

# Employment Liaison Resource Manual

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# EMPLOYMENT LIAISON RESOURCE MANUAL

## **PREFACE:**

The purpose of this manual is to provide an overview of information and referral sources available to the Employment Liaison, individuals with disabilities and student services staff at post-secondary schools.

Some students who are seeking referral to the Employment Liaison may need additional resources, such as those in this manual, to become better prepared for referral and employment. The manual includes resources that may be available through the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, County Human Services, University and Technical College Career Services and others, to support employment.

Resources in this manual appear in alphabetical order by section: Accommodations for Work, Assistive Technology, Benefits Counseling, etc. Within each section, the references are also in alphabetical order. Many sections include a NATIONAL subsection, which has general information and often links to each state's resources. Additionally, those sections include a WISCONSIN subsection with resources of specific interest to Wisconsin job seekers.

Every effort has been made to include links to websites that are up-to-date. In the event that a link is no longer working, please search for the resource listed using a search engine to access the information.

Some of the information is presented in portable document format (PDF) files. The free Adobe Reader program is needed to view or print PDF files and can be [downloaded free-of-charge from the Adobe website \(www.adobe.com\)](http://www.adobe.com). File sizes are listed to assist in determining download times.

At this time, the resource manual is intended for use at the post-secondary institutions participating in a pilot study, which include: Blackhawk Technical College, Milwaukee Area Technical College, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

## **A. Requirements for Referral**

**ALL students and/or graduates must meet the following requirements prior to being referred to the Employment Liaison. Referral will be made at the project sites between Career Services and Disability Services. For assistance in meeting the requirement(s), you may want to refer to the sections of this document that follow each numbered requirement. However, it is suggested that users become familiar with the manual in its entirety to gain comprehensive information to facilitate the career planning process.**

1. Documented disability as confirmed by Disability Services at the project sites and defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
  - See Disability Services at your College or University. For more information, refer to sections Education, Government and Legal.
2. Presently utilizing disability services at the project sites or has accessed services in the past.
  - See Education section.
3. Presents a professional looking, current resume.
  - See Education and Employment sections.
4. Able to confidently discuss background and skills.
  - See Education and Employment.
5. Able to arrange consistent transportation to and from the job.
  - See Transportation and Assistive Technology.
6. Able to manage attendant care needs in preparation for work and at work.
  - See Personnel Care & Home Health and Rehabilitation Resources.
7. Understands that full-time, competitive employment might create changes in their benefit status and know whom to contact for assistance.
  - See Benefits Counseling, Funding and Rehabilitation Resources.

**A. Requirements for Referral (continued)**

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8. Able to research and plan for services if relocation is required.
  - See Housing & Relocation, Personal Care & Home Health and Business Resources.
9. Considered how employment may affect health and health care needs.
  - See Personal Care & Home Health, Durable & Non-durable Medical Equipment and Appendix – Disability Associations.
10. Determined interview and/or employment accommodations, if needed.
  - See Accommodations for Work, Education and Assistive Technology.
11. Planned with DVR, County Case Worker, or others for funding of assistive technology and/or accommodations needed during the interview and during the probationary period of employment.
  - See Funding, Government, Benefits and Appendix.
12. Understands the advantages and disadvantages of disclosure. Able to disclose needs at the appropriate time and under the appropriate circumstances, as well as discuss strengths and what the individual brings to the job and the employer.
  - See Education, Accommodations for Work, Business Resources and Legal.
13. Able to advocate for necessary and appropriate accommodations to meet the essential functions of the job.
  - See Accommodations for Work and Assistive Technology.
14. Able to pursue services as needed.
  - See Rehabilitation Resources.

## **B. RESOURCES**

### **Accommodations for Work**

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*Often modifications or adjustments are needed for people with disabilities to perform at their best during the job application process, performing job-related tasks or in the work environment after hire. Accommodations can be as simple as providing written information in large print, altering the height of the desk to accommodate a wheelchair, or be a bit more costly such as installing an automatic door opener to enter a restroom. This section provides a variety of resources that offer suggestions to frequently asked questions regarding accessibility and accommodations in the workplace and products designed to meet specific needs.*

### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

#### **Boston University's Reasonable Accommodations for People with Psychiatric Disabilities**

<http://www.bu.edu/cpr/reasacom/index.html#top>

Accommodation suggestions, resources and frequently asked questions.

#### **Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center**

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

Provides technical assistance and training to businesses and people with disabilities regarding the ADA and the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Provides public awareness, technical assistance, training, materials and referrals.

#### **Job Accommodation Network (JAN)**

<http://janweb.icdi.wvu.edu>

Provides information about job accommodations and the employability of people with disabilities. JAN also provides information regarding the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). The JAN "Points of Interest" page contains over 250 links.

#### **Workplace Accommodations**

<http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/>

Lists products for disability accessibility and accommodation. Also numerous articles relative to accommodation of specific disabilities. Enter 'workplace accommodations' for a list of articles such as "Working Effectively with People with Hyperactivity Disorder."

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### **Accommodations for Work - National Resources (continued)**

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#### 411 on Disability Disclosure

[http://www.ncwd-youth.info/assets/guides/411/411\\_Disability\\_Disclosure\\_complete.pdf](http://www.ncwd-youth.info/assets/guides/411/411_Disability_Disclosure_complete.pdf) (PDF, 461KB)

Although written for the young adult, a thorough resource on disability disclosure. Addresses the questions; Why, When, Who, Where and How?

### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

#### University of Wisconsin Stout, Vocational Rehabilitation Institute, (SVRI)

<http://www.svri.uwstout.edu/services>

Resource for information, technology and instruction in the Rehabilitation field. Assistive technology services, Certified Professional Ergonomists and Certified Assistive Technology Practitioners specialize in worksite accommodation, ergonomic reviews, adaptive computer access, seating and mobility and adaptive transportation.

#### Wisconsin Interpreter Services

[http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/dsl\\_info/InfoMemos/DSL/CY\\_2001/InfoMem2001-04\\_Attachment\\_1.htm](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/dsl_info/InfoMemos/DSL/CY_2001/InfoMem2001-04_Attachment_1.htm)

Wisconsin Bureau of Deaf and Hard of Hearing staff listing and resources.

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### **Assistive Technology (AT)**

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*The utilization of technologies, strategies, and alternative methods enable individuals to master tasks independently in their environment. Voice activated computer software, TTY telecommunications equipment or pencil grips are examples of the many high tech and low-tech software and gadgetry often used. This section offers technical support, vendor lists, solutions to disability related issues, suggestions for accomplishing tasks, environmental modifications, product research, information on technology loan programs, and more.*

#### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

##### Abledata

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

Sponsored by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, US Dept of Education.

##### Abledata, product reviews

<http://www.abledata.com/abledata.cfm?pageid=113573&top=113770&ksectionid=19326>

Assistive technology product reviews.

##### Assistive Tech

<http://www.assistivetech.net/>

Assistive technology and disability-related information. Searchable database helps you target solutions, determine costs and find vendors of AT products for people with disabilities, family members, service providers, educators and employers.

##### The Boulevard

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

Directory of AT providers and resources.

##### Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access

<http://catea.gatech.edu/projects.php>

Focuses on the development, evaluation and utilization of assistive technology and the design and development of accessible environments (environments, private and public, accessible to all people, including those with disabilities). Provided by University of Georgia Institute of Technology.

##### Described and Captioned Media Program

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

Provides free-loan open-captioned and described videos to individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind and low vision individuals, their parents and teachers.

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### **Assistive Technology (AT) - National Resources (continued)**

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#### Infinite Potential through Assistive Technology

<http://www.infinitec.org/live/index.html>

Resources include: wheelchair selection, home modification, citizenship, adaptive cooking, adaptive driving, adaptive telephones, safety, special animals, our adaptive families, shopping, health and beauty and work including deductions for AT and tax information.

#### Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America RESNA

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

Professional association that promotes research, development, education, advocacy and provision of technology.

#### USA TechGuide

<http://usatechguide.org/>

Web guide to wheelchairs and assistive technology sponsored by United Spinal Association.

### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

#### Employment Resources, Inc.

<http://www.eri-wi.org/assistiveTechnology.php>

Assistive technology consulting services and office or workstation ergonomic consultation by licensed Occupational Therapist.

#### Trace Center

<http://trace.wisc.edu/>

Provides companies with information on how to make their products more accessible and usable by people with disabilities.

#### University of Wisconsin-Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI),

<http://www.svri.uwstout.edu/services>

Certified Assistive Technology Practitioners.

#### Wisconsin Assistive Technology Program (WisTech)

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/index.htm>

WisTech provides information on selecting, funding, installing and using assistive technology. Resources include coping with memory loss and how to obtain a hearing aid among others.

