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Credits

Parenting Again is intended to give grandparents and relatives a quick overview of services, programs and places to start looking for resources and how to access them. The directory also provides tips and general information for grandparents and relatives as they take on the responsibilities of parenting again.

Parenting Again is organized into chapters on issues and problems common to grandparents and relatives raising their grandchildren or kin. These chapters include resources concerning school and vacation times, nutrition, health care, counseling, legal and financial issues.

While this guide is specific to Dane County, it is based upon a model for Milwaukee County, titled *GRAND Resource Guide* which gives more detailed information on these topics. You may access *GRAND*, Milwaukee County's Resource Directory at <http://uwex.edu/ces/flp/grandparent/grand.html>.

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If you have any questions about this directory or about parenting again, please call Ethel Dunn, executive director of Grandparents United for Children's Rights, Inc., at (608) 238-8751 or email sedun2@sbcglobal.net.

Introduction

The census estimates that in the year 2005 there will be more than 60,000 grandparents living with and responsible for their grandchildren in Wisconsin. The children range in age from infants to teens.

This resource guide *Parenting Again* has been developed to help you, a grandparent or other relative who lives in Dane County, to find the services you need for parenting again. For many, this “second time around” of raising children is frustrating because so much has changed from the days when you, as a young parent, were raising children. There are many challenges. Styles in child rearing have changed; the world has changed; the children themselves have changed, and many of them carry an extra emotional burden of worry about their parents.

The chapters in this book cover some of the main areas in which you may need help. Each chapter includes a list of places to call for the assistance you seek. You will notice that some resources are labeled specifically for people 60 years of age and over, although statistics tell us that most of you are under age 60. Most of the places we have listed, however, make no age distinction for the caregiver. You were not chosen for your age or lack of it to raise you kin, so we have tried to help everyone.

We wish to thank the Area Agency on Aging of Dane County, the University of Wisconsin Extension, the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Long Term Care Resources, and Grandparents United for Children’s Rights, Inc., for their assistance and guidance in developing this directory.

We plan to make this directory available through all public libraries and through many of the agencies listed in the book. Of course, it will be on the Internet. You can reach this directory *Parenting Again* through the website of the Area Agency on Aging of Dane County: www.co.dane.wi.us/aging. You will be able to print a copy of this directory from the website. If you do not have a computer, your local library will help you.

Dane County Emergency Numbers

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Fire/Police/Ambulance/Sheriff | 911 |
| First Call for Help Information on where to call for many issues concerning daily life: food and shelter, financial and legal. Confidential | 211 |
| Adolescent Alcohol/Drug Abuse Crisis | 280-2600 |
| UW Hospital Emergency Room | 262-2398 |
| Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention (24 hours) | 280-2600 |
| Child Protection Helpline | 261-5437 |
| After hours and weekends | 255-6067 |
| Poison Center | 1-800-815-8855 |
| Parental Stress Line | 241-4888 |

Note: Depending upon where you live in Dane County, you may have to dial 1+608 before any of the telephone numbers in this guide. According to Ameritech, there is no system to follow. They recommend tht you try the number's 7 digits first and if that doesn't work, try again using 1+608 before the number.

Other Important Numbers

These are just a few important numbers. See each chapter for other numbers.

Help Lines

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| Mental Health Center of Dane County | 280-2520 |
| Pregnancy Helpline | 222-0008 |
| Rape Crisis Center (24-hour) | 251-7273 |
| Respite Emergency Crisis Child Care Center | 244-5700 |
| Parental Stress Hotline (24-hour) | 241-2221 |
| *Elder Abuse and Neglect Hotline | 261-9933 |
| Wisconsin AIDS Helpline | 1-800-334-2437 |

General Family Help

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Alcohol Counseling Service | 280-2410 |
| *Area Agency on Aging of Dane County | 261-9930 |
| Catholic Charities | 256-2358 |
| Centro Hispano of Dane County | 255-3018 |
| Dane County Department of Human Services Emergency needs (child abuse, fuel, food, shelter, clothing, transportation) | 242-7400 |
| Job Center – General Information Children First, Child Care Center, Wisconsin Works (W-2), Medical Assistance | 242-7400 |
| Dane County Public Health Department Innoculations, Well Woman Program, and other family health issues | 242-6520 (ask for In-Take) |

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Important Numbers Continued

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| Lutheran Social Services | 277-2970 |
| Madison Area Urban Ministry | 256-0906 |
| *Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) | 238-7787 |
| Sheriff's Office (non emergency) | 255-2345 |
| Social Security Information | 1-800-772-1213 |
| Urban League of Greater Madison | 251-8550 |
| Wisconsin State Tax Information | 266-2772 |
| U.S. Internal Revenue Information | 1-800-829-1040 |
| Veteran's Services (State and Federal) | 266-4158 |
| Vital Records (Birth, Death, etc.) | 266-1371 |
| Time | 255-1234 |
| Weather | 936-1212 |

*These numbers are for grandparents and other kin who are 60 years of age and older. While these resources cannot help the children, they may offer some assistance for the seniors who will indirectly benefit the children.

Chapter I
Parenting Again / Child Care

Grandparents / Relatives
Raising and Nurturing
Dependent Children
in
Dane County

Chapter I Parenting Again / Child Care

Support

If you have not been involved with the raising of children in recent years, a support group can be very helpful. You will be able to talk to other grandparents (or relatives) who are in the same situation. Some areas do not yet have support groups established. If you find there are none near you, talk to your local religious or community center about getting one started. You can be sure there are other grandparents who would be interested in such a group.

To find out where the nearest support group is located, call the following:

Grandparents United for Children's Rights, Inc.,
137 Larkin Street

Madison, WI 53705

238-8751

Services: Besides answering questions on legal issues, this agency runs a support group for grandparents raising grandchildren and grand-parents who have been denied access to the children. The group meets monthly in Madison.

Area Agency on Aging of Dane County
2322 S. Park St.

Madison, WI 53713

261-9930

Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin – Briar Patch
1955 Atwood Ave.

Madison, WI 53703

245-2550

The Rainbow Project, Inc.
831 E. Washington Ave.

Madison, WI 53703

255-7356

Also listed in this chapter are resources for learning more about parenting again:

AARP Grandparent Information Center

Early Child Care

Children with Disabilities

Financial Help for Child Care

You will find some of these resources repeated in other chapters on specific topics.

AARP Grandparent Information Center

601 E Street, NW

Washington, DC 20049

1-888-687-2277

Services: The Grandparent Information Center acts as a link between grandparents and the resources available to them, through publications and by answering individual questions from grandparents raising grandchildren. (Callers do not have to be members of AARP, do not have to be over 50, and do not even have to be a grandparent to use this service.)

The Grandparent Information Center also publishes a newsletter and information packets, a sampling is listed below. You may call or write for a complete list. Up to ten copies can be ordered free or they can be downloaded from AARP's website: www.aarp.org.

Publications

Publication Numbers

| | <u>English</u> | <u>Spanish</u> | <u>Online</u> |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Grandparents Raising Grandchildren | D15272 | D16514 | Yes, English |
| Starting a Support Group | D16022 | D16725 | Yes, English |
| Raising Healthy Grandchildren | D15514 | D16515 | Yes, English |
| GIC Fact Sheet / Order Form | D16977 | No | No |
| Tip Sheet / Public Programs | D15633 | | |
| Questions and Answers to Visitation Rights | D15306 | | |
| GIC Book of Children's Quotes | D16260 | | |
| The Apple of Your Eye | D15950 | | |
| Minority Grandparents Fact Sheet | D16239 | | |
| GIC Newsletter | D15536 | | |

Dane County Department of Human Services

1202 Northport Drive

Madison, WI 53704

242-6200

Services: Services include parenting skills training, group and individual counseling, child protective services, summer recreation and support services among many other child and adult services.

Cost: Free

Generations United

(202) 289-3979

email: gu@gu.org

Services: As part of the National Family Caregiver Support Program, this agency provides educational material and KinNET, a network of support groups for relatives caring for kin in foster care.

Early Child Care

4 C Resource and referral (CCCC Center (Community Coordinated Child Care)

1-800-750-5437

www.4-c.org

info@4-c.org

Services: This is a statewide organization made up of 17 community-based 4-C agencies committed to a high quality child care system for everyone. Local 4-Cs offer child care referrals and other services to parents and grandparents of all income levels. Check with them to learn the different kinds of child care available in your area and to check the quality of places you may have heard about.

These tips may be helpful:

- Find out if the child care provider is state licensed or certified.
- Does it have small groups of children with no more than four infants to one teacher.
- Have the providers had child care training and do they show warmth and caring toward the children.
- Look for providers who will understand your needs as a grandparent and will accept children part-time to allow you flexibility for your own needs.
- Look for child care homes or centers that are safe, healthy and serve nutritious food..

Other Services: The Child Care Information Center (CCIC) also offers help for child care providers and information for families. The Center provides brochures, fact sheets, videos, and book-lending services, as well as free referrals of child care agencies.

In Wisconsin, the Department of Health and Family Services regulates licensed child care programs. For Dane County, contact their Madison office at 243-2400.

Bridges for Families

1500 Highland Avenue (Waisman Center #217)
Madison, WI 53705

204-6242

Services: Screening of infants and toddlers for possible developmental delays; assessment of child's strengths and intervention needs. Includes speech / language and motor therapies. Services designed to meet the concerns of families and carried out in partnership with parents, collaboration with other early intervention providers and services. Program is designed for birth to three years.

Hours: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Cost: No cost for intake and evaluation. Medical Assistance and third party insurance may be billed. For families who are able, cost-sharing of services is expected.

Access to Independence

2345 Atwood Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

Toll free **242-8484 or**
TTY **1-800-362-9877**
 242-8485

Services: Advocacy for all persons (all ages) with disabilities. Attendant and housing services; information and referral.

Community Living Alliance

1414 MacArthur Road
Madison, WI 53714

Voice & TTY **242-8335 or**
Toll free **1-888-459-5255**

Services: Medical Assistance Personal Care Program (MAPC) for children and adults with significant physical or other disabilities.

Eligibility: For the MAPC program, must be eligible for Medical Assistance.

Easter Seal Society of Wisconsin

101 Nob Hill Road
Madison, WI 53713

Voice & TDD **277-8288 or**
Toll free **1-800-422-2324**

Services: Summer camping and recreation in Easter Seal camps in Wisconsin Dells for children and adults with physical disabilities. Also year-round respite and recreation with one-to-one care for children and adults with moderate to severe cognitive or multiple disabilities. Information and referral; assistance in locating and obtaining needed help.

Cost: Clients pay as able; camperships available.

Eligibility: Must be a Wisconsin resident, have a developmental or physical disability, and be able to benefit from the program.

