

## ABUSE AND NEGLECT

**Child Protective Services** 715.485.8400  
Investigates reports of child abuse and neglect. Assures that appropriate protective services are provided to abused and neglected children.

**Community Referral Agency** 800.261.7233  
715.825.4414

Offers services for victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Services include temporary shelter, crisis line, support groups, advocacy, referrals to other resources, and education.

### Drug Endangered Children (DEC)

⇒ [www.wisconsindec.org](http://www.wisconsindec.org)  
⇒ [www.nationaldec.org](http://www.nationaldec.org)

## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE

**Mental Health America of Wisconsin** 866.948.6483  
Provides screenings for mental health and alcohol use, statewide resource by county, and fact sheets on mental health topics.

**Mental Health Task Force** Crisis #: 888.552.6642  
Helps find mental health services in the Polk County area, information and resources.

**Polk County Behavioral Health** 715.485.8400  
Provides mental and behavioral health services.

**Prevent Suicide Wisconsin** 800.273.8255  
Provides a suicide hotline to call, resources, WI suicide facts, and WI coalition information.

**Northwest Connections (24/7)** 888.552.6642  
Northwest Connections provides Emergency Mental Health Services to contracted counties in WI. NWC's goal is to provide the least restrictive response to all crisis situations.

## POLK COUNTY

Provides a directory of all county services, tourism, and things to do in Polk County:  
[www.co.polk.wi.us](http://www.co.polk.wi.us)



## HEALTH AND MEDICAL

**Local Medical Clinics & Hospitals**  
Provides primary care, specialty care, emergency services, immunizations, Baby & Me classes, and other health and education opportunities

- **Amery Hospital and Clinic** 715.268.8000
- **Frederic Clinic of SCRMC** 715.327.5700
- **Osceola Medical Center** 715.294.2116
- **St. Croix Regional Medical Center** 715.483.3221
- **Unity Clinic of SCRMC** 715.825.3278

**Polk County Health Department** 715.485.8400

- **Children and Family**  
Provides immunizations, lead poisoning prevention services, fluoride supplements, postpartum home visits, Family Health Benefits.
- **Reproductive Health**  
*Substance use during pregnancy, breastfeeding, and parenting can be dangerous, with a variety of harmful effects on both adults and children. The effects can be short or long term and may be physical, mental, social, emotional, and financial. You are not alone. Many others know what it's like and can help.*
- **WIC (Women, Infants, & Children)**  
Provides healthy foods, breastfeeding support, nutrition and feeding tips for families. WIC is available to income eligible pregnant women, new moms, and children birth to 5 years old.
- **Community Services Division Resource Navigator**  
The CSD Navigator connects people to programs and resources within Polk County. In addition, the navigator provides enrollment assistance for those seeking health insurance in BC+, MA, and Marketplace plans.

**ABC for Rural Health** 608.261.6939  
Provides Health Benefits Counseling Services to help people enroll in BadgerCare, Medicaid, and the ACA Federal Marketplace. Assists with eligibility and benefit denials in private or public health plans.

**St. Croix Tribal Health Services**  
**Hertel** 715.349.8554  
**Round Lake (Luck, WI)** 715.857.5694  
Provides services for Native American families including WIC, Honoring Our Children (HOC), pregnancy testing, immunizations, AODA, and mental health services. HOC provides home visits, health education, health case management, and parent education for pregnant woman and children 0 – 2 years, and their families.

## FREE ONLINE SCREENING FOR YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT

### DEVELOPMENT

**Ages & Stages Questionnaires, Third Edition**

- Ages:** Birth - 5 years
- Screens:** All areas of development
- Results:** Emailed to you within two weeks
- Follow Up:** If your child's score is "needs further evaluation" it will tell you to contact your health care provider to review the results with you.

**Link:** <http://es.easterseals.com/mtffc/asq>



## EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY RESOURCES

**For families with children birth to 5 years old**

This brochure can be downloaded at  
[www.polkcountyhealthdept.org](http://www.polkcountyhealthdept.org)

Corrections or additions can be made by  
calling 715.485.8400

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### AUTISM

**Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers**

- Ages:** 16 - 30 months
- Screens:** Autism
- Results:** Instant scoring online
- Follow Up:** If your child's score is "high risk" it will tell you to contact your health care provider to review the results with you.

**Link:** [www.autismspeaks.org/screen-your-child](http://www.autismspeaks.org/screen-your-child)

The first five years are critical in a child's life. This is the most important time to get your child support for a developmental delay.

Call your child's health care provider if you have any concerns about your child's development.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### [Great Rivers Consortium](#)

888.283.0012

Provides services to income eligible residents for Badger Care Plus, Energy Assistance, Daycare Assistance, and Food Share.

### [Resources for Families](#)

Provides brochure of resources in Polk County such as homeless shelters, housing, clothing, children & family services, financial, food, energy assistance, jobs, education, and disability services.

### [WESTCAP Families Transition Program](#)

800.606.9227

Provides the following services to income eligible families JumpStart Car Program, rent/utility assistance, winterizing, and adult education assistance.

### [WELL BADGER](#)

1.800.642.7837

Well Badger Resource Center is your one-stop connection to community, social, health, and government programs - a place to find what you need, when you need it.

