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## **A Very Special Place, Inc.**

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A Very Special Place is a caring and compassionate center for adults and children with special needs, providing individualized special care. Children and adults served are not considered “medically needy” enough for a private duty nurse, but are more than can be serviced in a typical day care with the staff and supplies available. AVSP has five distinct programs that provide a continuum of care of services to children and adults with special needs, and their families.

## **Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) at Winnebago County Department of Human Services**

<http://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/adrc>

The Aging and Disability Resource Center assists older persons, persons with disabilities of all ages, family members and caregivers, persons who would benefit from options counseling, and professionals in the fields of healthcare, education, social services and advocacy. Aging and Disability Resource Centers, or ADRCs, offer the general public a single entry point for information and assistance on issues affecting older people, and people with disabilities regardless of their income. These resource centers are welcoming and convenient places for you and your family to get information and access to a wide variety of services.

## **Aurora Community Services – Aurora Vocational Services**

<http://wisconsin.auroraservices.com/>

Aurora has provided vocational services since 1998 and, due to unprecedented growth, AVS was organized as a separate company in 2009. AVS provides individualized vocational services to assist individuals in obtaining employment, which matches their skill levels. AVS contracts with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and several county agencies to provide employment assessments, job placement, and vocational coaching. AVS also operates six Day Service Centers throughout the state where consumers learn life skills like meal preparation and vocational skills which can be used in the workplace.

## **Cerebral Palsy of Mideast WI, Inc.**

[www.cpmideastwis.com](http://www.cpmideastwis.com)

Since 1954, Cerebral Palsy of Mideast Wisconsin has been providing services and programs that help people and families touched by cerebral palsy, physical & developmental disabilities and other behavioral challenges. Covering nine counties with over 600,000 residents, this dedicated organization supports a community of caregivers and volunteers that are united in mission, service and advocacy on the behalf of those in need.

## **Clarity Care, Inc.**

<http://www.claritycare.org/cc/>

Clarity Care, Inc. is a private, nonprofit agency dedicated to providing care and services to individuals with acute, chronic or long-term conditions, including those with disabilities and special needs. Services include in-home healthcare, senior living options, and employment services. Clarity Care enables clients to feel in control of their lives and remain an active part of the community.

## **Community Care**

<http://www.communitycareinc.org/home.html>

Community Care is the answer for frail elders and adults with disabilities who are told they must move into a nursing home or institution but want to live in the community. It is the answer for caregivers who say they just can't do it anymore. It is the answer for workers that provide health care and long term care services who want to give the best possible care, but are frustrated by the limitations and fragmentation of the traditional fee-for-service setting.

## **Family Support Team at Winnebago County Department of Human Services**

<http://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/human-services/divisions/long-term-support/family-support-team>

The Family Support Team provides individual services and supports through Service Coordination to families who have a child with severe disabilities ranging in age from birth to 23. The goal is to provide the needed information, resources, supports and funding for families, and to support each child as they grow to adulthood. Family support helps with families emotional, physical, and financial hardships. The program offers information to help find service programs and to maximize community sources; as well as helping link families with other families to strengthen natural supports. Due to the financial strain on a family, we provide limited funding to buy needed services and goods that cannot be bought through other sources.

## **Goodwill Industries**

<http://www.goodwillncw.org/community/oshkosh.html>

Goodwill NCW uses the revenue from our stores to fund a wide variety of innovative programs and services that serve north central Wisconsin communities. Goodwill often collaborates with community partners, who also bring resources to the cause. Some of these programs create jobs, offer training, and match assistive technology to those who need it. Other programs address financial, educational, developmental or diversity issues. All Goodwill programs make the communities better to live.

## **IRIS**

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/IRIS/index.htm>

IRIS is Wisconsin's Self-Directed Supports Program for older people and adults with disabilities. With IRIS, you determine the combination of supports and services you need, including who will provide the services and when and how they will be provided. The IRIS team is available at every step to help you build the life you want with the support you need!

## **Lakeland Care District**

<http://www.lakelandcaredistrict.org/>

Lakeland Care District is a regional long term care district providing Family Care program services to qualified elderly individuals and people with disabilities living in Fond du Lac, Manitowoc and Winnebago counties. Our mission is to: Enrich members' lives by honoring their values through high quality, cost effective long-term care. The Lakeland Care District focuses on member choice, quality care and services, increased access, cost-efficiency and integrated care.

## **Lakeside Packaging Plus**

<http://lakesidepackagingplus.com/>

Lakeside Packaging Plus provides meaningful employment and adult day activities that promote self-sufficiency for adults with special needs in an atmosphere that recognizes the dignity of each individual and their right to self-determination.

