



COLUMBIA  
COUNTY

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**Health and Human Services**  
**2652 Murphy Rd**

# Resource Guide

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This guide is intended to provide ready access to a variety of community resources to better serve the people of Columbia County

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# Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)

## **Health Insurance Marketplace**

Official consumer site to learn about and buy health insurance.

<http://marketplace.cms.gov/>

Coverage for Individuals & Families

<https://www.healthcare.gov/>

Questions? – Available 24/7

Call: 1-800-318-2596

TTY: 1-855-889-4325

Coverage for Small businesses (50 or fewer employees)

SHOP Marketplace

Monday through Friday – 9am to 5pm EST

Call: 1-800-706-7893

TTY: 1-800-706-7915

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# Child Care/Early Childhood Education

## **4-C's**

5 Odana Court, Madison, WI  
1-800-750-5437

Help in finding childcare or training as a childcare provider. If interested in certified or licensed daycare, call 608-271-9181 and ask for a referral. All referrals are free. You can also go to <http://www.4-c.org>

You may be able to find a list of providers in Columbia County on the state's website: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/licensed/Directories/pubdir-cc/PDF/columbia.pdf>

## **Columbia County Birth to 3 Program**

P.O. Box 136, Portage, WI 53901  
Contact: Bonnie Erickson-Service Coordinator  
(608) 742-9231

The Birth to 3 Program is a home-based service to assist families in supporting their child's development. If you are concerned about the way a child is developing, please contact the Birth to 3 Program to discuss your concerns. A staff member would be happy to set up a time to complete a developmental screening and discuss possible service options.

## **Columbus Club House**

Columbus Middle School  
400 S. Dickason Blvd., Columbus, WI 53925  
(920) 623-4449

Before and after school program for children from Kindergarten through age 12. There is also a full time summer program offered.

## **Family Resource Center**

2946 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-8482

Provides service to all families who have children ages 0-5. Services include playgroups, field trips, workshops, home visiting, parenting classes, toy and resource lending library and more.

## **Head Start & Early Head Start**

Renewal Unlimited  
2900 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-5329

Classroom or in-home services for 0-3 (Early Head Start) and 3-5 year-olds (Head Start) with classrooms in Columbus, Portage, and surrounding counties.

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**Lutheran Social Services Before and After School Program**

(608) 742-4244

311 E. Wisconsin St., Suite 207, Portage, WI 53901

Serves kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, from 6:30am to 8:00am, and from 3pm to 6pm during the school year at Portage school.

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# Counseling

## **24-Hour Emergency Crisis Hotline**

1-888-552-6642

Immediate counseling for people having thoughts of suicide

## **Alcohol and Drug Referral Line**

1-800-821-4357

## **Aspen Family Counseling**

(608) 742-5020

2639 New Pinery Road, Suite 1

Portage, WI 53901

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

## **Between Friends**

1-800-603-HELP (4357)

Fax: (773) 262-2543

PO Box 608548

Chicago, IL 60660

## **Center for Substance Abuse Treatment National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Service**

1-800-662-HELP (4357)

Can link the caller to a variety of hotlines that provide treatment referrals 24 hours

## **Child Abuse & Neglect National Hotline**

1-800-25ABUSE 1-800-252-2873

## **Columbia County Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)**

2652 Murphy Rd, Portage

(608) 742-9227

CCS assists person with mental health or substance abuse concerns to identify what he/she needs in order to help increase their ability and enhance their connection to natural supports and community resources.

## **Columbia County Community Support Program (CSP)**

2652 Murphy Rd, Portage

(608) 742-9227

CSP (through Pauquette Center) provides community based services to adults with severe and persistent mental illness (such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder).

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**Compass Counseling**

(608) 745-4900

2910 New Pinery Rd., Unit A2

Portage, WI 53901

[www.compasscounseling.info](http://www.compasscounseling.info)

**Drug and Alcohol Treatment**

1-888-928-5278

Rosecrance offers inpatient and outpatient substance abuse treatment. Rockford, IL

**Hope House**

Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913

(608) 356-9123

Mon-Fri 8am-4pm

Toll Free: 1-800-584-6790 Crisis Line- (608) 356-7500

24-Hour Confidential Helpline

Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, support groups) to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and provides education to community members on these issues in Columbia, Sauk, Marquette, Adams, and Juneau counties.

**Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin**

1-800-291-4513

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

1-800-787-3224 (TDD)

**National Hope Line Network**

1-800-SUICIDE

1-800-784-2433

National network hotline for people in crisis and having thoughts of suicide

**National Institute of Mental Health Information Line**

1-800-647-2642

Provides information and literature on mental illness for professionals and general public

**National Youth Crisis Hotline**

1-800-442-HOPE 1-800-442-4673

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**Pauquette Center for Psychological Services**

(608) 742-5518  
2901 Hunters Trail  
Portage, WI 53901  
[www.pauquette.com](http://www.pauquette.com)

**St. Clare Center**

Treatment for Chemical Dependency  
1-800-433-2688 or (608)356-1533  
1510 Jefferson Street, Baraboo WI  
[www.stclare.com](http://www.stclare.com)

St Clare Center offers primary residential treatment, outpatient treatment, day treatment, relapse prevention, gender specific groups, and an intensive outpatient opioid addiction treatment program with Buprenorphine (Suboxone)

**Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern WI**

(608)663-0763  
Located in the Water Tower Place on Monona Drive  
5900 Monona Dr. Suite 100, Monona, WI  
<http://samaritancounselingcenterwi.org/>

The Samaritan Counseling Center is a Non-Profit Counseling Center in the Madison, WI area that specializes in Spiritually Integrated Counseling.

**Tellurian UCAN, Inc.**

(608)222-7311  
300 Femrite Drive, Madison, WI  
<http://tellurian.org/>

Tellurian UCAN, Inc. is a not-for profit agency that provides a wide array of human services. Services address problems relating to substance abuse and addictions, mental illness, and homelessness.

**The Pines Treatment and Recovery Center**

Substance Abuse Treatment Center, Wautoma, WI  
Services Available 24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week  
(855) 234-5097  
<http://www.tptrc.com/>

Provides Inpatient and outpatient treatment for individuals coping with the struggle of overcoming their addictions to drugs and alcohol.

**Transitions Behavioral Health, LLC**

(608) 745-1751  
317 DeWitt Street, Portage, WI

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**Veterans Mental Health/AODA Support Group**

400 DeWitt Street, Portage WI

Third Wednesday of each month – 11:00-1:00 p.m.

For more information about the group contact: Jennifer at 608-256-1901 x 16904

or [Jennifer.gruba@va.gov](mailto:Jennifer.gruba@va.gov)

Types of services available include: group counseling, employment guidance, family/marital counseling and sexual trauma counseling. Services are confidential to all veterans, no co-pays required, counselors have master's degrees and are also veteran's themselves.

**Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling**

Toll-free help line - 1-800-GAMBLE-5 / 1-800-426-2535

1423 Kellogg Street, Green Bay WI

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling provides resources, public awareness and education on problem and pathological gambling disorders while maintaining strict neutrality on the issue of legalized gambling.

**Wisconsin Poison Center**

1-800-222-1222

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# Crisis Programs

## **24-Hour Emergency Crisis Hotline**

1-888-552-6642

Immediate help and counseling for people dealing with a Mental Health or AODA Crisis, or having thoughts of suicide.

## **American Red Cross**

1-877-618-6628

4860 Sheboygan Ave., PO Box 5905, Madison, WI 53705

Branch of Sauk Co: 600 Chestnut St., PO Box 128, Baraboo, WI

(608) 355-0943

Responds to disasters such as fire, flood, tornado, providing relief (food, clothing, emergency shelter, and personal items, including essential household furnishings, medical supplies, and eyeglasses) to individuals and families, and recruits volunteers.

## **Columbia County Pregnancy Resource Center**

311 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901

1-800-705-4710

Offers free pregnancy testing, adoption information and referrals, baby clothing, counseling and pregnancy education.