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### **Assistive Technology (AT), Wisconsin Resources (continued)**

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#### Wisconsin Telework Loan Program

[http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dvr/pdf\\_files/telework\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dvr/pdf_files/telework_brochure.pdf) (PDF, 88 KB)

Statewide, alternative loan program that allows Wisconsin residents with disabilities to purchase computers and other equipment needed to work from home or from other remote sites, such as work on the road or at a telework center. Apply through your local Independent Living Center. <http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/directory/index.html>

#### WisLoan

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/wisloan.htm>

Loans for assistive technology to persons with a disability. Apply through local Independent Living Center.

<http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/directory/index.html>

### **Assistive Technology Catalogs**

#### *General & Physical Disability Resources*

##### Attainment Company

<http://www.attainmentcompany.com/xcart/home.php>

##### Closing the Gap

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

The Resource Guide section includes an extensive guide to products and services, especially computer-related assistive technology.

##### Dynamic Living

<http://www.dynamic-living.com/>

##### independent living aids, Inc.

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

##### Maxaids.com

<http://www.maxiaids.com/store/default.asp?idstore=0>

#### *Blind/Low Vision Technology:*

##### Accessbooks

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

Large print, and audio books and magazines.

##### Creative Adaptations for Learning

<http://www.cal-s.org/>

Creates tactile impressions of pictures.

**Assistive Technology Catalogs (continued)**

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*Blind/Low Vision Technology, continued*

Described and Captioned Media Program

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

Provides free-loan, open-captioned and described videos to deaf, hard of hearing, blind and low vision individuals, their parents and teachers.

EnVision America

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

Technological solutions for visual or cognitive impairments.

Magnifying Center

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

Video magnifiers

MONS International

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

Online catalog for the visually impaired

Sight Connection

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

Products for living with low vision

Technology Assistance Group

<http://tagrp.com/2005/index.htm>

Software, hardware, training and consultation

*Learning Disability Resources*

International Dyslexia Association

<http://www.interdys.org/idatech/at-home.asp>

Assistive technology resources

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### **Benefits Counseling**

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*Benefits counseling helps people understand how earned income might affect their benefit situation. An analysis of an individual's benefits, entitlements, subsidies and services enable a person to plan for her/his needs with the knowledge of what might be gained and lost in disability benefit provision due to income. For example, earnings from work could eliminate the monthly cash benefit, but medical coverage may continue due to a special work incentive. A benefit specialist will explain this and all other work incentives available to individuals who receive disability cash benefits. This section directs an individual to government social security sites and regional and local benefit counseling services.*

### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

#### Social Security Online

<http://www.ssa.gov/work/Beneficiaries/beneficiaries.html>

Resources for beneficiaries

#### Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA)

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work/ServiceProviders/WIPADirectory.html>

No cost Social Security work incentive counseling available to recipients through regional agencies. Website lists all states and agencies.

### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

#### Disability Benefit Specialist Program

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/benspecs/program.htm>

Confidential assistance at no charge to adults. Lists disability benefits specialists by county.

#### Wisconsin Benefits Counseling Service Locator

<http://www.eri-wi.org/map>

Use the map or the text links to search a database of employment and benefits resources for people with disabilities in Wisconsin.

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### **Benefits Counseling - Wisconsin Resources (continued)**

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**The following agencies provide Benefits Counseling Services in Jefferson, Rock, Walworth and nearby counties:**

**Employment Resources, Inc.**

Madison, WI  
608-246-3444  
<http://www.eri-wi.org>

**Riverfront**

La Crosse, WI  
608-784-9450  
1-800-949-7380  
<http://www.riverfrontinc.org>

**Opportunities, Inc.**

Fort Atkinson, WI  
800-314-4567  
920-563-2437  
<http://www.oppinc.com/>

**Vocational Industries**

Elkhorn, WI  
262-723-4043

**The following agencies provide Benefits Counseling in Milwaukee and nearby counties:**

**Curative Care Network**

Milwaukee, WI  
414-479-9317  
[dfalkpalec@curative.org](mailto:dfalkpalec@curative.org)

**Milwaukee Center for Independence**

Milwaukee, WI  
414-937-2123

**Goodwill Industries**

Milwaukee, WI  
414-353-6400

**United Cerebral Palsy of Southeastern Wisconsin**

Milwaukee, WI  
414-329-4500  
414-329-4511 TTY  
[ftraynor@ucpsew.org](mailto:ftraynor@ucpsew.org),  
[dkresl@ucpsew.org](mailto:dkresl@ucpsew.org),  
[info@ucpsew.org](mailto:info@ucpsew.org)

**Grand Avenue Club**

Milwaukee, WI  
414-276-6474

**Independence First**

Milwaukee, WI  
414-291-7520, 414-291-7520 TTY  
877-463-3778 Toll free Voice  
Phone  
<http://www.independencefirst.org>

**Vocational Directions**

Milwaukee, WI  
414-727-9748

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### **Business Resources**

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*Research has shown that some employers voice concern with regard to hiring individuals with disabilities. Though the concerns are typically due to fear and lack of knowledge, it still impacts the integration of qualified people with disabilities into the mainstream of employment. Issues cited are often in regard to the inability to speak and act appropriately with a person with a disability, the impact on company health insurance costs, expense of accommodations, and social integration into the work culture. This section includes websites and links to assist the employer in recruitment and retention efforts, disability employment laws and policy, community organization and business support and work-related issues that will assist the employer in successfully integrating people with disabilities into the workplace.*

### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

#### All Business

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

A one-stop resource for growing businesses offering business advice, guides, directories, advisors, periodicals, official documentation, resources, and news.

#### Disability Etiquette Handbook (San Antonio Planning)

[http://www.sanantonio.gov/planning/disability\\_handbook/disability\\_handbook.asp?res=1280&ver=true](http://www.sanantonio.gov/planning/disability_handbook/disability_handbook.asp?res=1280&ver=true)

Topics such as: Reception Etiquette, Service Animals, Preparing for Sign Language Interpreters, Conversational Etiquette, Interview Scheduling and Technique Etiquette, Do's and Don'ts, Glossary of Acceptable Terms and ADA Barrier Removal Tax Credit.

#### Employer Assistance and Recruiting Network (EARN)

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

Unlimited job posting, free disability consulting service

#### Hire Disability Solutions

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

Post jobs, review resumes, general disability information

#### Lions Club

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

The Lion's Club Internet site offers a network of national and state Lions Club service sites called Lion Net Nodes.

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### **Business - National Resources (continued)**

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#### National Business and Disability Council

<http://www.nbdc.com/aboutus.asp>

The NBDC provides a full range of services to assist corporations in successfully integrating people with disabilities into the workplace and marketplace. Many resources and links.

#### National Organization on Disability

<http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&pageID=27>

Education and advocacy organization with many resources, such as:

Accessible Meetings

Successful meetings which include Interpreters

The Top 10 Reasons to Hire People with Disabilities

#### Resource Center to Address Discrimination and Stigma

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

Definitions of discrimination and stigma related to mental illness. Best practices and innovative anti-stigma, anti-discrimination campaigns.

#### Rotary International

[www.rotary.org/](http://www.rotary.org/)

A global network of community volunteers, this site provides information on Rotary International, programs, trainings, events, membership, the Foundation, and more.

#### Social Security Online

<http://www.ssa.gov/work/Employers/employers.html>

Information on the Americans with Disabilities Act, tax incentives, referral services, and helpful links to the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy.

#### Society for Human Resource Management

[www.shrm.org/](http://www.shrm.org/)

SHRM online offers an A-Z index on human resource issues, membership, conferences, careers, government affairs, and more.

#### United States Chamber of Commerce

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

Comprehensive site that offers lists of chambers, associations, programs, publications, members, small businesses, and more.

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### **Business - National Resources (continued)**

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Workplaces That Thrive: a Resource for Creating a Mental-Health Friendly Environment.

[http://allmentalhealth.samhsa.gov/business\\_resource.html](http://allmentalhealth.samhsa.gov/business_resource.html)

Designed to help human resources personnel look at the benefits of a mental health-friendly workplace. The benefits accrue to both the bottom line of a business and to the health and well being of the workforce.

2Chambers.com

[www.2chambers.com/](http://www.2chambers.com/)

State and local Chambers of Commerce, Convention Centers, Visitors Bureaus and Tourist Boards in the U.S. Also provides U.S. business, relocation, visitor and tourist attraction information.

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### WISCONSIN BUSINESS RESOURCES

#### Forward Wisconsin

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

Wisconsin's non-profit economic development marketing arm. In conjunction with others, administers [Great Jobs Wisconsin.com](http://www.greatjobs.wisconsin.com)

#### Wisconsin Council of Safety

<http://www.wischamberfoundation.org/wcs/index.cfm>

Provides training, publications and consultation services on safety related issues, including workers compensation and return-to-work programming.

