### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Great Rivers Consortium**
888-283-0012 [https://access.wisconsin.gov](https://access.wisconsin.gov)
Provides services to income eligible residents for Badger Care Plus, Energy Assistance, Daycare Assistance, and Food Share.

**Resources for Families**
[http://polk.uwex.edu](http://polk.uwex.edu)
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 [www.westcap.org](http://www.westcap.org)
Provides the following services to eligible families JumpStart Car Program, rent/utility assistance, winterizing, and adult education assistance.

**FOOD RESOURCES**
Community Food Resource Pamphlet

### HOUSING RESOURCES

**Homeless Shelters**
- CRA – Domestic Abuse 715-825-4414
- Northwoods Homeless Shelter 715-268-5730
- Salvation Army 715-263-2900
- Housing Authority

**Great Rivers Metropolitan**
866-907-1493 [www.mtn-hc.net/wisconsin](http://www.mtn-hc.net/wisconsin)
Provides transportation services by MTM, INC. 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 [www.frscsv.org](http://www.frscsv.org)
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)**
[www.mops.org](http://www.mops.org)
Offers tips and discussion about parenting and locations of local MOPS groups.

**Polk County Early Learning Center**
715-485-3413 [www.cesa11.k12.wi.us](http://www.cesa11.k12.wi.us)
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 birth age 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 5245 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.

**St. Croix Falls Tribal Head Start**
715-351-9530 Ext. 5123
[www.polkcountyhealthdept.org/services/birth-to-3](http://www.polkcountyhealthdept.org/services/birth-to-3)
Programs free screenings and evaluations for children 21 with special needs. Children who have a 25% developmental delay qualify to receive primary coaching services in their home or day care. The program requests permission to bill insurance.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

**Birth to 3 Program**
715-485-8585 [www.polkcountyhealthdept.org/services/birth-to-3](http://www.polkcountyhealthdept.org/services/birth-to-3)
Provides services to income eligible families that focuses on school readiness, health/dental, family services, mental health, and nutrition.

**Early Childhood Special Education**
See Local School District for contact information.

**Early Childhood Special Education**
Provides services to children 3-5 year old children 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.

### 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.**

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**Childcare Partnership**
800-753-8810 [www.childcarereferral.org](http://www.childcarereferral.org)
Provides a customized list of childcares in a family’s area and how to choose safe child care.

**WI Shares Child Care Subsidy Program**
715-485-8400 [www.wedc.gov/childcare/wishare](http://www.wedc.gov/childcare/wishare)
Helps income eligible families pay for child care.

### SERVICES for CHILDREN with LONG TERM DISABILITIES

**Children’s Long Term Waiver Program**
Provides services, and financial assistance to children with severe long term disabilities.

**Katie Beckett Program**
Allows children with severe long-term disabilities, mental illness, or complex medical needs to get a Wisconsin Forward Health Medical card.

**Social Security Income**
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**
800-662-7837 [www.mch-hotlines.org](http://www.mch-hotlines.org)
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. 1st. 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, etc.

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### 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.
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  www.crashelter.org
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  www.nationaldec.org
Provides education, resources, drug identification, drug effects, how to identify and effects of DEC.

Mental Health America of Wisconsin  866-948-6483  www.mhawisconsin.org
Provides screenings for mental health and alcohol use, statewide resource by county, and fact sheets on mental health topics.

Mental Health Task Force  888-552-6642  www.mentalhealthpolk.org
Helps find mental health services, alcohol and drug counseling and treatment programs in the Polk County area. Information and resources for people in crisis, including suicide prevention and emergency housing.

Polk County Behavioral Health  715-485-8400  www.polkcountybehavioralhealthdept.org
Provides mental and behavioral health and substance abuse services.

Prevent Suicide Wisconsin  800-273-8255  www.preventsuicidewi.org
Provides a suicide hotline to call, resources, WI suicide facts, and WI coalition information.

Local Medical Clinics & Hospitals
Provides primary medical care, specialty care, emergency services, immunizations, prenatal class, breastfeeding support group and other health, nutrition, and education opportunities.
- Amery Hospital and Clinic  715-268-8000  www.amerymedicalcenter.org
- Osceola Medical Center  715-294-2116  www.myomc.org
- St. Croix Regional Medical Center  715-483-3221  www.scrmc.org

Polk County Health Department  715-485-8500  www.polkcountyhealthdept.org
- Children and Family  715-485-8500
Provides immunizations, lead poisoning prevention services, fluoride supplements, well water testing, postpartum home visits.

Reproductive Health  715-485-8575
Provides contraception including emergency contraception and condoms, sexually transmitted infection testing/treatment, pregnancy testing, Pap Tests and Enrollment in Family Planning Only Services.

WIC (Women, Infants, Children)  715-485-8520
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.

ABC for Rural Health  715-485-8562
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.

NorthLakes Dental Clinic  715-554-0120
Provides dental care and services for people of all ages including WIC, Honoring Our Children (HOC), pregnancy testing, immunizations, AODA, and mental health services. HOC provides home visits, health and parent education, case management, for pregnant women, 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.

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.

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.

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