## **The Concerned Citizens Against Drug Abuse**

When: Every Monday Evening

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Gerstenkorn Building

305 Slifer St., Portage, WI 53901

## **Hope House**

Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913

(608) 356-9123

Mon-Fri 8am-4pm

Toll Free: 1-800-584-6790 Crisis Line- (608) 356-7500

24-Hour Confidential Helpline

Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, support groups) to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and provides education to community members on these issues in Columbia, Sauk, Marquette, Adams, and Juneau counties.

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**National Hope Line Network**

1-800-SUICIDE

1-800-784-2433

National Network of hotline for people in crisis and having thoughts of suicide.

**Runaway and Youth Services**

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan

(608) 355-4103

24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-924-7238

449 Hitchcock St., Baraboo, WI 53913

A program for youth with runaway and/or other at-risk behaviors and their families; short-term counseling and referrals provided to any youth age 11-17, and the family. Hotline is for children and youth, ages 11-17, (and their families) who need to talk to a counselor about issues that may put them at risk for running away. Provided by Lutheran Social Services.

**Salvation Army-Columbus**

Contact Angela Swinehart, Field Representative at (920) 980-7938

PO Box 766, Mukwonago, WI 53149

**Veterans Mental Health/AODA Support Group**

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For more information about the group contact: Jennifer at 608-256-1901 x 16904  
or [Jennifer.gruba@va.gov](mailto:Jennifer.gruba@va.gov)

Types of services available include: group counseling, employment guidance, family/marital counseling and sexual trauma counseling. Services are confidential to all veterans, no co-pays required, counselors have master's degrees and are also veteran's themselves.

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# Domestic Violence

## **Between Friends – Chicago**

1-800-603-HELP (4357)

## **Domestic Abuse Program**

Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services

Toll-free – 888-343-8190

Domestic Abuse Services available: Emergency shelter, emergency transportation, information, childcare assistance, advocacy, education, support groups.

## **Hope House**

Toll-free 1-800-6790

Baraboo (608) 356-7500 & (608) 356-9123

24-Hour Confidential Helpline

Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, support groups) to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and provides education to community members on these issues in Columbia, Sauk, Marquette, Adams, and Juneau counties.

## **National Domestic Violence Hotline**

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

1-800-787-3224 (TDD)

## **PAVE**

1-800-775-3785

Domestic violence and sexual assault support group serving Dodge County

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# Employment and Training

## **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**

2875 Village Road, Suite 200, Portage, WI 53901, (608) 742-6250

Provide employment services to people with disabilities to obtain, maintain and improve their employment.

## **Experience Works!**

(formerly Green Thumb, Inc)

(608) 789-5623

Specializes in service workers age 55+

## **Food Share Employment and Training (FSET)**

Forward Services Corporation, 2875 Village Road, Suite 200, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-1089

FSET is a voluntary, no-cost program that helps Foodshare members build their job skills and find jobs.

## **Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR)**

(608) 243-5670

Specializes in service workers age 55+

Email: [info@gwaar.org](mailto:info@gwaar.org)

## **Job Corps**

Free education and training program for young men and women between ages of 16 and 24. They will learn a trade and earn a GED at a residential campus. For more information call 1-800-733-5627, or see [www.jobcorps.doleta.gov](http://www.jobcorps.doleta.gov)

## **Madison College (formerly MATC) – Portage Campus**

330 Collins St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 745-3100

Adult study center for GED: (608) 745-3110

Career Counseling available

## **QTI**

311 E. Wisconsin St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-7800

Temporary employment agency

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**Remedy Staffing**

104 W. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901  
608-729-5222  
Temporary Staffing Agency

**Tools for Tomorrow**

Madison Area Technical College  
2125 Commercial Ave., Madison, WI 53705  
This program is designed to help women obtain training and employment in skilled trade and technical areas, including apprenticeships. For details, call (608) 246-5286.

**UMOS**

2317 International Lane, Madison, WI 53704  
(608) 249-1180

**Veteran's Services**

1819 Aberg Ave., Suite C, Madison, WI 53704  
(608) 242-4888  
Provides job search assistance to eligible veterans.

**Wisconsin Fresh Start**

Renewal Unlimited, Inc. 2900 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-5329 1-800-344-7543  
At-risk youth ages 17-24 construct or rehabilitate a single-family home for a modest wage while studying for HSED/GED. Income eligibility requirement.