#### Wisconsin Job Centers, Business

<http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/business/default.htm>

Recruiting, retention, labor market information, staff training, business assistance, tax credits and job fairs.

#### Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce

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

Nearly 4,000 members include large and small manufacturers, service companies, local chambers of commerce and specialized trade associations.

#### Wisconsin Society for Human Resource Management

<http://www.wishrm.org/index.html>

Committed to advancing the human resource profession and the capabilities of all human resource professionals.

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### **Civil Service Employment**

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*Governments (states, cities, counties etc.) are affirmative action employers. Qualified applicants should file certificates, such as these below to increase their opportunity to secure an interview. Qualified applicants also have a right to request an accommodation at the exam site by contacting the appropriate office.*

#### **NATIONAL**

##### **US Office of Personnel Management**

[http://www.opm.gov/disability/appempl\\_3-07-A.asp](http://www.opm.gov/disability/appempl_3-07-A.asp)

For certificate of disability and test accommodations, contact the specific Federal agency directly. This certificate can also be obtained through VR counselors. A qualified professional, such as a VR counselor, psychologist or physician must fill it in.

#### **WISCONSIN**

##### **Wisconsin Disabled Expanded Certification Program**

<http://oser.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=1200>

The certificate above can also be obtained through VR counselors. A qualified professional, such as a VR counselor, psychologist or physician must fill it in.

General questions:

Division of Affirmative Action (608) 266-5709, TTY (608) 267-1004  
Disabled Expanded Certification Program, Certification Unit  
(608) 266-1731, TTY (608) 266-1498

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STATE TEST**

To request an accommodation or waiver of a State test, applicant must submit a *Request for Examination Accommodation* form (OSER-MRS-40) by mail or fax (608-267-1000) at least one week before the examination. This form can be obtained wherever state applications are available. If a form cannot be submitted on time, telephone the Certification Unit, above.

***NOTE: Local municipalities and counties are also affirmative action employers. Contact the individual city or county for more information.***

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### **Disability Etiquette & Anti Stigma**

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*As mentioned in the Business Resources section, some employers feel they lack the knowledge or ability to communicate with or act appropriately around people with disabilities. This section provides information on initiatives, policies, research and programs to counter stigma and discrimination, as well as addresses disability etiquette questions.*

#### Disability Etiquette Handbook (San Antonio Planning)

[http://www.sanantonio.gov/planning/disability\\_handbook/disability\\_handbook.asp?res=1280&ver=true](http://www.sanantonio.gov/planning/disability_handbook/disability_handbook.asp?res=1280&ver=true)

Topics such as: Reception Etiquette, Service Animals, Preparing for Sign Language Interpreters, Conversational Etiquette, Interview Scheduling and Technique Etiquette, Do's and Don'ts, Glossary of Acceptable Terms and ADA Barrier Removal Tax Credit.

#### Resource Center to Address Discrimination and Stigma

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

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's comprehensive website. Definitions of discrimination and stigma and discrimination related to mental illness, best practices and innovative anti-stigma, anti-discrimination campaigns.

#### Workplaces That Thrive: a Resource for Creating a Mental-Health Friendly Environment.

[http://allmentalhealth.samhsa.gov/business\\_resource.html](http://allmentalhealth.samhsa.gov/business_resource.html)

Designed to help human resources personnel look at the benefits of a mental health-friendly workplace. The benefits accrue to both the bottom line of a business and to the health and well being of the workforce.

### **WISCONSIN RESOURCE**

#### WorkSource Wisconsin

<http://worksourcewi.com/>

Offers resources, training and technical assistance to Wisconsin employers and key stakeholders.

## **Durable and Non-Durable Medical Equipment**

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*This section offers national and local sources for medical equipment and supplies. Included are business services such as wheelchair repair. Also see Assistive Technology catalogs, p. 8-9, for more information.*

### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

#### Abledata

<http://www.abledata.com/abledata.cfm?pageid=113573&top=113770&ksectionid=19326>

Product reviews, including wheelchair reviews.

#### Epill.com

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

Many pill reminder devices.

#### Dynamic Living

<http://www.dynamic-living.com/>

General and physical disability resources, such as ramps.

#### Independent Living Research Utilization

<http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/directory/index.html>

Link to all local Independent Living Centers (ILCs).

Contact local Independent Living Center for information and referral to local services, such as wheelchair sales and repair.

#### Infinite Potential through Assistive Technology

<http://www.infinitec.org/live/index.html>

Resources include: wheelchair selection, home modification, citizenship, adaptive cooking, adaptive driving, adaptive telephones, safety, special animals, our adaptive families, shopping, health and beauty and work including deductions for AT and tax information.

#### iping.com

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

Wake up calls and reminders.

#### Maxaids.com

<http://www.maxaids.com/store/default.asp?idstore=0>

Home medical equipment and supplies.

#### Ultratec

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

Developer of telecommunications technology, such as TTYs.

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### **Durable and Non-Durable Medical Equipment - National Resources (continued)**

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#### Walgreen's

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

Online pharmacy and medical supplies.

#### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

#### Home Health United

<http://www.homehealthunited.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=490>

Medical supplies and equipment.

#### Wisconsin Assistive Technology Program (WisTech)

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/index.htm>

WisTech provides information on selecting, funding, installing and using assistive technology. Resources include:

#### How to obtain a hearing aid

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/hearingaids.pdf> (PDF, 32 KB)

#### Información útil para obtener audífonos

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/hearingaids2.pdf> (PDF, 32 KB)

#### Maintaining your wheelchair

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/wheelchairs.pdf> (PDF, 148 KB)

#### Obtaining durable medical equipment

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/DME.htm>

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### **Education**

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*The University of Wisconsin System and Wisconsin Technical College System offer guidance and support to individuals with disabilities through Career Services and Disability Services. This section provides a guide to the Wisconsin post-secondary services available to assist individuals with disabilities.*

#### **CAREER RESOURCES & COUNSELING (PROJECT SITES)**

##### Blackhawk Technical College - Counseling and Career Services

<http://www.blackhawk.edu/career/Default.htm>

Provides career counseling and advisement. Assistance with choosing a career, including career assessment, counseling and advising. Job search resources include job listings with many links to area businesses. Resume writing assistance and online resources.

##### Milwaukee Area Technical College - Career Planning Center

<http://matc.edu/student/resources/Academiccounseling/careercounseling.html>

Career planning services and resources. Job search assistance including resume, cover letter and interviewing tips. Online employment information – *Jobshop*, Student Employment Services <http://matc.edu/student/resources/JOBshop/JOBshopIndex.html> Job postings, employment websites, college work-study, wage and salary information, resume, cover letter and interviewing assistance.

##### UW Milwaukee - Career Development Center

<http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/CDC/>

Workshops, on-line info and personal appointments. Job search counseling and career fairs. Career library and media center. Employment, internship listings, work study opportunities. Free workshops include career identification, resume writing, cover letters, interviewing skills and salary negotiation strategies. Excellent on-line resources.

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#### WISCONSIN POST-SECONDARY DISABILITY SERVICES

##### **University of Wisconsin System of Campus Offices**

Academic & Student Services  
Disability Resources

<http://www.uwsa.edu/acss/disability/cssd/index.htm>

##### **UW-Eau Claire**

Services for Students with Disabilities  
715-836-4542; TTY 715-836-5415  
Fax: 715-836-3712

<http://www.uwec.edu/ssd/>

##### **UW-Green Bay**

Disability Services  
920-465-2849; TTY 920-465-2841  
Fax: 920-465-2954

<http://www.uwgb.edu/ds/>

##### **UW-La Crosse**

Disability Resources Services  
608-785-6900; TTY 608-785-6900  
FAX: 608-785-6910

<http://www.uwlax.edu/drs/>

##### **UW-Madison**

Mc Burney Disability Resources Center  
608-263-5174; TTY 608-263-6393  
FAX: 608-265-2998

<http://www.mcburney.wisc.edu>

##### **UW-Milwaukee**

Student Accessibility Center  
414-229-6239  
FAX: 414-229-2237

<http://www.sac.uwm.edu>

##### **UW-Oshkosh**

Services for Students with Disabilities  
920-424-3100; TTY 920-424-1319  
FAX: 920-424-2405

<http://www.uwosh.edu/dean/disabilities>

##### **UW-ParkSide**

Disability Services  
262-595-2610 (TTY number is the same)  
FAX: 262-595-2181

<http://www.uwp.edu/departments/disability.services/>

##### **UW-Platteville**

Services for Students with Disabilities  
608-342-1818  
Fax: 608-342-1918

<http://www.uwplatt.edu/Disability/>

##### **UW-River Falls**

Academic Success Center  
715-425-3531  
FAX: 715-425-3300

<http://www.uwrf.edu/academic-success/Disablty/disablty.htm>

##### **UW-Stevens Point**

Disability Services  
715-346-3365; TTY 715-342-3362  
FAX: 715-346-2558

<http://www.uwsp.edu/special/disability/>

##### **UW-Stout**

Disability Services  
715-232-2995 (TTY number is the same)  
FAX: 715-232-2996

[www.uwstout.edu/disability/](http://www.uwstout.edu/disability/)