Family Support and Resource Center

1945 W. Broadway
Madison, WI 53713

221-4611

Services: Case management and financial assistance for children (birth to 21 years of age) with significant disabilities living at home with their families.

Financial Help for Child Care

Dane County Connections

(through the Dane County Job Center)

242-7441

Services: This program helps low income families pay for child care. It helps families into Medical Assistance, the Food Share program and child care subsidies.

See Chapter VI – Financial Assistance for detailed information on programs that offer financial help.

Head Start (Dane County Parent Council)

2096 Red Arrow Trail
Madison, WI 53711

275-6740

Services:

This is a federally funded program for children ages three to five years old who are from low income families. Some Head Start programs also offer infant and toddler care as well; some offer full day programs for working parents, others only half-day programs. (See the Head Start listing in Chapter II School and After School).

Employer-supported Child Care

If you are a working grandparent, your employer may offer on-site or nearby child care for employees, sometimes at a lower cost to their employees than to the general public.

Chapter II

Mental Health / Counseling / Youth Services

Grandparents / Relatives Raising and Nurturing Dependent Children in Dane County

Chapter II School and After School

General Information

If it has been a long time since you were involved with the schools as a parent, you may want to think about how you can become active in your grandchildren's school to support their learning. Research shows that children who have at least one adult involved in their lives, including someone who supports their learning activities, are more likely to do well in school. You are encouraged to become a partner in your grandchildren's learning by 1) meeting with their teachers and letting them know how much you care about the children's welfare both in and out of school, 2) by taking an interest in their studies and in their homework, and 3) by volunteering in school activities when you can. Some schools have parenting classes that you may wish to attend and family centers that have information on child development. Find out what your grandchildren's schools have to offer that will help you in parenting again.

Head Start—Dane County Parent Council

2096 Red Arrow Trail
Madison, WI 53711

275-6740

Services: Head Start is a federally funded program that helps children ages three to five get ready for kindergarten. Children learn how to get along with other children and are introduced to some of the basic learning skills. A child must be toilet-trained to attend Head Start. Services such as transportation, health, nutrition, social services, meals and opportunities for parents, grandparents, or other relatives involved with the child are provided.

Eligibility: Call the Head Start office for income and other eligibility guidelines. There may be a waiting list, so register the summer before your grandchild is eligible to begin.

Madison Metropolitan School District

545 West Dayton Street (Administration Building)
Madison, WI 53703

663-1879

Services: General information and specific referrals for elementary, middle, and high schools in the Madison area. Also information on various school programs: Accelerated Learning Academy, School Within A School, and the Work & Learning Center.

Omega School

949 East Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53703

244-4650

Services: For anyone 18 years of age or older who did not finish high school or who needs basic skills review. Services to students under 18 by arrangement with home school district.

Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY)

2909 Landmark Place
Madison, WI 53713

271-1617

Services: Offers programs and services to academically talented students in 4-12, including summer academic residency programs on college campuses and independent mentor-guided study programs, weekend workshops on college campuses, awards for success in the Midwest Talent Search program, a poetry competition and more.

Work & Learning Center

1810 South Park Street and 15 Brearly Street
Madison, WI 53713

442-0939 Park Street
204-4340 Brearly Street

website: www.Madison.k12.wi.us

Services: An alternate public school education program in which students attend classes part-time and work part-time. A high school diploma is granted.

After School

After School, Inc. (Wisconsin Youth Co.)

1201 Mckenna Boulevard
Madison, WI 53719

276-9782

Services: This organization runs the supervised after-school (and other) programs in the Madison public schools. Indoor and outdoor activities. Call for specific school schedule and to enroll.

Boys and Girls Club of Dane County

2001 Taft Street
Madison, WI 53703

257-2606

Services: Programs for school age children. Hot meal served after school. Also open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Youth programs include basketball, drop-in activities, summer recreation program including jobs and camp.

Madison Community Recreation (MCR)

3802 Regent Street
Madison, WI 53705

204-3000

Services: Aquatics, Youth Resource Centers, after school programs, cultural arts, day camps, playgrounds, wheel chair athletics, tennis instruction, softball leagues, special events, soccer camps, middle school clubs and intramurals. Programs are age-specific and are for both non-disabled youth and those with disabilities.

Cost: Varies from free to \$60 for a 10-week session.

Eligibility: Madison Metropolitan School District. Non-residents welcome at a higher fee. Assistance offered for participants with disabilities.

YMCA East and West

YMCA East, 711 Cottage Grove Road, Madison 53716 **221-1571**

YMCA West, 5515 Medical Circle, Madison 53719 **276-6780**

Services: Wide variety of recreational activities: swimming classes and teams, sports leagues (football, basketball, soccer, track & field, racquetball), dance and theater classes, karate, lifesaving, gymnastics, and summer camp. Friday Family night for open swim and gymnastics. Late night basketball for teens. YMCA East offers before and after school day care. YMCA East includes northeast Madison, Sun Prairie, Monona, Cottage Grove, McFarland, Deerfield and Stoughton. YMCA West includes Middleton and Verona. Not all programs at all sites.

Cost: Varies greatly depending on program. Lower rates to members.

Madison Area Community Centers

All of the following are neighborhood community centers for both adults and children, a few serve only certain age groups. Call the center in your neighborhood for detailed program information on after school, weekends and vacation days for pre-school and school age children, and for adults. Following are specific centers.

Allied/Dunns Marsh Neighborhood and Wellness Center

4705 Jenewein Road #2
Madison, WI 53711

274-7006

Services: Provides youth drop-in programs, Saturday and summer recreation and tutorial programs, as well as discussion groups for area youths.

Atwood Community Center

2425 Atwood Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

241-1574

Services: Full day preschool for children 3-5; after school childcare. Also:

- Safe Haven at Lowell Elementary School
- Middle School basketball, volleyball and dance troupes
- Middle School Empowerment evening program that focuses on conflict resolution and responsible decision-making
- Girl Neighborhood Power: daily programs for girls ages 9-14 focusing on building self esteem, decision-making, overall health and well being.

Cost: Sliding fee scale to participants. No one turned away due to family income limitations.

Bayview International Center for Arts and Education

601 Bayview
Madison, WI 53715

256-7808

Services: Math and reading tutoring, sewing programs and a variety of other programs, such as teen nights, art, computer lab, photography; also groups for young women. Other activities when requested.

Black Hawk Middle School Youth Center

1402 Wyoming Way
Madison, WI 53704

204-4360

Services: Programs for middle school youth only. Programs vary; call for specific information.

Bridge/Lake Point/Waunona Community Center

1511 Lake Point Drive
Madison, WI 53713

222-4431

Services: Safe Haven program. Various youth oriented services including arts, AIDS awareness, teen pregnancy prevention, Urban League. After school, evenings, Saturdays, Sunday bible study and breakfast. Also summer day camp.

East Madison Community Center

8 Straubel Court
Madison, WI 53704

249-0861

Services: After school and Saturday drop-in; pre-teen and teen nights; movie night and holiday events. Educational workshops, cooking classes; lunches and snacks. Learning Center help with homework, fishing club, aerobics, dance group, sports events. Summer day camp.

Jefferson Middle School Youth Center

101 South Gammon Road
Madison, WI 53717

833-4979

Services: For middle school youth only. Programs vary; call for specific information.

Kennedy Heights Community Center

199 Kennedy Heights
Madison, WI 53704

244-0767

Services: After school drop-in for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Teen program with social, educational and recreational activities for youth in grades 6-12; summer day camp for kindergarten through fifth grade; early childhood program for 3-4 year olds, and a 9-14 year old girls' group.

Neighborhood House Community Center

29 South Mills Street
Madison, WI 53715

255-5337

Services: After school drop-in, tutoring, Friday night recreation, girls' group, high school boys' basketball, cooking classes, holiday parties, daily snacks, day trips for sporting events, concerts, dances. Also summer day camp and meal program.

Eligibility: For low-to-middle income children in the Bayview, Regent/Mills neighborhoods of Madison.

Northport Community Learning Center

1740 Northport Drive
Madison, WI 53704

249-9281

Services: Call for information on youth programs.

Packer Community Learning Center

1927 Northport Drive
Madison, WI 53704

249-0160

Services: After school activities, computer lab and summer day camp. Also a Hmong support group.

Sennett Middle School Youth Center

502 Pflaum Road
Madison, WI 53716

204-1920

Services: Call for information on youth programs.

Vera Court Neighborhood Center

614 Vera Court
Madison, WI 53704

246-8372

Services: Recreational, educational and social programming for youth ages 5-17. Fully developed computer lab with unlimited internet access.

Eligibility: Open to all school-aged children ages 5-17.

Warner Park Community Recreational Center

1625 Northport Drive
Madison, WI 53704

245-3690

Services: Many after school, Saturday and summer activities for all age groups. Call for information.

Cost: \$5 for one-year membership; some activities cost \$1.

Wexford Ridge Neighborhood Center

7011 Flower Lane #A
Madison, WI 53717

833-4979

Services: Elementary after school drop-in. Middle school drop-in at Wexford Ridge-Jefferson Youth Center. Summer programs, homework club for all ages, special events and field trips. Computer access to JobNet.

Whitehorse Middle School Youth Center

230 Schenk Street
Madison, WI 53714

204-4504

Services: Call for middle school youth program information.

Will-Mar Neighborhood Center

953 Jenifer Street, Madison 53703
and
Will-Mar Children's House
412 S. Baldwin Street, Madison 53703

257-4576

Services: After school program, summer youth recreation program, middle school and high school programs. Teen dances, counseling, advocacy, referral, jobs board, service clubs and various youth classes. Also has a preschool program.

Surrounding Area of Dane County

Cambridge Youth Center (YMCA)

213 South Street
Cambridge, WI 53523

423-4799

Services: Varied after school programs from 3-6 p.m., Monday through Friday for fifth through eighth graders.

Deerfield Community Center

3 West Deerfield Street
Deerfield, WI 53531

764-5935

Services: For ages 6-18—drop-in for constructive activities, projects and recreation; counseling, employment training for teens; special trips, summer day camp, basketball leagues, summer program.

McFarland Youth Center

5120 Farwell Street
McFarland, WI 53558

838-4508

Services: Call for program information.

Middleton Youth Centers

276-6780

Services: The youth centers are sponsored by the YMCA. Call the Madison West YMCA at the above number for location, times and programs.

Monona Community Recreation

1011 Nichols Road
Monona, WI 53716

222-4167

Services: Varied programs for different age groups.

Mt. Horeb Youth Center

325 West Front Street
Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

437-6780

Services: Open from 3-6 p.m. Monday – Friday. Call for program information.