**Wisconsin Job Center**

Resource rooms with access to job postings, internet, telephone fax machine, copy machine, and information about writing resumes and cover letters, completing employment applications, interviewing, and finding employment opportunities, visit one of the following job centers:

Sauk County Job Center AND WorkSmart Workforce, 505 Broadway, Rm 232, Baraboo, WI 53913 (608) 355-4810

Dane County Job Center, 1819 Aberg Avenue, Madison, WI 53704 (608) 242-7400

Jefferson County Workforce Development Center, 874 Collins Rd., Jefferson, WI 53549  
Or call (608) 355-3140 to find the job center nearest you.

Visit the virtual Job Center at [www.jobcenterofwisconsin.com](http://www.jobcenterofwisconsin.com) for job postings and job seeking information.

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**Wisconsin Works (W-2)**

Forward Services Corporation, 2875 Village Road, Suite 200, Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-1089

W-2 provides employment preparation services, case management, and cash assistance to eligible families.

**WISE Program**

Wisconsin Senior Employment Program  
1819 Aberg Avenue, Suite C, Madison  
(608) 242-4897

The WISE Program provides unemployed older adults who are 55 years of age and older with training and part-time, paid work experience in community service organizations. Work towards a new career in: clerical/computers, library aide, retail/sales, maintenance, food service, custodial/maintenance, teacher's aide, home health and hospital, adult/child day care. We help you make the right choice for your future.

**Workforce Investment Act**

Sauk County Job Center, 522 South Blvd., PO Box 730, Baraboo, WI 53901  
(608) 355-3140

Provides employment and training services to limited income adults (must meet income eligibility requirement) and dislocated workers.

**Work Smart Access Point of Service**

@ MATC-Portage

330 Collins St., Portage, WI 53901

AND

1000 Highway 13, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

AND

WorkSmart Workforce, 505 Broadway, Rm 232, Baraboo, WI 53913 (608) 355-4810

Work Smart Access Point of Service locations offer free access to computers/Internet for job searching.

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# Family Resources and Services

## **ABC Connections (“Alliances Bring Caring Connections”)**

(608) 742-4039

309 W. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901

Interfaith nonprofit volunteer caregivers program that provides services free of charge to the elderly, over the age of 60, and disabled in Columbia and southern Marquette counties.

## **Access to Independence, Inc. (“ATI”)**

(608) 242-8484

3810 Milwaukee Street, Madison, WI 53714

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

Advocates and provides services for people with any type of disability, and of any age, to achieve or maintain their independence. Types of services: Peer Support, Independent Living Skills Training, Advocacy, Assistive Technology, Youth Programs, Public Benefits Assistance, Nursing Facility Transition and Diversion, Disability Awareness and Community Education.

## **Aging and Disability Resource Center**

(608) 742-9233 8:00 am --4:30 pm Mon-Fri

2652 Murphy Rd., PO Box 136, Portage, WI 53901

A place where all adults of all incomes and with any need may find information and resources. See [www.co.columbia.wi.us](http://www.co.columbia.wi.us) for more details about the ADRC, which is in the Department of Health and Human Services.



## **Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. (CWCAC)**

(608) 254-8353

Helping individuals manage their benefit money to meet their needs and assure them a better quality of life. Programs: Representative Payee Services, Conservatorships, Trustee Services and Federal Fiduciary.

## **Columbia County Circles of Support**

(608) 745-3107

Contact: John Kinsler Email: [jkinsler@madisoncollege.edu](mailto:jkinsler@madisoncollege.edu)

Connecting the community with formerly incarcerated persons in an effort to provide support and accountability as ex-offenders return to their community. Contact this organization if you want to request a Circle for yourself, or if you would like to be a Circle volunteer.