##### **UW-Superior**

Center for Academic and Career Advising  
715-394-8580; TTY 715-394-8008  
FAX: 715-394-8307

<http://www.uwsuper.edu/career/dssservices/>

##### **UW-Whitewater**

Center for Students with Disabilities  
262-472-4711 (TTY is the same)  
FAX: 262-472-4865

<http://www.uww.edu/StdRscs/csd/>

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#### **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN COLLEGES**

UW Colleges Disability Services Office

608-262-2001

Toll Free: 1-888-463-6892

TTY number for all campuses: 608-265-5766

FAX: 608-265-6784

[http://www.uwc.edu/student\\_services/disability\\_services.asp](http://www.uwc.edu/student_services/disability_services.asp)

#### **UW – Extension**

608-265-2406

<http://www.uwex.edu/diversity/>

#### **UW Colleges Online**

Toll Free: 877-449-1877

[academicadvisor@uwc.edu](mailto:academicadvisor@uwc.edu)

#### **2-YEAR CAMPUSES**

##### **Baraboo/Sauk**

608-355-5219

##### **Marathon County**

715-261-6235

##### **Rock County**

608-758-6523

##### **Barron County**

715-234-8024

##### **Marinette**

715-735-4302

##### **Sheboygan**

920-459-6682

##### **Fond du Lac**

920-929-3606

##### **Marshfield/Wood County**

715-384-1706

##### **Washington County**

262-335-5210

##### **Fox Valley**

920-832-2661

##### **Richland**

608-647-8422

##### **Waukesha**

262-521-5210

TTY 262-521-5510

##### **Manitowoc**

920-683-2829

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### WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT CAMPUSES

#### **Wisconsin Technical College System**

Disability Services & Financial Aid  
608-266-3738; TTY 608-267-2483  
Fax: 608-266-1690

#### **Blackhawk**

Program Manager  
608-757-7796; TTY 608-743-4422  
Fax: 608-757-7752

#### **Chippewa Valley**

Disability Services  
715-833-6254; TTY 715-833-6509  
FAX: 715-833-6470

#### **Fox Valley**

Special Needs Coordinator  
920-735-5679; TTY 920-735-5679  
FAX: 920-831-4392

#### **Gateway Kenosha**

Special Needs Instructor  
262-564-2448  
FAX: 262-564-2301

#### **Gateway Elkhorn**

Special Needs Counselor  
262-741-8308  
FAX: 262-741-8301

#### **Gateway Racine**

Special Needs Counselor  
262-619-6586  
FAX: 262-619-6301

#### **Gateway Burlington**

Special Needs Counselor  
262-767-5360; TTY 262-767-5206  
FAX: 262-767-5201

#### **Lakeshore**

Student Success Center  
920-693-1224; TTY 920-693-8956  
FAX: 920-693-1376

#### **Madison**

Disability Resource Services  
608-246-6791 FAX: 608-246-6691

#### **Mid-State**

Disability Services Coordinator  
715-422-5452; TTY 715-422-5456  
FAX: 715-422-5440

#### **Milwaukee**

Special Needs  
414-297-7324; TTY 414-297-6986  
FAX: 414-297-8142 and,  
Disability Services  
414-297-6581; TTY 414-297-6986  
FAX: 414-297-8142

#### **Moraine Park**

Learning Specialist  
920-924-3196; TTY 920-929-2109  
FAX: 920-924-3421

#### **New Richmond**

Student Services  
715-246-6561 (Ext-4301);  
TTY 715-468-7755, FAX: 715-246-2777

#### **Nicolet Area**

Special Needs  
715-365-4448 or 715-365-4509  
TTY 715-365-4515  
FAX: 715-365-4542

#### **Northcentral**

Learning & Support Services Team  
715-675-3331; TTY 715-675-6341  
FAX: 715-675-4917

#### **Northeast Wisconsin**

Special Needs  
920-498-6951; TTY 920-498-6901  
FAX: 920-498-6370

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### Education - Wisconsin Technical College District Campuses (continued)

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#### **Rice Lake**

Student Services  
715-234-7082; (ext-5354) TTY Same  
FAX: 715-234-5172

#### **Superior**

Student Services  
715-394-6677 (ext-6353) TTY Same  
FAX: 715-394-3771

#### **Southwest Wisconsin**

Associate Dean-General Studies  
608-822-2612; TTY 608-822-2072  
FAX: 608-822-6019

#### **Waukesha County**

Counseling & Special Services  
262-691-5210; TTY 262-691-5293  
FAX: 262-691-5089  
920-498-6951, TTY 920-498-6901  
Fax: 920-498-6370

#### **Western**

Counseling and Support Services  
608-785-9834; TTY 608-785-9200  
FAX: 608-785-9094

#### **Wisconsin Indianhead: Ashland**

Student Services  
715-682-4591 (Ext. 3136); TTY Same  
FAX: 715-682-8040

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### **Employment**

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*For employers who want to expand recruitment efforts or job seekers who want an update on the current labor trends &/or expand their job search. This section offers a wealth of local and national resources to aid both the employer and job seeker in the employment process.*

#### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

##### America's Job Bank

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

Free, nationwide resume database, posting of unlimited jobs, setup for automated resume search and more.

##### Ask the Headhunter

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

Job search newsletter

##### Career One Stop (Employers)

<http://www.careeronestop.org/employers/employers.asp>

Post openings, search resumes, labor market information, assess prospective employees, state and local resources.

##### Career One Stop (Jobseekers)

<http://www.careeronestop.org/jobseeker/jobseekers.asp>

Job search tips, labor market information, post resumes (takes you to America's Job Bank)

##### Employer Assistance and Recruiting Network (EARN)

[http://www.earnworks.com/Job\\_Seekers/index.htm](http://www.earnworks.com/Job_Seekers/index.htm)

National program that provides links to networks of employers. No charge to employers or persons with disabilities seeking employment.

##### Hire Disability Solutions

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

Search jobs, post a resume, newsletter and general information.

##### Jobs.com

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

Job openings

##### Monster.com

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

Post resumes and job openings.

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### **Employment - National Resources (continued)**

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No One is Unemployable: Creating Solutions for Overcoming Barriers to Employment. Angel, Debra L. & Horney, Elisabeth E. WORKNET Trainings & Publications, Inc. © 1997, 2003.

#### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

Blackhawk Technical College Counseling and Career Services

<http://www.blackhawk.edu/career/Default.htm>

Job search resources include job listings with many links to area businesses. Resume writing assistance and online resources.

Great Jobs Wisconsin

<http://www.greatjobswi.com/seekers/search/index.cfm>

Search Wisconsin jobs, post resume, job fairs, career resources, resume help.

Job Center

<http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/jobseeker/default.htm>

Job search, compare wages, interview workshops and feedback and resume writing workshops and resources.

JobNet

<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/jobnet/mapwi.htm>

Search Wisconsin jobs.

JobNet Business

<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/jobnetbusiness/default.htm>

Create, edit and delete job orders in Wisconsin JobNet. Have your order automatically posted to America's Job Bank (AJB). Free

Milwaukee Area Technical College Career Counseling

<http://matc.edu/student/resources/Academiccounseling/careercounseling.html>

Jobshop Student Employment Services

<http://matc.edu/student/resources/JOBshop/JOBshopIndex.html>

Resume, cover letter and interviewing assistance.

UW Milwaukee Career Development Center

<http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/CDC/>

Resume and cover letter writing resources, career research, interviewing skills resources and workshops. Excellent on-line resources.

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### **Employment - Wisconsin Resources (continued)**

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#### UW Whitewater Career Services

<http://www.uww.edu/career/>

Individualized resume and cover letter writing assistance, interviewing preparation, strategizing discussions, employer presentations and job fairs. Excellent on-line resources.

#### WISCJOBS

<http://www.wiscjobs.state.wi.us/public/index.asp>

State of Wisconsin employment, with links to cities and counties.

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### **Funding**

*Financial assistance is often needed for services and supports that enable individuals with disabilities to live and work independently. This section offers resources that may support the purchase of education, assistive technology, home accessibility, vehicle modification and more.*

#### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

##### Creating Options: A Resource Guide on Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities.

HEATH Resource Center, 2121 K Street, NW Suite 220 Washington, DC 20037, Phone: 800-544-3284, Email: [askheath@gwu.edu](mailto:askheath@gwu.edu).  
Annual resource paper, prepared by George Washington University.  
Describes sources of funding and how to apply.

##### Educational Assistance for Students with Disabilities

<http://www.petersons.com/common/article.asp?id=1418&path=ug.pfs.advicesponsor=1>

Article on funding sources.