## HOUSING RESOURCES

### Homeless Shelters

- **CRA – Domestic Abuse** 715.825.4414
- **Northwoods Homeless Shelter** 715.268.5730
- **Salvation Army** 715.485.1221
- **Amery** 715.268.2500
- **Clear Lake** 715.263.3370
- **Luck** 715.327.2032
- **Osceola** 715.294.3629

## TRANSPORTATION

### [WI Non-Emergency Medical](#)

866.907.1493

Provides transportation services by VEYO for eligible Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus members to their covered medical and therapy appointments.

- **Transportation**  
Arranges transportation for an appointment.
- **Mileage Reimbursement**  
Pays mileage after driving to an appointment. You must call before trip and submit your trip log within 60 days of the trip.

## EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### [Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley](#) 715.684.4440

Offers parent education services to all families with children from birth to age 6. Programs include hospital and home visits, screenings, Play & Learn and Baby & Me classes, and Young Parent program.

### [MOPS \(Mothers of Preschoolers\)](#)

Offers tips and discussion about parenting and locations of local MOPS groups.

### [Polk County Early Learning Center](#) 715.485.3413

Provides services to income eligible families that focuses on school readiness, health/dental, family services, mental health, and nutrition.

- **Early Head Start**  
Provides weekly home visits and socializations for expectant families and families with children age birth to age 3.
- **Head Start**  
Provides full day 4K programming in collaboration with area school districts for 4 year olds and a combination of classroom and home visit services for 3 year old children.

### [St. Croix Tribal Head Start](#) 715.349.2195

Ext. 5246 or 5247

Incorporates Ojibwe culture as it prepares 3-5 year old children for public school (including children with special needs) by promoting the development of social, emotional, and academic skills through a collaborative effort between parents and staff.

### [United Way Success By 6](#)

- ⇒ [www.facebook.com/uwscv](http://www.facebook.com/uwscv)
- ⇒ [Twitter handle - @UnitedWaySCV](#)

Provides weekly updates to Pinterest, Facebook, and Twitter about child development, parenting, fun family activities, and great resources.

### [UW-Extension–Family Living Programs](#)

Helps explore responses to issues affecting families: financial security, positive parenting practices, and increasing access to safe and nutritious food.

## LIBRARIES

Offers different opportunities such as story time, special events, book groups, and DVDs. Story time is a great way for children to learn new things while being read to and playing with other children.

- **Amery** 715.268.9340
- **Balsam Lake** 715.485.3215
- **Centuria** 715.646.2630
- **Clear Lake** 715.263.2802
- **Dresser** 715.755.2944
- **Deer Park** 715.269.5464
- **Frederic** 715.327.4979
- **Luck** 715.472.2770
- **Milltown** 715.825.2313
- **Osceola** 715.294.2310
- **St Croix Falls** 715.483.1777
- **Turtle Lake** 715.986.4618

## CHILD CARE

### [Childcare Partnership](#) 715.782.1700

Provides a customized list of childcares in a family's area and how to choose safe child care.

### [WI Shares Child Care Subsidy Program](#) 1.888.283.0012

Helps income eligible families pay for child care.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

### [Birth to 3 Program](#) 715.485.8400

Provides free screenings and evaluations for children birth to 3 years old. Children who have a 25% developmental delay qualify to receive primary coaching services in their home or day care.

### Early Childhood Special Education

See [Local School District](#) for contact information.

Services children 3-5 years old who have a developmental delay. Children are evaluated in the child's school district of residence, then staff and parents review the evaluation and determine if the child qualifies for services and how best to meet the child's needs. Services are free.

## REHAB THERAPY SERVICES

Provides occupational, physical, and speech therapy evaluation and therapy services.

### Local Medical Clinics and Hospitals

See [Local Medical Clinics](#) for contact information.

## SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH LONG TERM DISABILITIES

### [Children's Long Term Waiver Program and Family Support Program](#) 715.485.8400

Provides services, and financial assistance to children with severe long term disabilities.

### [Social Security Income](#) 800.772.1213

Provides monthly payments for children with disabilities who meets Social Security's definition of disabled, and if the child's family's income and resources fall within the eligibility limits.

### [WI First Step for Children with Special Needs](#) 800.642.7837

Provides help to find resources for children birth to 21 with special needs.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAMS

### 4 Year Old Kindergarten ( 4-K )

Provides a free preschool program for children who turn 4 years old by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Offers a play-based program designed to let children be introduced to learning in a fun and safe way.

### Community Education

Provides educational, social, recreational, and cultural opportunities to all children and adults. All the school districts offer different opportunities such as family field trips, swimming lessons, parenting classes, sports, and adult only classes.

- **Amery** 715.268.9771
- **Clayton** 715.948.2163
- **Clear Lake** 715.263.2117
- **Cumberland** 715.822.5123
- **Frederic** 715.327.4221
- **Grantsburg** 715.463.2320
- **Luck** 715.472.2153
- **Osceola** 715.294.3457
- **St Croix Falls** 715.483.9823
- **Turtle Lake** 715.986.4470
- **Unity** 712.825.3515