## **SOAR of the Fox Cities**

<http://www.soarfoxcities.com/>

SOAR of the Fox Cities provides services and programs to promote the general welfare of individuals with developmental disabilities. SOAR helps to empower and support families in problem solving and decision making to provide services for persons with disabilities and their families. They cooperate and collaborate with all community agencies and professional groups in the furtherance of these ends. SOAR also advocates with families and guardians for persons with developmental disabilities and serve as a source of information and referral to promote a better understanding of developmental disabilities.

## **Todd Steven and Associates**

<http://toddsteven.com/>

Todd Steven & Associates, Inc. is a company that offers a professional team to provide individualized community based support to people with varying abilities with the belief that all people given the proper supports can live, work, contribute to and participate in the community. Todd Steven & Associates' mission is best described as "Support Without Walls".

## **(DVR) Department of Vocational Rehabilitation**

<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/locations/winnebago.htm>

DVR services are any services described in a plan for employment necessary to assist a consumer in preparing for, securing, retaining or regaining an employment outcome that is consistent with the strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests and informed choice of the consumer.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: My child has seen the same physician for his/her medical condition all of his/her life. Now the clinic is telling me he/she needs to transition to an adult care provider. Is there someone who can help me during this process?**

A: YES, the Northeast Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs can provide assistance with health care transitions. You can also find important information about health care transition at: <http://www.healthtransitionwi.org/>

**Q: How do I determine if my child is eligible for SSI? When and where do I apply?**

A: Anyone aged (65 or order), blind or disabled and who has limited income and limited resources may apply for SSI. Call 1-800-772-1213 or visit the following link for more information: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm/text-benefits-ussi.htm>

A: If your family has very low income and assets (savings, checking, bonds, etc), you should apply before age 18. Otherwise, apply the month after your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday when parents' income and assets will not be counted.

A: You may complete forms online at: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 Monday-Friday between 7a.m.-7p.m. or schedule an appointment with your local Social Security office.

**Q: Is there assistance applying for benefits or learning more about benefits?**

A: You may receive assistance from the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) after you turn 17 ½ years old. Call 1-877-886-2372 or email [adrc@co.winnebago.wi.us](mailto:adrc@co.winnebago.wi.us)

**Q: If my child will need services when he/she is an adult, who do I contact?**

A: Contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) at 1-877-886-2372 or email [adrc@co.winnebago.wi.us](mailto:adrc@co.winnebago.wi.us)

**Q: What if my child needs services prior to age 18?**

A: Contact the Family Support Team at 1-920-236-4615.

**Q: If my child has a disability(ies) and requires assistance to transition from school to work, who provides this assistance?**

A: The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation can provide a variety of services to help students with disabilities successfully transition from school to work. A student should apply for services within two years of graduating or exiting high school, and this can be done by calling the local DVR office in the area in which you live or having school staff make contact with the DVR liaison to the school. You may also apply for and learn more about DVR services by visiting their website: <http://www.dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/>

**Q: My child is not at a level to be able to go to a worksite. Are there other options for day service that would be able to provide care while I work or need to run errands?**

A: Cerebral Palsy & Lakeside Packaging have programs for adult care and customized vocational opportunities.

**Q: What services are offered at LPP?**

A: Lakeside Packaging Plus Inc. offers a pre-vocational setting that provides individuals with work skills. LPP also provides a day service program with activities in and outside of the building.

**Q: How do I find out about post-secondary education options for my child?**

A: There are many post-secondary education options for youth of all abilities. A good place to start getting information about the different programs offered in Wisconsin is the website: [http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/thinkcollege/wi\\_initiative.php](http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/thinkcollege/wi_initiative.php). There is also a great training that Family Voices of WI has, called "What's After High School" If you are interested in learning more about this training, contact the Northeast Regional Center at 1-920-969-5325.

**Q: My child is planning to go on to college after high school. Will an IEP in place provide the same type of support services? What type of paperwork will we need to provide for the college?**

A: Support services for students are determined by their disability, documentation of their disability(ies) and recommendations by diagnosing professionals. In order to receive disability services through the Fox Valley Technical College, students must schedule an appointment with Educational Support Services and submit documentation of their diagnosis(es). Call Educational Support Services at 1-920-735-2569 or email [edusupport@fvtc.edu](mailto:edusupport@fvtc.edu). For additional information go to [www.fvtc.edu](http://www.fvtc.edu) and explore student services/specialized services/disability services. There is a quick link to view a brochure.

**Q: My child faces a barrier to employment such as a disability, a record as an offender, is pregnant or parenting, is in foster care or is a high school dropout. Who can help overcome those issues and help my child find a job or get accepted to college?**

A: The ADVOCAP WIA Youth Program works with anyone between the age of 14 and 21 who faces one or more of those barriers and helps to develop job search skills, prepare for post-secondary education and search for jobs. Call 1-920-204-4335 or visit [www.advocap.org](http://www.advocap.org) for more information.