##### Financial Aid for the Disabled and Their Families.

<http://www.rspfunding.com/catalog/item/1414261/878449.htm>

Schlachter, Gail Ann, Weber, R. David.

In-depth financial aid resource for students with disabilities.

##### Independent Living Research Utilization

<http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/directory/index.html>

Link to all local Independent Living Centers. Contact local Independent Living Center for information and referral to local resources such as scholarships.

##### Native American Rehabilitation

[http://www.rehabnetwork.org/canar/native\\_american\\_rehabilitation.htm](http://www.rehabnetwork.org/canar/native_american_rehabilitation.htm)

Vocational rehabilitation for Native Americans.

##### Specially Adapted Housing Programs

<http://www.homeloans.va.gov/sah.htm>

Veterans with specific service connected disabilities may qualify for grants for housing modification or construction.

##### Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation

<http://vetsuccess.gov/>

Vocational Rehabilitation services for veterans.

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#### Vocational Rehabilitation State Offices

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/SBSES/VOCREHAB.HTM>

Links to all states Vocational Rehabilitation offices.

#### USDA Rural Development Grants & Loans

[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/sfh/brief\\_repairgrant.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/sfh/brief_repairgrant.htm)

Home accessibility or repair grants for very low-income rural residents.

### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

#### Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dvr/>

A federal/state program to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain, maintain or improve employment by working with VR consumers, employers, and other partners. Services may include: guidance and counseling, assistance finding and keeping a job, funding for education, vehicle modification, assistive technology, training and more. Links to offices and contact numbers.

#### Great Lakes Intertribal Council

[www.glitc.org](http://www.glitc.org)

Vocational Rehabilitation for Native Americans

<http://www.vrna.net/>

Develops and delivers vocational support to eligible Native Americans and Alaskan Natives with disabilities living in the defined service area that are sensitive to their individual cultural beliefs, strengths, resources, priorities, concerns and abilities so each may engage in gainful employment.

#### Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP)

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid1/recpubs/factsheets/phc10071.htm>

The Medicaid Purchase Plan offers people with disabilities who are working or interested in working the opportunity to buy health care coverage through the Wisconsin Medicaid Program. Depending on an individual's income, a premium payment may be required for this health care coverage.

#### US Department of Veterans Affairs, Wisconsin Facilities

<http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp>

Vocational rehabilitation and employment services for veterans. Interactive map with links to all Wisconsin facilities.

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### **Funding - Wisconsin Resources (continued)**

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#### Wisconsin Assistive Technology Program (WisTech)

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/index.htm>

WisTech provides information on selecting, funding, installing and using assistive technology. Apply through your local Independent Living Center.

<http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/directory/index.html>

Links to all Independent Living Centers.

#### Wisconsin Home and Community Based Waivers

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/waivermanual/index.htm>

May provide assistance planning and finding services (Case management), personal care and environmental modifications. Available through counties or local agencies.

#### WisLoan

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/wisloan.htm>

Offers loans for assistive technology to persons with a disability. Apply through local Independent Living Center.

<http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/directory/index.html>

Link to all Independent Living Centers.

#### Workforce Investment Act

<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dwdwia/>

For income eligible job seekers, funding for training, transportation, childcare and tuition. Services offered through the local Job Center.

*\*NOTE: Also see **Appendix, Disability Organizations**.*

*Check with organizations related to a specific disability to see if they supply equipment or offer financial assistance.*

*Also see **Housing** section for funding resources for housing.*

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### **Government**

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*This section includes information, resources and services available through federal, state and tribal governments. Resources such as supports for daily living, immigration and citizenship, employment and legislation, including the Americans with Disability Act, other anti-discrimination legislation, equal opportunity and privacy acts.*

#### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

##### Aging and Disability Resource Centers

[http://www.aoa.gov/prof/aging\\_dis/aging\\_dis.asp](http://www.aoa.gov/prof/aging_dis/aging_dis.asp)

Links to state Aging and Disability Resource Centers.

##### Department of Justice, ADA/Civil Rights Division

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/investag.htm>

ADA Designated Investigative Agencies

##### Department of Labor, Disability Resources

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/disability/index.htm>

Disability resources and links.

##### DisabilityInfo.gov

<http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/digov-public/public/DisplayPage.do?parentFolderId=5086>

Online resource for Americans with disabilities.

##### Native American Rehabilitation

[http://www.rehabnetwork.org/canar/native\\_american\\_rehabilitation.htm](http://www.rehabnetwork.org/canar/native_american_rehabilitation.htm)

Vocational rehabilitation for Native Americans.

##### Office for Civil Rights, US Dept of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=oc>

Promotes civil rights in educational institutions.

##### Office of Disability Employment Policy, Department of Labor

<http://www.dol.gov/odep/>

Resources, initiatives and publications for job seekers and employers.

##### Social Security Administration

<http://www.ssa.gov>

Consumer information about disability benefits and employment.

##### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

<http://www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov>

Resources, publications, newsletter and research.

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#### US Citizenship and Immigration Office

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>

Services, benefits, forms, resources and laws.

#### US Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/>

Information for veterans including vocational rehabilitation and employment services.

#### Vocational Rehabilitation State Offices

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/SBSES/VOCREHAB.HTM>

Links to all states Vocational Rehabilitation offices.

### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

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#### Office for Civil Rights, Chicago Office

<http://wdcrobcop01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactusresults.cfm?state1=Wisconsin&state2=Submit>

Promotes civil rights in educational institutions. Covers the Wisconsin area.

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US Citizenship and Immigration Office, Milwaukee Field Office

[https://egov.immigration.gov/crisgwi/go?action=offices.detail&office=MIL&OfficeLocator.office\\_type=LO&OfficeLocator.statecode=WI](https://egov.immigration.gov/crisgwi/go?action=offices.detail&office=MIL&OfficeLocator.office_type=LO&OfficeLocator.statecode=WI)

Serves southern and eastern Wisconsin counties. See website for detailed information about services and appointments available through this office.

US Department of Veterans Affairs, Wisconsin Facilities

<http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?intN=&FUIComponentClasses=%5Btype+Function%5D&FTooltipLiteClass=%5Btype+Function%5D&onbtnRelease=%5Btype+Function%5D&found=false&i=2&depth=3&layoutHeight=21&layoutWidth=60&mx=410&my=88&skinName=face&skinMCRef= h>

Vocational rehabilitation and employment services for veterans.  
Interactive map with links to all Wisconsin facilities.

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### **Home Modification**

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*The ease of movement within one's home is imperative to living a life of quality, comfort and efficiency. Reaching cupboards from a wheelchair, doing food preparation on the counter at the appropriate height, accessing the shower in a wheelchair and opening doors with ease are all actions that enable a person to live comfortably. This section provides resources for individuals looking for home design experts, certified contractors, products and general direction on how to proceed with home modification.*

### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

#### Infinite Potential through Assistive Technology

<http://www.infinitec.org/live/index.html>

Resources include: wheelchair selection, home modification, adaptive cooking, adaptive driving, adaptive telephones, safety, special animals, our adaptive families, shopping, health and beauty and work including deductions for AT and tax information.

#### National Association of Remodeling Industry

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

Lists certified contractors.

#### National Directory of Home Modification Resources

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

Resources, publications, safety checklist and assessment.

#### New Horizons Un-Limited, Inc.

<http://www.new-horizons.org/gdbhac.html>

Information for adults with disabilities including home modifications.

#### Spinal Cord Injury Information Network

<http://www.spinalcord.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=24440>

Accessible homes and buildings.

#### Universal Design Education Online

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

Computer renderings, photographs and links to relevant resources.

### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

#### Project Home

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

Dane County Rehabilitation Program. For low to moderate-income homeowners, who need major repairs on the home.

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### **Home Modification - Wisconsin Resources (continued)**

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Wisconsin Assistive Technology Program (WisTech)

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/index.htm>

WisTech provides information on selecting, funding, installing and using assistive technology. Includes resources such as:

[Remodeling your home](#) (PDF, 30 KB)

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### **Housing & Relocation**

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*Relocation may be necessary to find the right job. These sites offer information regarding available and affordable housing, mortgage lending programs, rental modifications, and housing laws and regulations. Websites to area guides and local information about community offerings such as businesses, clubs, attractions, and events are also offered.*

#### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

AreaGuides.net

[www.areaguides.net](http://www.areaguides.net)

Directory of businesses, jobs, clubs, accommodations, events, attractions and news in the city of your interest.

DisabilityInfo.gov: Housing laws

<http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/digov-public/public/DisplayPage.do?parentFolderId=235>

Housing laws and regulations.

FannieMae Home Choice program

[http://www.pacer.org/tatra/pod\\_summer97.htm](http://www.pacer.org/tatra/pod_summer97.htm) - home

Mortgage fund for people with disabilities. Available in 12 states.