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**Columbia County Connects Coalition**

(608) 742-8814

626 E. Slifer St., PO Box 564, Portage, WI 53901

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

Provides information on drugs and alcohol to parents and community members. Also offer Juvenile Underage Drinking Offenders classes and Beverage Server/Seller trainings.

**Columbia County University of Wisconsin – Extension**

(608) 742-9680

120 W. Conant St., Suite 201, Portage, WI 53901

Family Living Programs strengthen families by helping adults be better parents, manage money wisely, and handle life's stress and changes. 4-H Youth Development programs provide youth, Kindergarten through 1 year past High School (K-13) with opportunities to explore their world through focused projects and activities.

**Family Resource Center**

(608) 742-8482      Warmline: 1-800-325-5505

2946 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901

Provides a variety of family services, including scheduled playgroups, parenting support and information series, workshops, and family visiting program. Staff is available to answer questions or provide resources to help families. All services are free.

**Girl Scouts**

(608) 697-3814

Karen Camilleri, Community Chair

Provides field trips, community service opportunities, recreation for girls K-12<sup>th</sup> grade

**Head Start & Early Head Start**

(608) 742-5329

Renewal Unlimited

2900 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901

Classroom and/or in-home programs for 3-5 year olds and pre-natal to 3 year old

**Kindred Kids**

(608) 438-5844

951 W. James St., Columbus, WI 53925

Non-profit organization that provides lending library of toys and resale store for gently used children's clothing and toys. See [www.kindredkids.org](http://www.kindredkids.org) for more information.

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**Memory Café**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1-3pm @ Portage Public Library

Anyone with memory challenges, mild cognitive impairment, early Alzheimer's/dementia can come to socialize and enjoy refreshments and a program or activity chosen by the group.

No charge. Donations welcome

For more information contact:

Carol Olson, Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin  
608-742-9055 or carol.olson@alzwisc.org

**PACAP (Portage-Area Community Assistance Program)**

108 E. Pleasant St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-7687

A new stream-lined approach to community assistance initiatives between River Haven, St. Vincent de Paul(Portage) St. John's Lutheran Church Portage and the local clergy fund and the location United Way.

**Tax Assistance Program**

(608) 742-9233 or 1-888-742-9233

Offers tax preparation assistance to middle to low income taxpayers during tax season. Priority is given to individuals age 60 and older.

**TLC Communities Clothes Closet**

Contact Sue Drabek at (608) 617-4813 or

Richard & Karla Fosnot at (608) 742-8299

141 E. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901

Tues-Fri 9am-1pm, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 9am-noon

Provides free clothing for men, women, children, and infants, some household items, paper products and toiletries, washcloths and towels, some baby products.

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# Food Pantries and Nutrition Programs

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Mobile Food Pantries**

(open to all Columbia County residents)

**Portage:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, 11-noon, at St. Vincent de Paul, 1311 W. Wisconsin St.

**Pardeeville:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month, 3:30pm at St. Mary's Church, 318 S. Main St.

## **Bread Basket Community Food Pantry**

First Presbyterian Church

121 W. Florence Street, Cambria, WI 53923

Serves residents of Cambria School District on an on-call basis; Call Joanne Sanderson at (920) 348-5568, Jeanne Radke at (920) 326-3215, or Ann Smedema at (920) 348-5485 for assistance

## **Columbus/Fall River Food Pantry**

Columbus Area Senior Center

125 N. Dickason Blvd, Columbus, WI 53925

Serves residents of Columbus & Fall River School Districts; Call (920) 623-5918 – a different church is responsible for distribution every month

## **Columbus Nutrition Site**

Columbus Senior Center

125 N. Dickason Blvd, Columbus, WI 53925

Monday – Friday, 9:00-12:30 p.m. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

## **Community Gardens**

Community Gardens provide a small plot of land for a nominal fee to people who want to grow some of their own food.