Mt. Horeb Recreation Department

222 East Front Street
Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

437-3400

Services: Swim lessons, sports camps and leagues, arts and crafts, dance, computers, self-defense classes. Includes an aquatic center with a lap pool, wading pool, waterslide and wet sand play area.

Eligibility: All ages welcome; most classes target 3-14 year olds.

Stoughton Youth Center

501 South Fourth Street
Stoughton, WI 53589

646-0470

Services: For middle school students: recreational services, peer group activities. Open Monday-Friday during the school year; noon to 7 p.m. in the summer.

Stoughton Recreation Department

321 South 4th Street
Stoughton, WI 53589

873-6746

Services: Half the programs offered are for young people: open gymnasium, sports leagues, various instructional programs.

Eligibility: Must be in the Stoughton School District.

Sun Prairie Youth Center (YMCA)

160 South Street
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

825-4303

Services: For grades 6, 7, and 8. Open 3-6 p.m. Monday – Friday. Call for information on programs.

Sun Prairie Recreation Program

300 East Main Street
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

837-3449

Services: Wide variety of youth activities including basketball, cross country skiing, skating, swimming, track, tennis, golf, dance.
Call for program and schedule.

Other Recreation and Learning Activities

American Red Cross

4860 Sheboygan Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

233-9300

Services: Youth programming in aquatics, first aid, babysitting, disaster services, HIV and AIDS, volunteer opportunities in summer camps, leadership camps.

Hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Eligibility: Must be 17 years of age or older to instruct in various programs.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Boy Scouts of America

34 Schroeder Court
Madison, WI 53711

273-1005

Blackhawk Council of Girl Scouts, Inc.

2710 Ski Lane
Madison, WI 53713

276-8500

Services: Recreational and educational experiences to provide developmental growth for young people. Girls' programs are for 5-17 year olds; boys are for 6-17. Call for information on local troops and programs.

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

222 West Washington Avenue #350
Madison, WI 53703

257-0158

Services: Summer art cart at area parks. Call for schedule and program.
Schedule for Saturday arts for children will resume in April 2006
upon completion of new museum.

Madison Boy Choir

P.O. Box 5233
Madison, WI 53705

233-5736

Services: Voice training, music appreciation, winter and summer camps.

Madison Children's Choir

402 North Eau Claire Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

233-1227

Services: Choral organization for boys and girls in grades 3-12.

Madison Children's Museum

100 State Street
Madison, WI 53703

256-6445

Services: Hands-on exhibits and programs for toddlers through elementary
school children.

Madison Ice Skating Rinks**Hartmeyer Ice Arena**

1834 Commercial Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

442-0071

Madison Ice Arena

725 Forward Drive
Madison, WI 53711

204-7606

Services: Call for schedules and lesson program.

Tap-It Dancing and Theatrical Company

1957 Winnebago Street
Madison, WI 53704

244-2938

Services: Dance classes, workshops and performances; creative drama and dance. Call for information on classes and costs.

Recreation for Children with Disabilities

Easter Seal Society of Wisconsin

101 Nob Hill Road #301
Madison, WI 53713

277-8288

Services: Summer camping and recreation for children and adults with physical disabilities. Also, year-round respite and recreation with one-to-one care for children and adults with moderate to severe cognitive or multiple disabilities.

Cost: Clients pay as able; camperships are available.

Eligibility: Must have a developmental or physical disability and be able to benefit from the program.

Madison Jewish Community Council Summer Camps

6434 Enterprise Lane
Madison, WI 53719

278-1808

Services: Camp Shalom: for children entering kindergarten through grade 5.
Camp Shalom Noar: for children entering 6th through 9th grades.
Camp operates from June into August.

Hours: 9a.m.-4p.m. Extended hours are available.

Eligibility: All children are welcome, including those with disabilities.
Call for costs.

Chapter III

Medical and Health Concerns

Grandparents / Relatives Raising and Nurturing Dependent Children in Dane County

Chapter III Medical and Health Concerns

Health Care Assistance

You may be worried about how to pay for health care services for your grandchild. Following are state and federal programs to help pay for health care; a national 800 number and the local Dane County phone number are listed. If you or your grandchild are not eligible for Medicaid, try BadgerCare for your grandchild.

Medical Assistance (Medicaid)

You or your grandchild may qualify for Medicaid if you are a citizen of the United States or an “eligible” person, meeting the financial eligibility requirements, and are in one of the following categories:

- A relative caretaker of a deprived child (this is a child who has one or both parents absent from the home, or both parents at home but one is incapacitated, unemployed, or an offender working without pay). The caretaker must be a relative of the child to be covered by Medicaid.
- Pregnant
- Under age 19
- Age 65 or older
- Blind or disabled.

To get your Medicaid eligibility process started, you may call 1-800-362-3002 (TTY and translation services are available), or you may call the Dane County Department of Human Services at 242-6200.

BadgerCare

This is Wisconsin’s program to provide health insurance for uninsured families. To be eligible:

- You must have children under age 19 living with you.
- Your income must be within the guideline limits.
- There is no limit on assets.
- You must not be covered by health insurance.

You may not have to pay at all, but if you do, the amount you pay depends on your family income. To get the eligibility process started, call 1-800-362-3002 (TTY and translation services available). If approved, call 1-800-362-3002 to get into the program.

Healthy Start and Healthy Start/OBRA Kids

Healthy Start extends benefits to low-income pregnant women and children under 6. Healthy Start/OBRA Kids covers children 6-14 in low income families. A baby born to a Healthy Start mom remains eligible for services through the first year of life. This is true even if the family income goes up. The services include:

- Delivery of the baby
- Health care (including medical, dental, vision, counseling) for pregnant Women up to 60 days following delivery.

To apply: call the Maternal and Child Health hotline at 1-800-722-2295. If approved, call 1-800-362-3002 to get into the program.

HealthCheck

HealthCheck offers preventive health checkups and immunizations (shots) for anyone under the age of 21. HealthCheck aims for early detection and treatment and teaches how to prevent illness.

Cost: Free for Medicaid recipients under 18 years of age. Recipients between 18 and 20 and not in a Medicaid HMO pay \$1. HealthCheck services are free for eligible recipients enrolled in a Medicaid HMO (Health Maintenance Organization). Your HMO provides the exam. For a list of Medicaid HMOs and other HealthCheck providers, call the Dept. of Health & Family Services Maternal and Child Health Hotline at 800-722-2295 (TTY and translation services available).

Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association

(Health Care Education and Information)

49 Kessel Court #210

Madison, WI 53711

277-7477

Website: www.execpc.com/~wphca/

Services: Founded in 1982, the association of Community and Migrant Health Centers, Health Care for the Homeless Programs, rural health clinics, and other organizations concerned about access to health care for underserved rural and urban populations. Besides government advocacy, research into the needs of each community's population, there is information and public education through a monthly newsletter.

Dane County Department of Human Services

Division of Public Health Nursing
1202 Northport Drive
Madison, WI 53704

242-6520

Services: Public Health clinics are held on a regular basis in 11 locations around Dane County. Services include immunizations, child developmental assessment, vision and hearing screening, blood lead screening, TB skin testing, diabetes information and counseling, blood pressure screening and monitoring, and health education and counseling.

- WIC clinics for prenatal and infant care
- Communicable disease control
- Flouride tablets and dental health program
- Well child screenings
- Smoking cessation program
- Specific services for school age children
- Home visits to families, providing help with such concerns as pregnancy, newborn care, child development, parenting, etc.
- Intake nurse available by phone during office hours
- Community education programs

Hours: Monday – Friday 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cost: Most services are free.

Eligibility: Varies; call office for information and/or appointment

Madison Department of Public Health

Reception/Referral #507

City-County Building, Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
Madison, WI 53703

East Clinic Office: 2713 East Washington Ave., Madison 53704

South Madison Health & Family Center: 2202 S. Park Street, Madison 53713

For Information & Appointments: Reception/Referral: **266-4821**

Clinics: **246-4516**

HIV/AIDS Tape: **294-5252**

Services: Youth services include assessment and evaluation of health concerns and problems; education, information and counseling. Many services are provided in neighborhood centers.

Hours: Generally, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. plus evening clinics.

Cost: Low or no cost.

Dental Care

Dental Hygiene Clinic

211 North Carroll Street,
Madison 53703

258-2400

Services: A Madison Area Technical College program that offers cleaning of teeth, x-rays, and sealants treatments for a minimal fee. Services are provided from Sept. 15 to May 15.

Cost: \$25 per person

Madison Community Dental Clinic

3434 East Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53204

443-5482

Services: Dental care at a sliding scale fee. Call for full information and appointment.

Wisconsin Donated Dental Services

PO Box 658
Milwaukee, WI 53201

1-800-364-7646

Services: Wisconsin Dental Association dentists donate their time and skill for free non-emergency dental care to people of all ages who, because of a serious disability, advanced age, or medical problem, cannot pay for needed dental care.

Cost: Generally no cost; however, people in a position to pay for part of their care may be encouraged to do so, especially when lab work is involved.

To apply: Call toll free 1-800-364-7646 or write to above address for an application. If approved, you will be notified of a dentist in your area that you may call for an appointment.

Eye Care

UW-Madison Community Eye Clinic

2880 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

263-7171

Services: The UW Eye Clinic is a free community eye clinic for uninsured and underinsured patients. Clinic runs a Saturday morning of each month for adults and a Thursday for children. The Lions Club provides a voucher for eye glasses (for Dane County residents)..

Medical Health Care Facilities and Hospitals

Dean Medical Center

1313 Fish Hatchery Road
Madison, WI 53715

252-8000

Services: Dean Medical Center provides a wide range of services including complete health care and educational opportunities at a variety of locations.

Dean Urgent Care Centers

1821 South Stoughton Road, Madison 53716
752 N. High Point Road, Madison 53719

250-1525
824-4000

Services: Open from 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily.
For on-call nursing assistance available 24 hours a day, call
1-800-576-8773.

Immediate Care: UW-Health and Physicians Plus

Two locations in Madison:

4122 East Towne Blvd. (east side)
7102 Mineral Point Road (west side)

242-6855
828-7603

Services: These are walk-in care facilities for people who are unable to see their regular physician.

UW Hospital Pediatric Clinic

2880 University Avenue (University Station)
Madison, WI 53705

263-6421

Services: Service limited to children only.

Hours: Monday – Friday 5-9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m. – noon.
Available for the hours in which general clinic is not open.

Madison Community & Dental Health Center

Two locations:

2202 South Park Street, Madison 53713

443-5480

3434 East Washington Avenue, Madison 53204
(Dental clinic only at East Washington location)

443-5482

Hours: South: Monday – Friday 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
East: Tuesday 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Services: Primary health care clinics serving those with insurance (including Medicare and Medical Assistance) and persons who are uninsured. For uninsured, charges are based on a sliding scale fee. Call for an appointment.

Hospitals

Meriter Hospital

202 South Park Street
Madison, WI 53715

267-6000

Services: A medical health care facility that provides emergency medical care, in-patient and out-patient services, numerous auxiliary services such as medical supplies, education, nutrition information, mental health, and other specialty clinics.

St. Mary's Hospital

707 Mills Street
Madison, WI 53715

251-6100

Services: A full range of emergency, in-patient and out-patient diagnostic and treatment services in primary care and many specialties, including pediatric care. The "Kids Can Cope" program is offered to schools and youth groups who have suffered a life-altering illness or loss. The youth are taught coping skills and healthy behaviors to help in dealing with the loss. The groups are facilitated by a registered nurse with grief and change training.

University Hospital and Clinics

Teenage and Young Adult Clinic
600 Highland Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

263-6421

Services: A teaching hospital with national recognition for cancer treatment and organ transplants. It has a full range of specialty clinics. The teenage and young adult clinic offers complete medical care including pregnancy prevention services, health counseling, individual and family psychotherapy. The adolescent counseling is completely confidential.

University Children's Hospital

600 Highland Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

263-7337

Services: This 60-bed pediatric hospital is housed within University Hospital. It is served through the UW Hospital and Clinics Pediatric services.

Other Medical Services

AIDS Network

600 Williamson Street
Madison, WI 53703

**252-6540 04 or
800-486-6276**

Services: HIV Intervention for Teens (HIT Squad) is a group of area high school students who provide free HIV/AIDS information to teenagers. Information is given through schools, churches, youth groups and one-on-one.

Hours: Flexible; meetings are held once a week for counselors. Those wishing to be trained as counselors and those wanting services, call for an appointment.

Blue Bus Clinic (University Health Services)

1552 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

265-5600

Services: Screening, diagnosis, and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases and information about STD including anonymous AIDS antibody counseling and testing. No age limits. Do not have to be in school to receive clinic services. Especially funded for people at risk for sexually transmitted diseases and people without access to medical services.

Cost: \$50 initial visit, \$25 follow-up visit. No charge for UW-Madison students or for Dane County residents.

Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

Waisman Center
1500 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

263-1656

Services: The program provides consultation, information and referrals with limited financial assistance for families of children with special health care needs such as a chronic illness or disability.

Intake procedure: Referrals from agencies or health care professionals, but clients or their families can contact the CSHCN directly.

Wisconsin Bureau for the Blind

1 West Wilson Avenue #451
Madison, WI 53702

Services: The Bureau offers information and assistance in assistive devices for adults or children with low-vision, and acts as a clearing house for information and referrals. Out-reach offices offer training and education for those who are blind or have low-vision.

Bureau for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing

1 W. Wilson Avenue #451
Madison, WI 53702

266-5641

267-4329 TTY

Services: The Bureau offers a variety of free services, such as

- TAP will fund a telephone amplifier, a signal to alert a person that the phone is ringing and a teletypewriter, if needed.
- Education and training
- Information on legal issues
- Information on assistive devices

Cerebral Palsy Clinic of Southern Wisconsin

Waisman Center
1500 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

263-1656

Services: Continuity of care for children who have cerebral palsy and other neurodevelopmental problems. Includes evaluation, long-term treatment, follow-along care and reevaluation by the core interdisciplinary staff with orthopedists and other medical specialists.

Clinic staff assists family members in locating community resources that will help maximize child's potential.

Cost: Depends on services provided.

Eligibility: Children and young adults ages 0-21 with physical delay or disability. Program serves children of varying levels of physical and mental functioning. Children with CP, suspected or diagnosed, high-risk infants, children with neurodevelopmental problems.

Intake procedure: Referral through physician, parents, schools, etc. Phone or mail for appointment.

National Kidney Foundation

280 Regency Court #100
Brookfield, WI 53045

800-543-6393

Services: Services to young people with kidney failure and general information to the public on kidney disease, its prevention, and on the organ donor program. A special program is for students in a driver's education class.

Family Planning Services

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin

South: 2202 South Park Street
Madison, WI 53715

261-9256

West: 416 West Mifflin Street
Madison, WI 53703

256-7257

East: 3706 Orin Road
Madison, WI 53704

241-6767

Services: Confidential family planning and reproductive health care services for all ages. Education and training programs on reproductive health and sexuality also available.

Appointments: Call above number of closest clinic.

Cost: Sliding fee scale. Pregnancy tests may be free.

Pregnancy Helpline

P.O. Box 5261
Madison, WI 53705

222-0008

Services: Provides 24-hour crisis and information telephone service. Information covers pregnancy, counseling, as well as single parenting and other resources. Offers labor coaching for single mothers, baby supplies, an extensive list of agencies, parenting supports, housing, support groups, food and clothing.

Hours: Call 24 hours a day.

Following is one of the agencies this Helpline offers as a resource:

- The Sharing Center (Holy Redeemer School)
124 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison 53703
Hours: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturdays

Free maternity clothes and baby clothes to size 4 toddler. Free small baby equipment and emergency supplies of baby food, formula, diapers, rubber pants, etc.

Chapter IV

Mental Health / Counseling / Youth Services

Grandparents / Relatives Raising and Nurturing Dependent Children in Dane County

Chapter IV Mental Health / Counseling / Youth Services

For some children, coming to live with their grandparents or other relatives may be a new experience---they may be fearful or upset because their lives have changed. They may feel unwanted or that they are the cause of the change in their family's life. On the other hand, for some children coming to live with their grandparents may be a positive change, a relief to them. Whichever it is, they may have seen drug and alcohol abuse, physical abuse, HIV/AIDS, or the imprisonment or death of a parent. Whatever has happened in their lives, they may also carry the burden of worry about their parent(s) or the guilt that somehow, they were responsible for family problems. As a caregiver, you may also be dealing with your own feelings about your adult child (or sibling), the parent of this child who is now your responsibility.

Young children can and do experience emotional problems even if they cannot express them verbally. Following are some of the signs that may indicate a problem:

- Sudden changes in mood or behavior
- Depression---feeling unhappy for a long time
- Anxiety---fearful or nervous; unable to sleep
- Fights against being hugged or cuddled
- Dropping grades
- Unusual behaviors (i.e., head banging, constant rocking or hurting themselves physically in other ways)
- Babies crying constantly or having a weak cry

Older children may not talk about what bothers them. Instead, they often *act out* in ways that give clues that they need help. Some of the signs in the previous list may also apply to older children and teenagers. Other signs may be:

- Harming themselves or others (cutting or burning, fighting with or hitting others)
- Hard to control or unable to control themselves (constant talking, lying, stealing, extreme anger)
- Unable to give affection or not willing to be hugged or touched with affection
- Not getting along with others (a loner, bullying other children, not trusting)
- Eating problems
- Running away, or talking about or attempting suicide
- Inappropriate sexual behaviors
- Poor concentration and low self-esteem
- Lethargy (no interest in things previously enjoyed) or sleeping too much

Sometimes these situations require immediate attention for the safety and well-being of everyone in the family. The EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS section at the front of this book will give you a quick list of phone numbers to call. The following information in this section lists some of the places you may call for counseling help or support groups for you and your grandchild.

Adolescent Alcohol/Drug Abuse Intervention Program (ADAIP)

(UW Hospital and Clinics)
122 East Olin Avenue #275
Madison, WI 53713

Appointment during office hours **262-1111**
UW Hospital Emergency Room **262-2398**

Services: ADAIP provides alcohol/drug evaluations to Dane County Adolescents—this includes psychosocial and family information. Services also include intervention, referrals, parent assessments and crisis intervention in the UW Hospital emergency room for acutely intoxicated youth on a 24-hour daily basis.

Intake procedure: Teenager can be taken to hospital by anyone who believes he/she is in acute intoxication. Otherwise, call for an appointment.

Cost: No charge.

ARC Centers for Women and Children

1409 Emil Street
Madison, WI 53713

283-6426

Services: An alcohol or drug addiction (AODA) treatment program for low income minority women. While in treatment, group and individual therapy is offered to their children and other family members.

Healthy Beginnings: This program treats AODA low income, pregnant women. Program offers the same services as the program listed above.

Intake procedure: Call for an appointment.

Cost: No charge for either program.

Big Brother and Big Sisters of Dane County

2059 Atwood Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

661-5437

Services: This program recruits, screens, matches and supervises volunteers as friends to school-aged youth who come mainly from single-parent homes. Volunteers meet with youths every week (or ten days) for 3-4 hours, for a minimum of one year, acting as friends and role models. Affirmation of a child's self-worth helps prevent serious problems. Agency also provides information and referrals on an informal basis.

Eligibility: Youths must be 6-14 years old and living in a single-parent home. Girls are accepted from a two-parent home where a need for this type of relationship is shown.

Intake procedure: Call or stop at office. Staff will arrange for orientation and interviews.

Briarpatch, Inc.

Crisis Intervention/Runaway Services
512 East Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53703

Crisis Lines:**In Madison 251-6211****Outside Madison 1-800-798-6211**

Services: Crisis intervention, telephone counseling, family and individual counseling, emergency shelter for teens, information and referral, case management with older teens.

Eligibility: Runaway and homeless youth and other youth who are in crisis or who have adolescent issues with their families.

Cost: No charge.

Briarpatch, Inc.

Family Counseling (PACE and HFC)
512 East Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53703

Crisis Lines:**In Madison 251-6211****Outside Madison 1-800-798-6211**

Services: PACE (Parent Adolescent Counseling, Etc.) Short term family counseling focused on adolescent problems, drug assessments, and referrals for special treatment and long-term counseling.
HFC (Home Family Counseling) Short term counseling with families of adolescents. In-home services provided to rural and hard-to-reach families.

Eligibility: Referrals to Pace must be initiated by social workers and HFC referrals from school social workers in rural districts and other Briarpatch programs.

Catholic Charities Social Services

30 South Franklin Street
Madison, WI 53703

256-2358

Services: Youth counseling, crisis intervention, family therapy, assessment and referral to other services, also handle adoption, problem pregnancy situations, and foster care.

Cost: Fees based on a sliding scale according to ability to pay. Medical Assistance and private insurance accepted.

Centers for Prevention and Intervention**New Directions**

2000 Fordem Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

280-2674 or 280-2590

Services: Varied programs for teens, boys and girls. Programs include:
Building Bridges Youth Leadership
FORT (Family of Recovering Teens)
Girls Club
Teens Like Us
Summer Jobs for Kids

Intake procedure: Call or walk-in.

Children Come First

1334 Dewey Court
Madison, WI 53703

250-6634

Services: This program improves the quality of life of severely emotionally disturbed children and their families. CCF coordinates mental health care and related services for families.

Intake Procedure: Children are referred by Dane County Human Services and Mental Health Center.

Children's Service Society of Wisconsin

2800 Royal Avenue #310
Madison, WI 53713

221-3511

Services: **Offers five program areas:**
Child-Parent Counseling for home, school and community conflicts
Birth Parent Counseling includes pregnancy counseling
Treatment Foster Care for children with emotional, developmental or physical handicaps who cannot remain at home
Adoption services and counseling
Project STOP for 1st and 2nd time juvenile offenders

Intake procedure: Call for appointment or walk-in.

Cost: Sliding fee scale or insurance coverage.

Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin—F.A.S.T.

2800 Royal Avenue #310
Madison, WI 53713

221-3511

Services: An 8-12 week program, usually held at school, consisting of a meal, family games, AOD presentation, kids games, parent group. After graduation, youth continues with FASTWORKS for two years.

Eligibility: For students who are not reaching their potential at school.

Community Action Coalition

1717 North Stoughton Road
Madison, WI 53713

246-4730

Services: Provides low income families and their children with advocacy, referral, community development activities and programming.

Eligibility: Any low to moderate income neighborhood.

Intake procedure: Call for information.

Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention

625 West Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53703

Youth Crisis 280-2610
Adult Crisis 280-2600

Services: This branch of the Mental Health Center of Dane County provides 24-hour emergency mental health and suicide prevention services by phone and face-to-face contact with individuals whose behaviors are life threatening and high-risk. Emergency walk-in services and pre-crisis interventions are available.

Cost: No charge.

Exchange Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Inc.

(Parents and Children Together Program and Welcome Baby Program)

2120 Fordem Avenue

Madison, WI 53704

241-3434

Services: Parents and Children Together provides home-based support to families headed by parent(s) with cognitive limitations.

Welcome Baby provides home-based one-to-one support services and new parent education to first-time parents in stress.

Cost: No charge

Intake procedure: Telephone and written intake referral form. Call for information.

Family Connections

6117 Monona Drive #2

Madison, WI 53716

256-0906

Services: Under the Madison Area Urban Ministry, this program helps to maintain and strengthen the bonds between incarcerated mothers and their children by providing monthly transportation for children to visit their mothers at Taycheedah Correctional Institution in Fond du Lac and possibly other facilities. A volunteer accompanies the children of an individual family throughout the visit. Service is not exclusive to Dane County alone.

Cost: No charge.

Intake procedure: The visitation must be initiated by the incarcerated mother by notifying the TCI staff.

Family Enhancement

2120 Fordem Avenue

Madison, WI 53704

241-5150

Services: Provides a wide range of community-based parent education and support programs in various locations; for parents with special interests and needs, including those with deaf and hard of hearing members, programs in ASL, Spanish and Hmong, single parents, fathers, teen parents, interracial families, and parents of teens. Child care is provided for all programs.

Intake procedure: Call for schedules and walk-in.

Family Enhancement Center—Early Childhood Program

2202 South Park Street
Madison, WI 53713

256-7799

Services: Provides a wide range of support and education for parents of children ages 0-3 years old. There is a children's play room, an infant room, and a parents' meeting room. Programming includes parenting classes with groups for teen parents, Spanish-speaking parents, Omega GED (general education diploma) classes as well as drop-in playtimes.

Intake procedure: Call or stop stop-in for program schedule.

**Family Support and Resource Center
Respite Care Program**

1945 West Broadway
Madison, WI 53713

221-4611

Services: The Respite Care Program provides care for a child with a developmental disability for a period of a few hours to two weeks. Care may be in the family's home, a worker's home, or elsewhere.

Cost: Families pay \$1.75 per hour up to \$24.50 per 24-hour day for respite care.

Eligibility: The program has a long waiting list. Call and register to be eligible for respite requests. The requests must be made well in advance of the time the service is needed.

Family Therapy Center of Madison

700 Rayovac Drive #220
Madison, WI 53711

276-9191

Services: Child, adolescent and family outpatient evaluation and treatment. The staff, comprising clinical psychologists, social workers, and psychiatrists have a variety of specialties including the use of play therapy to work with sexual and physical abuse, attention deficit disorder, and eating disorders.

Cost: Varies according to health insurance coverage, Medical Assistance, or special arrangements.

Intake procedure: Call for appointment.

Goodwill Industries

1302 Mendota Street
Madison, WI 53714

246-3140 (also TDD)

Services: To enhance an individual's success in obtaining and maintaining integrated community employment. Services include person counseling, vocational assessment, job-development/placement and daily living support.

Eligibility: For persons aged 16 and older who have a severe developmental disability.

Cost: Varies, depending upon level of support needed.

Intake procedure: Contact the Dane County Department of Human Services for an assessment. Waiting lists exist.

Jewish Social Services

6434 Enterprise Lane
Madison, WI 53719

278-1808

Services: General counseling, advocacy, information and referral on a personal basis. All services are open to youth.

Intake procedure: Call for an appointment or walk-in.

Eligibility: No requirement

Joining Forces for Families

Dane County Human Services Department
1202 Northport Drive
Madison, WI 53704

242-6525

Services: JFF teams, comprising public health, human services, schools, and police representatives provide prevention/early intervention services to children, youth and families on a voluntary basis. There are 25 JFF teams in Dane County.

Intake procedure: Call for referral to a team.

Lutheran Social Services

5 Odana Court
Madison, WI 53719

277-2970

Services: Comprehensive, in-home family treatment for seriously troubled youth and their families throughout Dane County. This includes troubled relationships at home and in school, alcohol and other drug use, and abuse patterns. All services are coordinated with county and other community agencies.

Cost: No charge

Eligibility: Referrals must be made from Dane County Department of Human Services and are screened for appropriateness of program.

Mendota Mental Health Institute

301 Troy Drive
Madison, WI 53704

301-1000

Services: Psychiatric outpatient treatment of severely emotionally disturbed children ages 2-10 and their families, by referral only. Consultation and training on child-rearing issues available.

Intake procedure: Referral by a community agency.

Mental Health Center of Dane County—Compass Program

625 West Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53703

**280-2700 or
Youth Crisis Line 280-2610**

Services: Coordinates services to support families in keeping severely disturbed youth, ages 0-21, in their communities.

Intake procedure: Referrals from Dane County Department of Human Services, schools, psychiatrists and therapists.

Mental Health Center of Dane County—Developmental Disabilities

625 West Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53703

280-2520

Services: Counseling on an outpatient basis for children, adolescents, and families who are dealing with developmental disabilities and mental health concerns.

Cost: Sliding fee scale, which goes to zero. Accepts private insurance and Medical Assistance.

Intake procedure: Call for appointment.

Mental Health Center of Dane County—Teen Depression Project

625 West Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53703

280-2520

Services: Works towards early identification and intervention with depressed youth. Staff works with county schools to provide training and consultation for school personnel. Staff screens in schools and provides early identification that will lead to treatment.

Cost: Treatment fee on a sliding scale to zero with Medical Assistance and insurance accepted.

Intake procedure: Screening takes place in schools. Schools interested in participating, contact the center.

Eligibility: Student must be in a participating school.

Meriter Hospital—Capitol Psychiatric Child & Adolescent Program

202 South Park Street (for adults)
Madison, WI 53715

267-6000 or 267-5330

8001 Raymond Road (for youths)
Madison, WI 53719

848-0777

Services: Complete medical and psychological diagnostic services; includes Behavior, family assessment and treatment, one-to-one counseling, group therapy, recreational and occupational therapy, outpatient follow-up.

Hours: Continuous 24 hours a day

Intake procedure: Emergency room referral or Meriter psychiatrist referral.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill—NAMI

2059 Atwood Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

249-7188

Services: Support, information and referrals for families of older teenagers and young adults with mental illness.

Cost: No charge.

The Rainbow Project, Inc

831 East Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53703

255-7356

Services: For children and families traumatized by violence, incest or drug abuse. Parent education, counseling, consultation/training. Helps young children and families under stress.

Chapter V
Food / Nutrition

Grandparents / Relatives
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Chapter V Food / Nutrition

Meal Sites (for free or low cost meals)

This list may not include all the meal sites in Dane County. Call the churches and community centers in your neighborhood for meal site information including days and times when meals are served. You may also contact **First Call for Help at 246-4357** for a complete list of meal sites and the Food Pantries where low-income families can receive groceries. There is also a website that lists meal sites: www.uwdc.org

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| Christ Lutheran Church | 873-9353 |
| St. Paul's Catholic Church | 256-6325 |
| First Lutheran Church | 873-7761 |
| Luke House | 256-6325 |
| Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ | 249-1537 |
| Rescue Mission | 241-1522 |
| St. Mark's Lutheran Church | 256-8463 |
| St. Martin's House | 255-1287 |
| Trinity Lutheran Church | 249-8527 |
| Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center | 257-4576 |

Salvation Army

630 East Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53703

256-2321

Services: Providing assistance with emergency short-term housing, clothing and food—it does food distribution and is a meal site.

Madison Department of Public Health/WIC Clinic

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
Madison, WI 53703

267-1111

Services: Supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children including Wisconsin Shares, the food debit card program (Quest).

Wisconsin Shares (formerly Food Stamp Program)

Wisconsin Shares issues a debit card (Quest) that can be used instead of the old food stamps or coupons. The Quest card is similar to a credit card and almost all major grocers accept it. Wisconsin has lowered the requirements for this program to encourage its use. If at one time you did not qualify, try again now.

Eligibility: This varies depending upon who eats with you, your rent and utility costs, your income and your assets. You can find out if you are eligible through the **Dane County Department of Human Services Job Center Office at 242-7400.**

Other food help: If the children qualify for the food program, they can also get free meals that may be offered at their school. If you do not get an application from the school, pick one up at the school office. Fill it out and return it to the school. Most schools take part in the National School Lunch Program, which will give the children free lunches. Some schools also offer the School Breakfast Program, after school snacks, and a milk program.

Be sure to fill out the household income part of the school meals application form even if you think you may not qualify. You may still qualify for free or reduced prices for school nutrition.

Infants' food: For children under age five, the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC) can help with nutrition needs. To find the WIC office nearest you, call the **Dane County Department of Human Services WIC program at 242-6525.**

UW-Extension Youth Nutrition Program

Fen Oak Resource Center
1 Fen Oak Court
Madison, WI 53718

224-3714

Services: Youth nutrition education with hands-on activities. Youth learn about the selection and preparation of healthy food choices and the importance of being physically active.

Hours: 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: Free for youth from low-income families.