Independent Living Research Institute

<http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/directory/index.html>

Links to all Independent Living Centers. Contact the local Independent Living Center for information and referral to local resources such as accessible apartments.

Local.com

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

Relocation information about businesses, people, products and services in the locale of your interest.

New Horizons In-Limited, Inc.

<http://www.new-horizons.org/gdbahf.html>

Guide to buying a home for people with disabilities: financial options.

United States Chamber of Commerce

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

Comprehensive site that offers lists of chambers, associations, programs, publications, members, small businesses and more.

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2Chambers.com

[www.2chambers.com/](http://www.2chambers.com/)

State and local Chambers of Commerce, Convention Centers, Visitors Bureaus and Tourist Boards in the U.S. Also provides U.S. business, relocation, visitor and tourist attraction information.

### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

Department of Commerce, Housing Guide

<http://commerce.wi.gov/housingdocs/BOH-Fact-Sheets/HousingInfoGuide.pdf> (PDF, 104 KB)

Comprehensive Wisconsin housing guide for people with low to moderate income. Information about home purchase, financing, rental and modifications.

Movin-Out

<http://www.movin-out.org/>

Access to homeownership for Wisconsin residents with disabilities.

Project Home

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

Affordable housing, home repairs, weatherization, rehabilitation in Dane County Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Front Door to Affordable Housing

<http://www.wifrontdoorhousing.org/templates/Wisconsin/Intro/index.cfm?CFID=274891&CFTOKEN=86b0312af072f8fb-080E8840-F1F6-96FD-8123D37094D1F54A&jsessionid=5e301352051168366274624-%23>

Links for renters, landlords.

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### **Job Coaching**

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*This section includes basic information about Job Coaching, such as the characteristics and expected outcomes of job coaching, developing natural supports and services available through Vocational Rehabilitation.*

#### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

APSE, The Network on Employment (formerly The Association for Persons in Supported Employment)

<http://www.apse.org/aboutse/aboutse.html>

Education, advocacy, professional development, resources and links to local chapters.

Human Service Management Institute

<http://www.coe.uga.edu/hsmi/jobcoach/>

Web based Employment Specialist and Job Coach training, includes characteristics and expected outcomes of the role, such as developing natural supports.

Native American Rehabilitation

[http://www.rehabnetwork.org/canar/native\\_american\\_rehabilitation.htm](http://www.rehabnetwork.org/canar/native_american_rehabilitation.htm)

Vocational rehabilitation for Native Americans.

US Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/>

Information for veterans including vocational rehabilitation and employment services.

Vocational Rehabilitation State Offices

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/SBSES/VOCREHAB.HTM>

Links to all states Vocational Rehabilitation offices.

#### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dvr/>

A federal/state program to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain, maintain or improve employment by working with VR consumers, employers, and other partners. Services may include: guidance and counseling, assistance finding and keeping a job, funding for education, vehicle modification, assistive technology, training and more. Links to offices and contact numbers.

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### **Job Coaching - Wisconsin Resources (continued)**

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Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Specifications for job coaching

[http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/service\\_providers/tech\\_specs/job\\_coaching\\_tech\\_specs.pdf](http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/service_providers/tech_specs/job_coaching_tech_specs.pdf) (PDF, 24 KB)

Technical specifications for job coaching, including maximizing natural supports.

Rehab for Wisconsin

<http://www.rfw.org/index.html>

Membership organization, which provides professional development, advocacy for Rehabilitation professionals. Links to members, some of who provide job coaches.

Great Lakes Intertribal Council

[www.glitc.org](http://www.glitc.org)

Vocational Rehabilitation for Native Americans

<http://www.vrna.net/>

Develops and delivers vocational support to eligible Native Americans and Alaskan Natives with disabilities living in the defined service area that are sensitive to their individual cultural beliefs, strengths, resources, priorities, concerns and abilities so each may engage in gainful employment.

US Department of Veterans Affairs, Wisconsin Facilities

<http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?intN=&FUIComponentClass=%5Btype+Function%5D&FTooltipLiteClass=%5Btype+Function%5D&onbtnRelease=%5Btype+Function%5D&found=false&i=2&depth=3&layoutHeight=21&layoutWidth=60&mx=410&my=88&skinName=face&skinMCRef= h>

Vocational rehabilitation and employment services for veterans. Interactive map with links to all Wisconsin facilities.

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### **Legal**

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*This section offers both the employer and consumer information on legal matters regarding disability. Technical assistance, training opportunities, advocacy and materials are offered to help the individual and businesses understand their rights by law.*

#### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

##### ADA Investigative Agency

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/investag.htm>

Lists all agencies charged with investigating complaints against state and federal agencies.

##### Consumer Law Web Page

<http://consumerlawpage.com/resource/ability.shtml>

Consumer information maintained by the Alexander Law firm.

##### Department of Justice

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>

ADA background and an information line for both general and specific information about the ADA.

##### Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center

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

Provides technical assistance and training to businesses and people with disabilities regarding the ADA and the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

##### Family Education Rights & Medical Privacy Act (FERPA)

<http://www.uwsa.edu/qc-off/deskbook/ferpa.htm>

Summary of the law with links.

##### HIPAA (Health and Human Services Privacy Rule)

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacysummary.pdf> (PDF, 376 KB)

Overview of Privacy Rule. The goal of the Privacy Rule is to assure that individuals' health information is properly protected while allowing the flow of health information needed to provide and promote high quality health care and to protect the public's health and well being.

##### National Disability Rights Network

<http://www.napas.org/aboutus/default.htm>

Protection and advocacy for individuals with disabilities. Training and technical assistance, legal support and legislative advocacy.

## EMPLOYMENT LIAISON RESOURCE MANUAL

### **Legal - National Resources (continued)**

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Office of Civil Rights Compliance, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/mis.htm>

Preventing discrimination against people with disabilities in health care and social services.

Protection and Advocacy Systems – Overview

[http://www.workworld.org/wwwwebhelp/protection\\_and\\_advocacy\\_systems\\_overview.htm#Protection\\_and\\_Advocacy\\_Systems\\_Overvie](http://www.workworld.org/wwwwebhelp/protection_and_advocacy_systems_overview.htm#Protection_and_Advocacy_Systems_Overvie)

A national network of congressionally created, legally based disability rights agencies, providing legal representation and advocacy services to people with disabilities. Links to all agencies in the US, including Client Assistance Programs, DVR, Social Security Administration, agencies that advocate for individuals with specific disabilities and by topic such as Assistive Technology.

University of Wisconsin, General Counsel

<http://www.uwsa.edu/gc-off/deskbook/discrim.htm>

Overview of discrimination in employment law, including; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, Wisconsin's Fair Employment Act, Equal Pay Act, ADA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Employment, etc.

US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

<http://www.eeoc.gov/>

Primary responsibility for enforcing the ADA. Information and publications.

411 on Disability Disclosure

[http://www.ncwd-](http://www.ncwd-youth.info/assets/guides/411/411_Disability_Disclosure_complete.pdf)

[youth.info/assets/guides/411/411\\_Disability\\_Disclosure\\_complete.pdf](http://www.ncwd-youth.info/assets/guides/411/411_Disability_Disclosure_complete.pdf)

(PDF, 461KB)

Although written for the young adult, a thorough resource on disability disclosure. Addresses the questions; Why, When, Who, Where and How?

### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

ADA Wisconsin Partnership

<http://www.adawipartnership.w-c-a.org/>

Provides technical assistance, current information, educational materials, support, trainings for business and referrals.

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### **Legal - Wisconsin Resources (continued)**

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#### Client Assistance Program (CAP)

<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/cap.htm>

For consumers of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation services who need the following:

- Information and assistance to individuals about a dispute with DVR.
- Feedback about whether a complaint can be resolved without an appeal and assistance with negotiation or mediation to end a dispute with DVR.
- Information about how the appeal process works and what steps to take.
- Advice on how to word an appeal request.

CAP can represent you in an appeal if their review of the case shows that your complaint has merit. CAP is not attached to the same department (Department of Workforce Development) as the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

#### Disability Rights Wisconsin (formerly Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy)

<http://www.w-c-a.org/>

Protection and advocacy agency that receives funding from the federal government and is mandated to protect and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities.

#### Wisconsin Department of Justice

<http://www.doj.state.wi.us/>

Provides legal advice and representation, criminal investigations and various law enforcement services for the state.

#### Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/pdf/tranopndrs.pdf> (PDF, 820 KB)

##### Opening Doors to Postsecondary Education

Excellent reference for parents, students, counselors and teachers prepared and published by the Department of Public Instruction. Explains the difference between laws governing HS and college age students.

#### Wisconsin's Fair Employment Act

<http://nxt.legis.state.wi.us/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=WI:Default&d=stats&jd=ch.1>

Additional protections beyond Title VII. Also see above, University of Wisconsin, General Counsel.