Cambria: Becky Gutzman (920) 382-4511

Columbus: Terry Humiston (920) 623-4955

Poynette: Village Office (608) 635-2122

Portage: Parks and Recreation Dept (608) 742-2178

Lodi: Mark Essex (608) 592-2571

## **Crossroads Panty**

132A S. Ludington Street

Columbus, WI 53925

920-350-0011 – messages are checked throughout each day

Hours: Monday - 4:30-6:30

Thursday - 9:00-11:00

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays - 9:00-11:00

The clients are able to receive hygiene, cleaning and paper products 1 time per month and food 2 times. We are partnered with Second Harvest. If the Columbus School District is closed we are too.

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**Food Share (formerly food stamps)**

Food assistance based on income

Contact Columbia County Health and Human Services at 2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 53901

Check your eligibility or apply for Food Share, health care or other services at

[www.access.wisconsin.gov](http://www.access.wisconsin.gov)

**Lake Delton/WI Dells Community Food Pantry**

Community Action Building, 1000 Hwy 13, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Serves residents of Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton School District; Call Kim McClelland or Lisa Williams at (608) 254-8353

Hours: Tues: 9am-noon; Thurs: 1-4pm

**Lodi Area Food Pantry**

Serves residents of Lodi School District

By appointment only: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Call Carol Meyer (608) 592-4324 or Judy Brownrigg (608) 592-4626

**Lodi Nutrition Site**

Elementary School

101 School St.

Monday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

**Neighbors in Constant Care Foundation (NICC)**

Serves residents in Columbus/Fall River School Districts; Call (920) 623-5540, (920) 623-4772, or (920) 623-4722 for information. Credit mediation, housing, food assistance, school supplies, or referral to other resources.

**PAD Pantry (Poynette, Arlington, Dekorra) Food Pantry**

Village Hall/Nutrition Site, 106 S. Main St., Poynette, WI 53955

Serves residents of Poynette School District - Call: Ruth Ann Waugh (608) 635-4167; or Donna Luessman (608) 635-4448

Hours: Tuesday 1-3 pm and Thursday 5-7pm

**Pardeeville Nutrition Site**

Angie Cox Library

119 N Main Street

Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

**Portage Food Pantry**

Episcopal Church, 211 W. Pleasant St., Portage, WI 53901

Serves residents of Portage Community School District; (608) 742-3774

Hours: Mon and Wed 11-noon; Thurs 5-6pm

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**Portage Nutrition Site**

City Hall (Basement)

115 W Pleasant St

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:30p.m., Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

**Poynette Clergy Food Pantry**

Bethel Lutheran Church, 101 Bethel Dr., Poynette, WI 53955

Serves residents of Poynette area on an on-call basis; Call Pastor Stephen (608) 635-2468; Church Office (608) 635-7118; or Kenneth Nelson (608) 695-6741

**Poynette Nutrition Site**

Village Hall

106 S Main Street

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

**Prairie Pride Pantry**

United Methodist Church, 103 Reagles St., Arlington, WI 53911

Serves residents of Arlington and Poynette and Towns of Arlington, Dekorra, Hampden, and Leeds.

Hours: Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm and Saturdays 9:00-10:30am

**Randolph Food Pantry**

Evangelical Free Church, 702 N. High St., Randolph, WI 53956 (corner of Hwy 73 and P)

Serves Randolph area; Sharon Sorenson, church in afternoons (920) 326-3821; call ahead, preferably before the weekend

Hours: Tuesday 1-3pm

**Rio Area Food Pantry**

Rio Community Center, 104 Lincoln Ave., Rio, WI 53960

Serves residents of Rio, Cambria, & Doylestown; Call John Atkinson (608) 429-3728; Dean Hoel (608) 617-8044; Suzi Salzwedel (608) 697-1490; or Bob & Helen Risgaard (920) 992-5258

Hours: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays – 10am-noon; 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – 5-6pm

**St. Vincent De Paul-Portage**

St. Vincent De Paul Resale Shop, 1311 W. Wisconsin St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-5513; ID & application form required

Hours: M-F 9am-4:30pm St. Vincent De Paul Resale Shop, 1311 W. Wisconsin St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-5513; ID & application form required

Hours: M-F 9am-4:30pm

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### **School Lunch Program**

Free or reduced price school lunch to eligible families. Some schools also offer breakfast. Contact your school district for details.

### **Seasonal Farmers' