saturday and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Taxi fares (subject to change) as of 1/16/24: Adult \$3.50, Senior \$2.00, Student \$2.75, Disabled \$2.00, Out of town Miles \$1.25	
Contact Info	Call 715-597-0200 to arrange ride.	
Website	https://www.runninginc.net/RunningIncCity?Name=Wisconsin%20Rapids	

MTM-(Previously Veyo)

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Non-emergency medical transportation is provided at no cost for individuals who receive Forward Health. You can get a free ride to medical appointments if you have no other way to get there and you're enrolled in one of the following programs: BadgerCare Plus (including Express Enrollment), or Wisconsin Medicaid (including IRIS). This service connects you with free rides on public buses, specialized medical vehicles, or other types of vehicles depending on your needs. ➤ This program may also provide mileage reimbursement (money for gas) if individuals have a vehicle but cannot afford to pay for gas. 	
Referral Method	No referral necessary. If you have questions about whether or not you are eligible for this benefit call member services at 800-362-3002	
Additional Info for Family/Student	<p>Call at least 2 days in advance to schedule a ride. You will need to provide: name, phone number, Forward Health member ID#, address & phone #, appointment date & time, special transportation needs, & reason for appointment. You can request a routine ride by calling Veyo at 866-907-1493, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Central Time (CT).</p> <p>When you call, have the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Your name, home address, and phone number ➤ Your ForwardHealth ID (ten-digit number listed on your ForwardHealth Card) ➤ The street address and the phone number where you want to be picked up ➤ The name, phone number, address, and ZIP code of the health care provider you are seeing ➤ The date and start time of your appointment ➤ The end time of your appointment, if you know it ➤ Any special ride needs, including if you need someone to ride with you ➤ General reason for the appointment (check-up, eye appointment, etc) 	
Contact Info	To schedule rides: (866-907-1493)	
Website	https://www.mtm-inc.net/wisconsin/	

Legal Assistance

Judicare Legal Aid

Services Provided	Non-profit law firm dedicated to providing equal access to justice to Wisconsin residents.	
Referral Method	Self-referral. Review eligibility and begin the enrollment process at https://wisconsinjudicareoi.legalserver.org/modules/matter/extern_intake.php?h=daa817&pid=129	
Additional Info for Family/Student	Eligibility information: https://www.judicare.org/legal-services/eligibility-info/	
Contact Info	Phone: 715•842•1681 Toll Free: 800•472•1638	
Website	https://www.judicare.org/	

Health Insurance & Support

Covering Wisconsin

Services Provided	A non-profit that connects Wisconsin residents with health insurance and other programs that support health. Covering Wisconsin is federally certified, state licensed agency navigator agency through Extension at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.	
Referral Method	Self-referral. https://coveringwi.org/	
Additional Info for Family/Student	Resource to support families with finding and enrolling in health insurance. Has language assistive programs free of charge.	
Contact Info	Phone: 608•261•1455 Toll Free: 877•942•6837	
Website	https://coveringwi.org/	

BadgerCare/Medicaid

Services Provided	➤ Health care coverage for low-income individuals.	
Referral Method	No referral necessary.	
Additional Info for Family/Student	<p>Medicaid provides healthcare coverage for certain low-income individuals. Funded by a combination of federal and state funds, Medicaid is similar to a health insurance program, but with a few exceptions (such as for the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) there are no insurance premiums and very few limitations on coverage.</p> <p>There are several other types of Medicaid determined by eligibility guidelines. Some of the available programs are: BadgerCare Plus, BadgerCare Plus Prenatal, Well Women Medicaid, Family-Based Medicaid and Elderly, Blind or Disabled Medicaid as well as some other more limited coverages. For more information see the Wisconsin Department of Health website.</p>	
Contact Info	<p>Individuals can apply online at access.wisconsin.gov</p> <p>Applications can also be done by phone at: 1-888-794-5722 Call hours are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Wednesday and Friday. Thursday hours are from 12:30 – 4:00 pm.</p> <p>Applications can also be completed in person at: Wood County Human Services—Wisconsin Rapids 111 W Jackson St Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495</p> <p>Office hours are 8:00-4:00 M-F</p>	
Website	https://www.woodcountywi.gov/Departments/HumanServices/Medicaid.aspx#:~:text=You%20can%20apply%20by%20phone,30%20%E2%80%93%204%3A00%20pm.	

School Supplies

Stuff the Desk

Services Provided	Provides backpacks filled with school supplies based on needed school supply lists to all families in Wood County who are in financial need.		
Referral Method	Self-referral; contact 211.		
Additional Info for Family/Student	<p>In order to attend the event, you must register online. It is held each year in August at East Junior High – 311 Lincoln Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.</p> <p>Online Registration: https://uwsvac.org/civcrm/event/register?reset=1&id=398</p> <p>After the event has passed, please contact your school counselor or social worker for school supply assistance.</p>		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	United Way 351 Oak Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494	2•1•1 OR 877•947•2211	Yearly in August
Website	https://www.uwsvac.org/		

Child Care Resources

Wisconsin Child Care Provider Listing

Services Provided	➤ This website provides a list of regulated family and group child care programs by county.
Additional Info for Family/Student	This directory is updated, monthly.
Website	https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cclicensing/lcc-directories

Wisconsin Shares

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wisconsin Shares helps families pay for child care so that parents or other approved caretakers may work, go to school, or participate in approved work training programs. 		
Referral Method	No referral necessary		
Additional Info for Family/Student	<p>Who can get Wisconsin Shares? Low-income working families with children under the age of 13. A new applicant's income must be equal to or less than 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for the family size. When assessing family size, family includes everyone who lives in the home.</p> <p>Families receiving Wisconsin Shares must live in Wisconsin and their children must be United States citizens or qualifying immigrants to be eligible.</p> <p>Parents must be working or participating in another approved activity to receive the Wisconsin Shares subsidy. Approved activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Work ➤ Completing high school (parents under age 20), or an approved high school equivalency program. ➤ Activities assigned and approved by a Wisconsin Works (W-2) or FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) agency. ➤ Attending basic education or college courses while working at least 20 hours per month. <p>Interested parents can complete an application to determine eligibility by applying online at the ACCESS Wisconsin website: https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/ or in person by visiting: Northern Income Maintenance Consortium 220 Third Avenue South, Suite 4 Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495 Telephone: 1-888-794-5722</p>		
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Telephone: 1-888-794-5722	Northern Income Maintenance Consortium 220 Third Avenue South, Suite 4 Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495	Mon,Tues, Wed Fri. 8-4 Thursdays 12:30 to 4:00
Website	https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares/parents		

Young Star

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This agency provides a foundation for safe child care settings by conducting background checks, regular inspections and complaint investigations. ➤ This agency objectively measures child care quality and provides a rating from one to five stars for thousands of child care providers. Parents can access this information to determine if regulated child care providers in their community are providing quality care. 	
Referral Method	No referral necessary. Information is present on agency website.	
Additional Info for Family/Student	<p>YoungStar is a program of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) created to improve the quality of child care for Wisconsin children. YoungStar evaluates the quality of care given by regulated child care providers and rates them from 1 to 5 stars, with 5 stars being the highest rating. A provider's star rating is based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Education Qualifications and Training ● Learning Environment and Curriculum ● Professional and Business Practices ● Child Health and Well-Being Practices 	
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Parents can search provider ratings here: https://childcarefinder.wisconsin.gov/	
Website	https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/parents	

Childcaring

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Childcaring helps families locate child care to meet their needs. They help families find child care by providing them with a free customized list (of both group centers and family child care providers) that match their criteria. They also provide information on what to look for in a quality child care program. ➤ Agency also oversees the Good Start Grant Program- which provides financial assistance for eligible families to ensure they have access to quality, affordable child care. (Families who seek these funds cannot be receiving Wisconsin Shares.) 	
Referral Method	No referral necessary. Information is present on agency website.	
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	If looking for childcare, parents can call: 1-800-628-8534	Online search directory: https://childcaring.my.salesforce-sites.com/referral
Website	https://childcaring.org/	

Childcaring Good Start Grants

Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GSG pays a portion (up to 65%) of a child's tuition. Funding is provided by local community agencies and private foundations. Families that qualify and/or receive Wisconsin Shares are not eligible 	
Referral Method	Applications are available at www.childcaring.org/needhelppaying It is recommended parents contact agency, prior, to ensure funding remains available.	
Additional Info for Family/Student	<p>To qualify for GSG families will: •</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Have a gross household income below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. ➤ Participate in an approved activity, such as work or school. ➤ Attend a child care program that is rated 3 Stars or higher in YoungStar. 	
Contact Info & Hours of Operation	Telephone contact: 1-800-628-8534	850 State Highway 153, Suite F Mosinee, WI 54455 715-841-9490 or 1-800-628-8534 Agency covers multiple counties in WI. to include Wood County.
Website	<p>Application and eligibility guidelines can be located here:</p> <p>https://childcaring.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/GSGApplication.pdf</p>	

If you have a need that was not mentioned:

**Dial 2•1•1 on any phone or visit
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