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### **Personal Care, Home Health & Supportive Home Care**

*Information for individuals who need services such as food preparation, shopping, bathing, laundry, dressing, transferring, bowel and bladder care, etc. Resources include information on where to find assistance and how to hire and manage attendant care employees.*

#### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

##### Aging and Disability Resource Centers

<http://www.adrc-tae.org/tiki-index.php?page=GranteeProfilesPublic>

Links to state Aging and Disability Resource Centers. Provide integrated information and referral, benefits and options counseling services as well as facilitating access to publicly and privately financed long term care (LTC) services and benefits

##### Independent Living Research Institute

[http://www.ilru.org/html/projects/ilnet/ilnet\\_readings.htm](http://www.ilru.org/html/projects/ilnet/ilnet_readings.htm)

Many publications such as: Managed Care and people with disabilities, Personal Assistance Services, Home and Community Based Services and newsletter. Links to local Independent Living Centers for information and referral to local resources.

##### Hiring and Managing Personal Care Attendants for Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury.

<http://www.tbi-sci.org/pdf/pas.pdf> (PDF, 512 KB)

Many resources on managing attendant care.

##### Spinal Cord Injury Network

<http://www.spinalcord.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=21684&site=1021&return=21742>

Many articles on managing attendant care.

#### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

##### Directory of Licensed Wisconsin Home Health Agencies (by County)

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/bqaconsumer/HealthCare/hhacty.pdf> (PDF, 224 KB)

List of all licensed Wisconsin Home Health agencies. Many articles on managing attendant care.

##### Wisconsin Aging and Disability Resource Centers

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/LTcare/Generalinfo/RC-Services.htm>

Information and assistance including long-term care counseling.

## EMPLOYMENT LIAISON RESOURCE MANUAL

### **Personal Care, Home Health & Supportive Home Care - Wisconsin Resources (continued)**

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#### **WISCONSIN INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS**

Contact your nearest Independent Living Center for Information and Referral to local resources.

##### **Access to Independence**

<http://www.accesstoind.org/pages/>

Madison, WI 53704

608-242-8484 (V)

608-242-8485 (TTY)

608-242-0383 (fax)

1-800-362-9877

##### **Midstate Independent Living Consultants, Inc.**

<http://www.milc-inc.org>

Stevens Point WI 54481

715-344-4210 (V/TTY)

715-344-4414 (fax)

1-800-382-8484 (toll-free)

##### **Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin**

<http://www.cilww.com>

Menomonie, WI 54751

715-233-1070 (V/TTY)

715-233-1083 (fax)

1-800-228-3287 (toll-free)

##### **North Country Independent Living, Inc.**

<http://www.northcountryil.com>

Superior, WI 54880

715-392-9118 (V/TTY)

715-392-4636 (fax)

1-800-924-1220 (toll-free)

##### **Independent Living Resources**

<http://www.ilresources.org>

La Crosse, WI 54601

608-787-1111 (V)

608-787-1148 (TTY)

608-787-1114 (fax)

1-888-474-5745 (toll-free)

##### **Options for Independent Living, Inc.**

<http://www.optionsil.com>

Green Bay, WI 54307

920-490-0500 (V)

920-490-0600 (TTY)

920-490-0700 (fax)

##### **IndependenceFirst**

<http://www.independencefirst.org>

Milwaukee, WI 53204-1516

414-291-7520 (V/TTY)

414-291-7525 (fax)

##### **Society's Assets**

<http://sai-inc.org/1024/index.htm>

Racine, WI 53406

262-637-9128 (V/TTY)

262-637-8646 (fax)

1-800-378-9128

*Note: Contact the local County Long Term Care Support Coordinator, who may be able to provide information, referral and funding.*

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### **Resource Lists**

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*Below are a few of the more extensive resource lists.*

#### Consumer Law Web Page

<http://consumerlawpage.com/resource/ability.shtml>

Extensive list and links.

#### disABILITY Information and Resources

<http://www.makoa.org/index.htm>

Extensive list with links.

#### Disabilityinfo.gov

<http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/digov-public/public/DisplayPage.do?parentFolderId=28>

Online resource for Americans with disabilities.

#### Disability Resources on the Internet

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

Extensive list with links.

#### Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

<http://janweb.icdi.wvu.edu>

The JAN "Points of Interest" page contains over 250 links.

#### National Business and Disability Council

<http://www.nbdc.com/links.asp>

Extensive list with links.

## EMPLOYMENT LIAISON RESOURCE MANUAL

### **Rehabilitation Resources**

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*This section lists agencies that provide comprehensive guidance and support with regard to all areas of one's life, be it work, living independently, education or transportation.*

#### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

##### Independent Living Research Utilization

<http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/directory/index.html>

National links to State and local Independent Living Centers

##### National Rehabilitation Information Center

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

Resources for employment, advocacy, benefits and financial assistance, education, technology and more. Through the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research whose mission is to generate, disseminate and promote new knowledge to improve the options available to disabled persons.

##### Native American Rehabilitation

[http://www.rehabnetwork.org/canar/native\\_american\\_rehabilitation.htm](http://www.rehabnetwork.org/canar/native_american_rehabilitation.htm)

Vocational rehabilitation for Native Americans.

##### Vocational Rehabilitation State Offices

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/SBSES/VOCREHAB.HTM>

Links to all states Vocational Rehabilitation offices.

##### US Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/>

Vocational rehabilitation and employment services for veterans.

#### **WISCONSIN RESOURCES**

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### **Rehabilitation Resources - Wisconsin (continued)**

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#### Great Lakes Intertribal Council

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Vocational Rehabilitation for Native Americans

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#### Rehabilitation for Wisconsin

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

Members are organizations and individuals dedicated to addressing the employment, residential and community support needs of people with disabilities or other disadvantages.

### **WISCONSIN INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS**

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### Rehabilitation Resources - Wisconsin Independent Living Centers (continued)

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262-637-8646 (fax)

1-800-378-9128

#### **Wisconsin Coalition of IL Centers (WCILC)**

Madison, WI 53716

608-819-1300 (V/TTY)

608-819-1301 (fax)

1-800-690-6665 (toll-free)

#### US Department of Veterans Affairs, Wisconsin Facilities

[http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?intN=&FUIComponentClass=%5Btype+Function%5D&FTooltipLiteClass=%5Btype+Function%5D&onbtnRelease=%5Btype+Function%5D&found=false&i=2&depth=3&layoutHeight=21&layoutWidth=60&mx=410&my=88&skinName=face&skinMCRef=\\_h](http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?intN=&FUIComponentClass=%5Btype+Function%5D&FTooltipLiteClass=%5Btype+Function%5D&onbtnRelease=%5Btype+Function%5D&found=false&i=2&depth=3&layoutHeight=21&layoutWidth=60&mx=410&my=88&skinName=face&skinMCRef=_h)

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Vocational rehabilitation and employment services for veterans.

Interactive map with links to all Wisconsin facilities.

## **Service Animals**

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*Service animals are individually trained to perform tasks for people with disabilities such as guiding those who are blind, picking up items, alerting people who are deaf, pulling wheelchairs or protecting a person who is having a seizure.*

### ADA Brief

<http://www.ada.gov/svcabrs3.pdf> (PDF, 88 KB)

Defines a service animal, may be a dog, a monkey or a miniature horse.

### Department of Justice, Disability Rights Task Force

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/animal.htm>

Frequently asked questions about service dogs in places of business.

### Guide Dogs for the Blind

<http://www.guidedogs.com/site/PageServer>

Strives to create a profound partnership between person and dog - and help to unleash the potential in both of them. Training program, and support through life's challenges.

### Helping Hands

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

Serving quadriplegic and other people with severe spinal cord injuries or mobility-impairments by providing highly trained monkeys to assist with daily activities.

### Guide Horse Foundation

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

Provides safe, cost-effective and reliable mobility alternatives for visually impaired people.

### Leader Dogs for the Blind

<http://www.leaderdog.org/site/PageServer>

Dedicated to enhancing the lives of blind and visually impaired individuals. Services include the Accelerated Mobility Program, technology training, and other personal education skills.

### The Seeing Eye

<http://www.seeingeye.org/AboutUs.asp?sc=om - 2t>

The mission is to enhance the independence, dignity, and self-confidence of people who are blind through the use of Seeing Eye dogs.

**Service Animals (continued)**

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**Wisconsin Resource**

Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs

<http://www.wags.net/>

Raises and trains service dogs to increase the ability of individuals with disabilities to independently execute functional, daily living skills, increase attendance in daily life events, and improve outlook on life, with the aid and support of a highly trained service dog.