Chapter VI
Financial Assistance

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Chapter VI Financial Assistance

Public Assistance and Assistance Programs

Children and relative caregivers may be able to get help from several public support assistance programs. A grandparent or other relative who is caring for a dependent child can apply for most of these programs or get information on how to apply at their county or tribal human or social services agency. Only the most common public support programs are listed below. Relatives should call their local health or human services agency to learn about any other support programs from which they or the children they care for might be able to get help. (See Chapter III on medical and health resources.)

To fill out an application for financial help, you will need to bring the Social Security number of each person who will benefit from the services, and household income and asset information. Each program's requirements may be different. Read through the information about the following assistance programs to help you decide what help may be available for you in caring for your grandchild.

Emergency funds: You may apply for help in an emergency at the Dane County Department of Health & Human Services (242-6200) if you are the victim of a natural disaster, are homeless, or may become homeless. You do not have to be eligible for other programs to get help in an emergency. You can receive payments of up to \$150 for each person who is eligible to receive emergency help.

Program for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

Waisman Center
1500 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

267-9184

Services: Consultation, referrals and information from nurse consultants; limited financial assistance for families of children who have a chronic illness or disabling condition and have special health care needs. Help is based on availability of federal funds.

Eligibility: Clients are usually referred by agencies or professionals but clients or client families may contact CSHCN directly.

Foster Care

Foster Care benefits are a monthly payment for the care of children living in the home of foster parents. The payment is meant to cover the cost of providing food, shelter, and other daily needs for the child in foster care.

Grandparents or other relatives may be licensed as a foster parent as long as he or she meets the requirements to be licensed. The county decides whether to place a child in foster care with a relative. Counties have the choice of placing a child under the Kinship Care program rather than foster care.

Eligibility: This program is only for children who have been taken from their own homes by an order of the Children's Court and placed with a licensed foster family. This is done only if the child has been found in need of protection or services. Generally, the child must have been abused or neglected or is unsafe in the home. A teenager may be placed in foster care if he or she is found to be out of control and in need of services.

Requirements: Adults must be licensed as foster parents in order to be paid benefits. Also, the child must be placed with the foster parent by the county or tribal child protective services or welfare agency.

To apply: **Dane County Human Services at 242-6200** and private child-placing agencies have the right to license foster parents.

Kinship Care

Kinship Care is a state-funded and county/tribal-administered program that gives financial support to adult relatives caring for minor children.

Benefits: Each child can receive \$215 per month.

Eligibility: The following adult relatives may get Kinship Care benefits for a minor child: grandparent or great-grandparent or great-great grandparent, a brother or sister, a stepparent, stepbrother or stepsister, a first cousin, nephew, niece, aunt or uncle. The relative may be related by blood, adoption or marriage to any person listed above, even if that marriage ended in death or divorce.

Children up to the age of 18 and 18-year-olds who are still in school, get good grades and are likely to graduate can be covered by Kinship Care.

Requirements: Eligibility is determined by the county or tribal Kinship Care agency and must be reassessed each year. All of the following must be met to receive Kinship Care.

- The Kinship Care agency must find that the child's needs are better met if he or she lives with the relative than if the child lives with his or her parent(s).
- The child must be in need of protection or services, or the child must be at risk of needing protection or services.
- All adults living or employed in the relative's household must agree to a criminal background check. Kinship Care will not be given if any adult is found to have a criminal record that could place the child in a bad situation or affect the relative's ability to care for the child.
- The relative caretaker must also cooperate with the Kinship Care agency in referring the child's parents to child support unless there is a good reason for the relative's not helping with a referral for the parents, and the Kinship Care agency agrees.
- Children who are already getting Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cannot get help from Kinship Care.

To apply: Contact the Dane County Department of Health and Human Services at 242-6200.

Medicaid/Medical Assistance

In Wisconsin, Medicaid is called Medical Assistance and is sponsored jointly by the federal government and the state to cover the cost of health care services for eligible people.

Eligibility: To qualify for Medical Assistance, a person's income and assets must not go over the set limits, and the person must meet *one* of the following:

- Is under age 19
- Is 65 years and older
- Is disabled or blind
- Is the caretaker relative of a deprived child
- Is pregnant

A grandparent or other relative is a "caretaker of a deprived child" if one or both of the child's parents is not living in the home, or if both parents are in the home and one parent is incapacitated, unemployed or an offender working without pay.

The income and assets of a child's relative are not considered when deciding if a child can get Medical Assistance. Child support from a child's parents who are absent from the home is counted.

To apply: Contact the Dane County Health and Human Services at 242-6200. Recipient services can also be called at 800-362-3002 (TTY and translation services are available) for more information about applying.

Services: Following are some of the services available:

- Doctor's visits, including prenatal care
- Well-child and HealthCheck visits with immunization shots
- Hospital care
- Vision care, including eye glasses
- Prescription drugs
- Family planning services and supplies
- Occupational, physical and speech language therapy
- Mental health and substance abuse therapy services
- Medical equipment
- Hearing services, including hearing aids; lab and x-ray services
- Dental services
- Transportation to Medical Assistance services
- Home care services.

Medicaid and BadgerCare

For information: **1-800-362-3002**

For eligibility: **242-7441**

Website:

www.dhfs.state.wi.us/badgercare/index.htm

BadgerCare is a state program that provides health insurance to uninsured working families. To qualify, you must be eligible for Medical Assistance (Medicaid). In many instances, your grandchild or other minor relative whom you are caring for will be eligible for Medical Assistance, not BadgerCare. Since both programs cover the same health care benefits, which program the child is legally eligible for makes no difference. It only matters to the state because of where the money comes from to pay for the care. BadgerCare is Wisconsin's CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection or Services) program and covers parents in eligible families.

Requirements:

The adults and children of any Wisconsin family with a child 18 years of age or under is eligible for BadgerCare or Medical Assistance as long as:

- The family income is at or below 185% of the federal poverty level at the time of application. (Note: family income may rise to 2001% at which point the family becomes ineligible.)
- The family has no other means to get health insurance.

Eligibility:

Children living with grandparents or other relatives are eligible for BadgerCare as long as they:

- Are under age 19
- Have a limited income or are indigent
- Are not covered by major medical health insurance

There is no limit on the amount of assets children can hold in order to be eligible for BadgerCare.

BadgerCare was created to cover only minor children and their parents living with them. If the only children the relatives are taking care of are not their own, the relatives will not qualify for BadgerCare. If the relatives have their own minor children living with them along with these other children, then they could qualify for BadgerCare.

However:

Grandparents and other relatives who are not eligible for BadgerCare could be eligible for Medical Assistance if they have assets (not including their home) of less than \$1,000 and a monthly income of around \$300 or less. In cases where the relatives are disabled or are 65 or older, they may qualify for Medical Assistance if their assets are under \$2,000.

Wisconsin Shares (formerly Food Stamp Program)

Wisconsin Shares issues a debit card (Quest) that can be used instead of the old food stamps or coupons. The Quest card is similar to a credit card and almost all major grocers accept it. Wisconsin has lowered the requirements for this program to encourage its use. If at one time you did not qualify, try again now.

Eligibility: This varies depending upon who eats with you, your rent and utility costs, your income and your assets. You can find out if you are eligible through the **Dane County Department of Human Services Job Center Office at 242-7400.**

Other food help: If the children qualify for the food program, they can also get free meals that may be offered at their school. If you do not get an application from the school, pick one up at the school office. Fill it out and return it to the school. Most schools take part in the National School Lunch Program, which will give the children free lunches. Some schools also offer the School Breakfast Program, after school snacks, and a milk program.

Be sure to fill out the household income part of the school meals application form even if you think you may not qualify. You may still qualify for free or reduced prices for school nutrition.

Infants' food: For children under age five, the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC) can help with nutrition needs. To find the WIC office nearest you, call the **Dane County Department of Human Services WIC program at 242-6525.**

Child Care—Dane County Connections

Wisconsin's child care program provides child care subsidies for low income working families. Payments are made to the child care provider the parent chooses. These can be licensed day care centers and family day care homes. Neighbors and relatives can also be subsidized if they meet the basic health and safety standards. Connections can be reached at 242-7441.

Eligibility: If the children are under the age of 13 and the caregiver meets the financial qualifications (see below), they may be eligible for subsidized child care.

The income eligibility requirements for child care vary, depending on whether a child has been placed with a relative by a court order, or whether the child was placed voluntarily by the family.

If the child is placed with a grandparent or other relative under Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) or a Juvenile in Need of Protection or Services (JIPS) court order, the income eligibility standards apply to the parents' income, not the relative's income.

If the child is not currently under a (CHIPS) or (JIPS) order, the relative's income must be taken into account. Call the Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R) at toll free 1-888-713-5437, or the Dane County Job Center at 245-5390, or W-2 agency at 245-5390 for information about your eligibility.

Requirements: In order to receive subsidized child care, the grandparent or other relative must be working. A co-payment is usually required for the day care. This is set by a sliding scale according to the caregiver's income. If the child is placed with a relative by a child welfare agency under a court order, the agency may make the co-payment.

To apply: Contact the Dane County Health & Human Services Department at 242-6200.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a monthly cash benefit paid by the federal Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) to people in financial need who are 65 or older or to people of any age who are blind or disabled and are residents of Wisconsin. You can receive the state SSI only if you qualify for the federal SSI.

Requirements: You may be eligible for SSI payments if you have little or no income and if your assets are \$2,000 or less for a single person or \$3,000 or less for a married couple. Certain assets do not count, such as your home or car.

Definitions: According to SSI, disabled means having a physical or mental condition that keeps someone from working. The condition is one that is expected to last at least a year or that will result in death. Children as well as adults can get benefits because of a disability. When deciding if a child is disabled, Social Security looks at how the disability affects the child's everyday life. For more information, contact any Social Security office and ask for the booklet, *Benefits for Children with Disabilities* (Publication No. 05-10026).

According to SSI, being blind means you are either totally blind or have very poor eyesight. Children as well as adults may receive benefits because of blindness. Sometimes a person whose sight is not poor enough to qualify for benefits as a blind person may be able to receive benefits as a person with a disability if the condition keeps them from working.

Benefits: Benefits range from about \$400 to \$900 a month, depending upon whether you are living on your own or in someone else's household, and whether single or part of a couple.

To apply: Contact the nearest Social Security office or you may call toll free 1-800-772-1213 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays. With a touch tone phone, recorded information is available after 7 p.m. seven days a week. Social Security also has an internet address: www.ssa.gov/. People with a hearing impairment may call the toll free TTY number 1-800-325-0778 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays.

You do not have to apply separately for the state SSI payment. If you qualify for the federal SSI, you will automatically receive the state's SSI payment.

Wisconsin Works (W-2)

Wisconsin Works (W-2) is the welfare replacement program for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) based on work participation. In order to be eligible for W-2 services, adults must have children under age 18. Grandparents or other relative care givers cannot qualify for W-2 by caring for a relative's child; rather, these relatives must have their own dependent children.

