



# Transitioning to Adult Services: Who to Contact and When

## *Key Contacts for Youth with Disabilities and Their Families*

### **Children's Long Term Care Waiver**

- *Contact anytime while your child is under 18*
- For families with a child with a disability who want and need help finding and paying for services needed outside of their child's school day, to help make school life and home life as consistent as possible.
- Burnett County: 715-349-7600; Polk County 715-485-8400; Ask for the Children's Waiver Worker

### **Mental and Behavioral Health Services**

- *Contact at any age*
- For individuals of all ages needing mental and behavioral health support and services
- Burnett County: Non-Emergency 715-349-7600 and Crisis Line 888-636-6655; Polk County: Non-Emergency 715-485-8423 and Crisis Line 888-552-6642

### **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**

- *Contact 2 years before your child is planning to graduate from high school*
- For anyone (with any disability—disability determination not required) needing any level of assistance with finding, getting and keeping a job
- Burnett County: 877-387-3879; Polk County: 800-228-2587; Tribal Member: 800-236-2195

### **Aging and Disability Resource Center of Northwest Wisconsin**

- *Contact when your child is 17.5 years of age; Contact anytime after that with questions related to living with a disability and resources available*
- For adults of all ages living with a disability and for older adults 60 years of age and older who need information, assistance or resources needed to live safely, with dignity and as independently as possible
- Polk and Burnett County: 877-485-2372

### **Adult Protective Services**

- *Contact when you child is 17.5 years of age*
- For individuals/youth needing a guardian or decision making supports as an adult and for vulnerable adults of all ages experiencing any type of abuse or living in an unsafe environment.
- Burnett County: 715-349-7600; Polk County: 715-485-8400

### **Social Security Administration**

- *Contact at 17.5 years of age to apply for Supplemental Security Income*
- For disabled adults who are unable work and/or earn a certain monthly amount—called Substantial Gainful Activity (SGI)
- Burnett County: 877-638-3952; and Polk County: 888-823-3923

### **Independent Living Centers**

- *Contact at any age—youth or adult*
- For individuals who need home modifications, adaptive tools or equipment or additional training with activities of daily living
- Burnett County: North Country Independent Living 800-924-1220; Polk County: Center of Independent Living of Western Wisconsin 800-228-3287

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#### **Post Secondary Education Disability Services/ Accommodations Specialist**

- *Contact as soon as your child begins exploring post secondary educational institutions/ organizations.*
- For college and technical school students needing accommodations to access academic programs and activities. Accommodations may include adaptive equipment, screen reading or speech to text software, or an interpreter.
- Contact information for each University of Wisconsin school Disability Services Coordinator can be found at:
  - <https://www.wisconsin.edu/disability-resources/coordinators/>
- Contact information for each Wisconsin Technical College Disability Services Coordinator can be found at:
  - <http://www.wistechcolleges.org/preparing-college/special-accommodations/student-services-contacts>

#### **Wisconsin Job Centers**

- *Contact at any age*
- For individuals who need assistance finding, applying for, and securing employment. Additional programs available for individuals (after high school) who need assistance and who qualify.
- Burnett County: Northwest CEP 715-635-2175; Polk County: Workforce Resource 715-485-3115