### **Transportation**

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*This section provides information on specialized transportation including funding, disability parking rules and regulations, gas station assistance, vehicle modifications and equipment dealers. Also see Funding.*

#### Access-Able Travel Source

[http://access-able.com/graphical\\_index.html](http://access-able.com/graphical_index.html)

Leisure travel for the mature &/or traveler with a disability.

#### Department of Health and Family Services

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/Disabilities/Physical/transportation.htm>

Transportation resources in Wisconsin such as, the ADA and transportation, funding for specialized transport, disabled parking plates and parking laws, assistance at gas stations, transportation services for people with disabilities and the elderly.

#### Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dvr/>

A federal/state program to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain, maintain or improve employment by working with VR consumers, employers, and other partners. Services may include: guidance and counseling, finding and keeping a job, funding for education, vehicle modification, assistive technology, training and more. Office locations and contact numbers.

#### Independent Living Research Institute

<http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/directory/index.html>

Links to all Independent Living Centers. Contact the local Independent Living Center for information and referral to local resources.

#### Infinite Potential through Assistive Technology

<http://www.infinitec.org/live/driving/driveassess.htm>

Thorough site includes transportation resources, such as: driving assessments, vehicle modifications, equipment dealers and recreational travel resources.

#### National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association

[http://www.nmeda.org/Dealers/United\\_States/USDealers.htm](http://www.nmeda.org/Dealers/United_States/USDealers.htm)

Lists of dealers by state.

#### Spinal Cord Injury Information Network

<http://www.spinalcord.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=21642&site=1021&return=24439>

Many resources on driving. Assessments, modifications, dealers.

## APPENDIX

### Disability Associations

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*An A to Z listing of associations and foundations that represent a variety of disabilities.*

#### *AIDS/HIV:*

The Foundation for AIDS Research

<http://www.amfar.org/cgi-bin/iowa/index.html>

Support of AIDS research, HIV prevention, treatment education and advocacy.

AIDS Network

<http://www.aidsnetwork.org/index.html>

Support, education and opportunities in Southcentral Wisconsin.

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin

[http://www.arcw.org/locations\\_milwaukee.htm](http://www.arcw.org/locations_milwaukee.htm)

Medical, dental and mental health care. social, legal, housing and prevention services.

#### *Arthritis*

Arthritis Foundation

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

Education, advocacy, resources.

#### *Asthma/Allergy:*

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

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

Education, advocacy, research, support groups, newsroom.

#### *Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder*

Attention Deficit Disorder Association

<http://www.add.org/index.html>

Information, resources, teleclasses, conference, newsletter, specific to adult issues.

CHADD Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

[http://www.chadd.org/am/CustomPages/home/CHADD\\_Home.htm?CFID=2035252&CFTOKEN=37186567&jsessionid=f230598441167400873796](http://www.chadd.org/am/CustomPages/home/CHADD_Home.htm?CFID=2035252&CFTOKEN=37186567&jsessionid=f230598441167400873796)

Education, information, support, local chapters, national conference, newsletters.

**Disability Associations (continued)**

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*Autism/Asperger Syndrome:*

Autism Society of America

<http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer>

Information, research, resources, advocacy, local chapters, newsletter.

Autism Society of Wisconsin

<http://www.asw4autism.org/>

Awareness, support, conference, resources, newsletter, local chapters.

MAPP Services for Autism & Asperger Syndrome

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

Information and advice to families.

*Blind/Low Vision:*

American Foundation for the Blind

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

Education, advocacy, resources.

American Council of the Blind

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

Information, referral, advocacy, scholarship assistance, education and training, support, legal assistance, industry consultation. Annual national convention, print and audio newsletters, radio program.

Helen Keller Services for the Blind

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

Rehabilitation services for visually impaired/blind.

National Federation of the Blind

<http://www.nfb.org/nfb/Default.asp>

Advocacy, education, research, technology, and programs encouraging independence and self-confidence.

*Brain Injury/Tumor*

Brain Injury Association, Inc.

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

Information, education, support and local chapters.

Brain Injury Association of Wisconsin, links page

<http://www.biaw.org/links.html>

Information and resources, education, prevention, advocacy and support services.

**Disability Associations (continued)**

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*Brain Injury/Tumor continued.*

National Brain Tumor Foundation

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

Information, support, newsroom and research.

*Burn Injury:*

American Burn Association

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

Research, education, care, rehabilitation, and prevention.

*Cancer:*

Memorial Sloan Kettering

<http://www.mskcc.org/mskcc/html/44.cfm>

Information, care, research, education and training.

*Cerebral Palsy;*

United Cerebral Palsy Association

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

Information, advocacy, education, local affiliates, newsletter.

*Chronic Fatigue & Fibromyalgia*

National Fibromyalgia Association

<http://www.fmaware.org>

Research, information, newsroom, advocacy.

*Crohn's/Colitis*

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America

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

Education, advocacy, local affiliates, research information, newsletter.

*Cystic Fibrosis*

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

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

Advocacy, education, local affiliates, research information, newsletter.

*Deaf and Hard of Hearing*

National Association of the Deaf

<http://www.nad.org/site/pp.asp?c=foINKQMBF&b=91587>

Information, education, advocacy, newsroom and affiliates.

**Disability Associations (continued)**

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*Developmental Disability*

The ARC

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

Advocacy, education, local affiliates of and for people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities.

National Association for the Dually Diagnosed

<http://www.thenadd.org/index.shtml>

Training and information on mental health issues relating to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

National Down Syndrome Congress

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

Advocacy, education, support research, convention, newsroom.

National Down Syndrome Society

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

Advocacy, education, research, local affiliates, newsroom.

Wisconsin Developmental Disability Network

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

Education and training.

*Epilepsy*

National Epilepsy Foundation

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

Research, education, support, services, local chapters, newsletter.

Epilepsy Foundation of South Central Wisconsin

<http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/socentralwisc/>

*General*

Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities

<http://www.c-c-d.org/about/about.htm>

Education, advocacy.

Institute for Community Inclusion

[http://www.communityinclusion.org/project.php?project\\_id=35](http://www.communityinclusion.org/project.php?project_id=35)

Advocacy for inclusion, including college and employment.

### **Disability Associations (continued)**

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#### *General continued.*

National Organization on Disability

<http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&pageID=24>

Education, advocacy, newsletter, resources.

National Organization for Rare Disorders

<http://www.rarediseases.org/search/rdblist.html>

Education, research, resources.

#### *Learning Disability*

International Dyslexia Association

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

Education, advocacy, newsroom, conference. affiliates, resources including AT.

Learning Disability Association of America

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

Education, advocacy, conference, research, services and affiliates.

#### *Mental Health*

Mental Health America (formerly National Mental Health Association)

[www.nmha.org](http://www.nmha.org)

Education, advocacy, research, support and newsroom.

NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness

[www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)

Advocacy, education, support, newsroom, convention, affiliates.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

<http://www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/publications/allpubs/stateresourcesguides/Wisconsin01.asp>

Provides a list of protection, treatment, advocacy and support agencies at both the state and national level.

Wisconsin United for Mental Health (formerly Mental Health Association in Milwaukee County)

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

Education, advocacy, newsroom.

**Disability Associations (continued)**

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*Neurological Disorders*

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

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

Information, education, advocacy, support, newsletter.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

[www.mdausa.org](http://www.mdausa.org)

Research, education, equipment, newsroom.

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/md/md.htm>

Conducts and supports research on neurological disorders including: Parkinson's Disease, Brain Tumor, Epilepsy, Stroke, Tuberos Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Ataxia-Telangiectasia.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

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

Research, educate, advocate, support, newsletter, local chapters.

Nevada Neuroscience Foundations

<http://www.nvneuroscience.com/source/web/WhoWeAre.aspx>

Research, education, support, some financial assistance.

*Obsessive Compulsive Disorder*

National Institute of Mental Health

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/healthinformation/ocdmenu.cfm>

Information, research, resources, listserv.

Obsessive Compulsive Foundation

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

Information, support, research, conference.

*Osteogenesis Imperfecta*

Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation

<http://www.oif.org/site/PageServer>

Information, resources, support, conference.

*Prader-Willi Syndrome*

Prader-Willi Syndrome Foundation

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

Information, research, support, conference, affiliates, resources.

**Disability Associations (continued)**

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*Spina Bifida*

Spina Bifida Association

[http://www.sbaa.org/site/c.gpILKXOEJqG/b.2016945/k.2321/Spina\\_Bifida\\_Association\\_Web\\_site.htm](http://www.sbaa.org/site/c.gpILKXOEJqG/b.2016945/k.2321/Spina_Bifida_Association_Web_site.htm)

Advocacy, information, research, prevention, listserv.

*Spinal Cord Injury*

National Spinal Cord Injury Association

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

Information, support, advocacy, prevention, newsroom, extensive resources.

Spinal Cord Injury Information Network.

<http://www.spinalcord.uab.edu/>

Information, education, extensive resources.