Requirements: A parent's child does not have to be living with him or her in order for the parent to be eligible for W-2 or other employment and training programs. The parent can be receiving job training and placement services while a relative receives Kinship Care benefits for the care of a child.

Services: Parents may receive job readiness training. Take community college classes, receive worksite mentoring, work-related transportation assistance, or emergency housing assistance. The W-2 agency serving the parent decides which services will be made available.

To apply: Parents should go to their local W-2 agency (245-5390) or County Economic Support office (242-6200).

Energy Services

1225 South Park Street
Madison, WI 53713

267-8601

Households having difficulty meeting heating and electricity costs may qualify for the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program. Call Energy Services at the above number to apply for financial assistance.

Eligibility: Many households with low to moderate incomes are eligible. More information and income guidelines are on the Energy website: www.heat.state.wi.us.

To apply: You must fill out an Energy Services Program Application form with your local LIHEAP agency. You will need to supply information on your household's income and heating costs. Only one member of a household can apply for assistance, but the benefit is for the entire household.

Project Home

1966 S. Stoughton Road
Madison, WI 53716

246-3737

Services: For residents of Dane County:

- Low income Weatherization Program to provide energy conservation for people at or below 150% of the federal poverty level. Includes single family, multi-family buildings, and mobile homes. It may also include replacement of air conditioners, refrigerators, windows and doors.
- HOME Weatherization program to provide safe energy efficient rehabilitation or accessibility modifications to low income owner-occupied customers who are at or below the 150% federal poverty level. Can receive a five-year forgivable loan to make necessary repairs.
- Minor Home Repair Program for low income home owners of homes assess at below \$140,600 and an income at or below 65% of the county median income level and live outside the City of Madison. Applicants pay the cost of materials and \$8 per hour for labor.
- CDBG Rehabilitation Program for low to moderate income homeowners who need major home repairs. Income must be below or at 80% of county median income level. Accepted applicants will receive a non-interest bearing deferred loan, which is repaid upon the sale of the home.

For Madison residents:

- CDBG Home Repair Program for low to moderate income homeowners with income at or below 80% of the county median income level. Services may included minor plumbing, electrical, or carpentry work, water heater replacement. All accepted applicants must pay for cost of materials and \$8 per hour of labor. This program also offers \$500 towards a furnace replacement and \$1,000 towards a new roof.
- Project Home Loan Program offers a low-interest loan to homeowners with incomes at or below 80% of the county median income level with homes assessed at or below \$140,600.

Other programs offered for Dane County:

- Dane County Paint-a-Thon paints the exteriors of homes of elderly and disabled homeowners.
- High efficiency particulate air vacuum (HEPA) to remove poisons in the air of older homes due to lead-based paints or varnish dust and chips. HEPA vacuums are available for \$5.

Property Tax Deferred Loan Program

c/o WHEDA (Wisconsin Housing & Economic Development Authority)
201 West Washington Avenue #700
Madison, WI 53703

266-7884

Services: This program gives up to \$2,500 every year that they qualify to seniors 65 and older who have limited incomes. This converts equity from their home into cash to help pay their property taxes. The borrower makes no payments until he or she no longer lives in the house or it is sold.

Home Equity Conversion or Reverse Mortgage

c/o Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups (HUD approved counseling agency)
2850 Dairy Drive
Madison, WI 53718

224-0606

Services: This program is similar to the program described above but is not limited in its use of paying taxes. The home owner (aged 62 or older) may receive cash benefits in the form of a lump sum or as monthly income. This money can be used for any purpose or need. When the house is sold, the loan is paid off and the individual keeps the remaining equity.

Income Tax Credit

Income tax credit: The Earned Income Tax Credit is a special credit for certain persons who work. The credit reduces the amount of tax you owe (if any) and is meant to help with some of the increases in living expenses and social security taxes. If you meet certain conditions, you may be eligible for this special tax credit when you file your income tax. For information on Earned Income Tax Credit, call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-3676 (800-829-1040 TTY).

The University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension has a website that will give you information about three kinds of tax credits: the federal earned income tax credit, the Wisconsin earned income credit, and the Wisconsin Homestead tax credit. That website is www.uwex.edu/ces/econ.

Employment Opportunities

Dane County Job Center

1819 Aberg Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

**245-5390 or
to find the nearest center: 1-800-258-9966**

Services:

If you need a job to support your grandchild, you can receive employment help through your local Job Center. The Job Center offers information on and access to educational programs at local universities and technical colleges to help you get a better job or learn new skills. The Job Centers can link job seekers with employers. The Center also has a Job Net website at www.dwd.state.wi.us/jobnet/mapWI.htm.

Older Worker Program (Title V)

c/o The Dane County Job Center
1819 Aberg Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

242-4897

Services:

This program, funded through the United States Department of Labor, offers a combination of classroom and on-the-job training if you are over 55 years of age, low income, and need job training,.. The program's goal is to find permanent jobs in the community for its participants.

Eligibility:

Call for information on income limitations.

Chapter VII

Legal Issues

**Grandparents / Relatives
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Chapter VII Legal Issues

Grandparents and other adults who take on the responsibility of raising the children of relatives may find themselves involved with the legal system for many reasons. For example, separation, divorce, death, child abuse, neglect, abandonment or similar problems may bring adult relatives into child custody, visitation, or other family court proceedings.

The courts generally do not want to take full custody of a child from his or her parents unless there is proof that the parent cannot or will not take responsibility for the child. However, a child who might be a victim of abuse or neglect can be placed under the jurisdiction of the Children's Court. Child placement, custody, visitation, guardianship, termination of parental rights, and adoption are some of the issues that might come up. (See the Glossary on the next page for definitions of these terms.)

A child might live with a relative, such as a grandparent, by private arrangement or informal agreement with the child's parent(s). But without the legal right to make some decisions that only parents have the right to make for their child, the grandparent (or other relative) may not be able to do such things as enroll the child in school or get medical care for the child.

If a grandparent or adult relative feels that a child's safety may be at risk while living with his or her parents, they should first talk with the parents about the problem. If that doesn't work, the relative may contact the Dane County Department of Social Services or Department of Human Services. The relative may make the call anonymously, if ir names are used, the report will be kept confidential. A social worker will ask for information about the child and parents, such as name, address, and date of birth. The social worker will also ask why there is concern about the child's safety. The agency will not tell the child of the parent who contacted them. If deemed necessary, child protective services will look into the child's safety. If the agency does investigate, a social worker will contact the parents and the child to get more information. If the social worker finds the child's safety at risk, the social services agency may refer the parents to community service providers for such things as parenting or anger management classes. The social service agency also may take the child from the parent's home and place him or her with a relative or a foster parent.

This chapter on resources for legal issues is divided into sections: 1) agencies concerned with such legal matters as visitation, custody, guardianship, etc., 2) agencies where grandparents or other relatives can seek help for a child they are raising who may be in trouble with the law, and 3) legal resources for grandparents who may be being abused by their grandchild.

Glossary of Legal Terms

Legal custody: This gives the grandparent or other relative caregiver the right and responsibility to make major decisions concerning the child, except for specific decisions stated by the court. Major decisions may include giving the child permission to marry, to enter military service, or to get a driver's license. For younger children it can include non-emergency health care and choices about school and religion.

Physical placement: This allows a child to be placed with a grandparent or other caregiver, who then has the right during the placement to make routine daily decisions for the child. Someone else, however, would have the legal right to make major decisions for the child (e.g., medical, counseling, or educational decisions).

Visitation: If it is proven that a child has formed a close bond with an adult other than the child's parents—especially a grandparent or other adult relative the child has come to trust—and if it is in the child's best interest, the courts may give these relatives visitation rights.

Petitions to the court for visitation is allowed if the request meets the following two-part test:

- The family is affected by divorce, separation, paternity action, annulment, etc., and
- The child is not a member of an “intact family,” that is, the child isn't living in a household where no divorce, separation or annulment has taken place.

A grandparent is allowed to petition for visitation if the child's parent has died and it is in the best interest of the child to visit with that parent's parent(s).

A grandparent is allowed to petition for visitation with a child if the parent's rights were terminated and the child was adopted by a relative or stepparent. It must also be proven that the grandparent and the child had a parent-child relationship within two years before the petition was filed.

In addition, the court has taken steps toward protecting the rights of children to continue their relationships with people who may not legally be their parents, but who have developed a parent-like relationship with the child. A person trying to establish visitation has to prove that he or she has a parent-like relationship, that something interfered with that relationship, and that continuing it is in the child's best interest.

Informal placement: Often takes place between a caregiver and the child's parents. Caregivers have no legal rights in this situation. They have physical placement, which gives them the responsibility for the child's day-to-day care, but the parents keep legal custody, which means they can take the child from a caregiver's home at any time.

Guardianship: In Wisconsin, a guardian is a person appointed by a court to look after the care, custody and control of a minor or the estate of a minor. A minor is someone 18 years old or younger.

A parent is entitled to custody of his or her child unless the parent is unfit or unable to adequately care for the child. There must be serious reasons for giving custody to a third party, such as the parent abandoning or neglecting the child. If a parent has lost custody of a child to a third party, he or she must petition the court to have the child returned.

Temporary guardianship: The court may appoint a temporary guardian if it finds that the minor must have a guardian appointed immediately. In Wisconsin, the temporary guardianship may not be longer than 60 days, and it may be extended only once for another 60 days. Arrangements must be made for the child to be returned to the parents, for permanent guardianship, to be placed in a foster home, or to be placed for adoption.

Standby guardianship: A person is named who will be responsible for a child if that child's parent or guardian is unable to do so or if the parent or guardian dies. A standby guardian may be appointed for a minor at any time but isn't responsible for the child as long as the minor has one living parent who is willing and able to be the legal guardian.

Adoption: Adoption gives an individual or a couple full legal and financial responsibility for parenting a child. The relationship is permanent. In Wisconsin, parental rights must be terminated before an adoption can take place.

Adoption is not an easy process; it is long and complicated. It includes such things as termination of parental rights, court hearings, and home studies. If the child qualifies for adoption assistance, your attorney may be able to help you find funding. You may also get information by calling the State Department of Family and Children's Services.

Dane County Law Library

City County Building
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Boulevard #315
Madison, WI 53703

266-6316

Services: The Law Library houses materials for research into city, county, state, and federal law. It has information on divorce, child support, and custody issues, as well as forms for name change.

Community Adolescent Programs, Inc. (CAP)

Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin
1955 Atwood Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

245-2550

Program I

Services: Program staff provide supervision for court-ordered delinquent youth. Staff make daily curfew and school checks and conduct regular group activities. Clients participate in skill-building groups and individual and family meetings. Individual plans are made based upon client strengths and the need for public protection, accountability, and competency development. Programs include Victim Offender conferencing, Madison Street team, Youth Job Center, and Children Come First Case Management.

Hours: 7 days a week

Cost: No charge.

Referral: Dane County Human Services, Children Come First.

Program II

Services: The Youth Restitution Program is designed to hold juvenile offenders accountable by assisting them in completing court-ordered obligations of restitution and/or community service. Program staff provide youth with counseling and a positive exposure to the work world through assistance with job skills development and job placement.

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday; also some evenings and weekends.

Elder Abuse and Neglect Helpline

C/o Area Agency on Aging of Dane County
1955 W. Broadway #105
Madison, WI 53713

224-3666

Website:

www.co.dane.wi.us/aging

Services:

Elder Abuse or Neglect can be financial abuse by a family member or anyone illegally taking money from an older person; physical abuse of an older person; or the person neglecting him or herself. This agency investigates and reports to the police for further action. Anyone calling may do so anonymously if they wish.

Elder Law Center -- Dane County Elderly Benefit Specialist Program

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups (CWAG)
2850 Dairy Drive
Madison, WI 53718

224-0660

Website:

www.cwag.org

Services:

This is a resource for older people on the legal aspects of income maintenance, health care financing, housing, financial and health care decision-making, and benefits eligibility assessing.

Protective Services for Adults Aged 18-59

Dane County Department of Human Services
1202 Northport Drive
Madison, WI 53704

242-6200

Services:

Adult protective services are among the many services offered by the county through the Human Services Department

Call for information on specific problems.

Child Protection Helpline (Dane County Dept. of Human Services)

Children Youth and Family Services
1202 Northport Drive
Madison, WI 53704

Helpline for Madison, Monona, Cottage Grove, Verona: **261-5437**
Cross Plains, Middleton, Black Earth **798-5800**
Sun Prairie, DeForest, Marshall **837-7380**
Stoughton, McFarland, Oregon **873-5636**
After hours Emergency Child Protection Helpline **255-6067**

Services: Help for children who may be in need of protective services.

Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.

31 S. Mills Street
Madison, WI 53715

**256-3304 or
800-362-3904**

Services: Open to youth but primarily for adults: legal representation and advice on civil matters, primarily on issues related to government benefits, housing, family law, consumer affairs, limited family and migrant law.

Hours: Monday and Thursday 9 a.m. – noon.

Cost: No charge.

State Public Defender

17 South Fairchild Street
Madison, WI 53703

266-9150

Services: Legal representation for indigent youths in delinquency and CHIPS (Child in need of protection or services) cases.

Hours: 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
No appointment needed – walk in.

Cost: Ability to pay.

Wisconsin Council on Children and Families

16 North Carroll Street #600
Madison, WI 53703

284-0580

Services: Provides education, information, and advocacy on state legislative and administrative policy and its impact on children and families. The council publishes *Wiskids Counter Data Book* on the well being of children in Wisconsin.

Cost: \$30 includes single membership or \$100 includes an organization membership and a subscription to the Council's newsletter.

Legislative Hotline

**800-362-9472 or
266-9960**

Website:

www.legis.state.wi.us

Services: If you want to know who your legislator is; if you have a question about a bill or committee hearing—all such information can be had through this Hotline.

Chapter VIII

Transportation

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Bus Lines

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| Badger Bus | 255-1511 |
| Badger Bus Depot (Schedule Information) | 255-6771 |
| Greyhound Bus Lines | |
| Fare and Schedule Information | 800-231-2222 |
| Laidlow Transit Services | |
| Includes special transportation for elderly and Disabled | 223-0610 |
| Madison Metro Bus Company | |
| Route and Schedule Information | 266-4466 |
| Metro Transit (E. Washington, Madison) | 266-4904 |
| Monona Transportation Service | 222-3350 |
| Van Gelder Tour and Travel | 257-8983 |
| Verona Bus Service | 845-8516 |

Taxi Cabs and Vans

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| Badger Cab (Shared Ride) | 256-5566 |
| Capital Express Transportation (for disabled) | 661-7433 |
| Madison Taxi | 255-8294 |
| Meister's Special Care Transport | |
| Wheel Chair Access (accepts Medical Assistance) | 240-0353 |
| RSVP Driver Escort Program (60 and over) also for Handicapped | 238-7787 |
| Stoughton Cab Service | 873-7233 |
| Transit Solutions | 294-8747 |
| Union Cab | 242-2000 |
| We Care Transportation | |
| Children's Specialists | |
| Medical Assistance accepted | |
| Door-to-Door Escort | |
| Private Rides Available | |
| Wheel Chair Accessible | 838-8589 |

Bibliography

Following are books that are suggested reading for grandparents and other kin raising grandchildren. Some of these books have been published privately and may have to be ordered or gotten through your local library. Therefore, we are listing the ISBN# (Library of Congress) to help your library or bookstore in locating them.

Grandparents/Relatives **Raising and Nurturing Dependent Grandchildren Resource Guide (GRAND)**. This is Milwaukee County's resource directory. Each chapter begins with questions and answers that are of interest. GRAND can be found on the internet website: www.wues.edu/ces/flp/izrandparent/grand.pdf

Grandparents Rights and Responsibilities----Bulletin #B3702. You can obtain this publication through the UW-Extension of Dane County at **224-3660**.

To Grandma's House, We ... Stay: When You Have to Stop Spoiling Your Grandchildren and Start Raising Them. By Sally Houtman. ISBN# 0803945124
Published by Studio 4 Productions, P.O. Box 280400, Northridge CA 91328-0400
A timely road map that guides grandparents through the uncharted territories of parenting a second generation of children. It *offers* practical solutions to real-life problems that families face when traditional roles and relationships are redefined.

Achieving Grandparent Potential: Viewpoints on Building Intergenerational Relationships. By Robert D. Stron and Shirley K. Strom. Sage Publishing
1992 ISBN# 0803945124.

A Nolo's Pocket Guide to Family Law by Robin D. Leonard and Stephen Elias. Nolo Press, Berkeley CA, 1996. ISBN# 0-87337-322-7.

Black Grandparents as Parents by Lenora Madison Poe. Berkeley, CA: Lenora Madison Poe, 1992. ISBN# 0-9633992-0-9.

The Changing Family by Mark Hutter. Prentice Hall, 1997. ISBN# 0023592524.

Children of Incarcerated Parents by Gabel and Johnston. New York, Free Press, 1995. ISBN# 0-02-911042-4.

Connecting the Generations: Grandparenting for the New Millennium by Dr. Hanks Roma and Stan Dark. Published by the Warren Featherbone Foundation, 1997. ISBN# 096510719.

- Contemporary Grandparenting: A Comprehensive Textbook** by Arthur Kornhaber.
Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publishing 1995. ISBN# 0-8039-5085-6.
- Dangerous Legacy: The Babies of Drug-Taking Parents** by Ben Sonder. Watts, 1994. ISBN# 0-531-11195-4.
- Do I Have a Daddy? A Story About a Single Child** by Jeanne Warren Lindsay. Buena Park, CA: Morning Glory, 1991. ISBN# 0-930934-45-8.
- Driven to Distraction: Recognizing and coping with Attention Deficit Disorder from Childhood Through Adulthood** by Edward Hollowell and John Ratey. Simon and Schuster Publishers, 1995. ISBN# 0684801280.
- Everything You Need to Know About Living With a Grandparent** by Carolyn Simpson. Rosen Publishing, 1995. ISBN# 0823918726.
- Grandmothers as Caregivers: Raising the Children of the Crack Cocaine Epidemic** by Meredith Minkler and Kathleen M. Roe. Newbury Park, CA: Sage 1993. ISBN# 0-8039-4846-8 and 0-8039-4847-6.
- Grandparenting: A Survival Guide: How to Better Understand Yourself, Your Children, and Your Children's Children** by Margery Fridstein, Tageh Press, 1997. ISBN# 0963838520.
- Grandparenting by Grace: A Guide Through the Joys and Struggles** by Irene Endicott. Broadman Publishing, 1994. ISBN# 0-8054-6149-3.
- Grandparenting in a Changing World** by Eda LeShan, Newmarket Press 1996. ISBN# 1-55704-307-8.
- Grandparenting with Love and Logic: Practical Solutions to Today's Grandparenting Challenges** by Jim Fay and Foster W. Cline. Golden, CO: Love and Logic Press, 1994. ISBN# 0-944634-06-0.
- Gran Gran's Trick; A Story for Children Who Have Lost Someone They Love** by Dwight Holden and Michael Chesworth. Magination Press, 1989. ISBN# 0945354193.
- Robert Lives With His Grandparents** by Martha Whitmore Hickman. Albert Whitman and Co. Publishers, 1995. ISBN# 0-8075-7084-2.
- The Survival Guide for Kids with LD: Learning Differences** by Gary L. Fisher and Rhonda Woods Cummings. Free Spirit Publishers, 1990. ISBN# 0-915793-18-0.

Websites

Following are internet websites for agencies and organizations that may have useful information for grandparents raising grandchildren. If you do not have a computer, the librarian at your local library will help you access these websites.

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| AARP | www.aarp.org |
| American Academy of Pediatrics | www.aap.org |
| Area Agency on Aging of Dane County | www.co.dane.wi.us/aging |
| BadgerCare Information | www.dhfs.state.wi.us/badgercare |
| Bureau of Aging & Long Term Care Resources | www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aging |
| Centers for Disease Control about immunization | www.cdc.gov/nip/default.htm |
| Earned Income Tax Credit | www.uwex.edu/ces/econ |
| Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRAND) | www.wues.edu/ces/flp/grandparent/grand.pdf |
| Grandparents United for Children's Rights, Inc. | www.grandparentsunitedforchildren.org |
| Kinship Care | www.dwd.state.wi.us/desw2/kinship.htm |
| Medical Assistance (Medicaid) | www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/index.htm |
| Parenting Again (in Dane County) | www.co.dane.us/aging |
| Project Home | www.projecthomewi.org |
| Social Security and SSI | www.ssa.gov |
| U.S. Internal Revenue Department | www.irs.gov |
| WIC Program for Women, Infants and Children | www.dhfs.state.wi.us/wic/index.htm |
| Wisconsin Shares | www.did.state.wi.us/des/childcare/wishares.htm |
| Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance (WHEAP) | www.heat.state.wi.us |
| Wisconsin Job Net | www.dwd.state.wi.us/jobnet/mapWI.htm |
| W-2 and Job Assistance | www.dwd.state.wi.us/dwe/Directory.htm |
| WI Primary Health Care Assn. | <a "="" href="http://www.execpc.com/">www.execpc.com/"wphca/ |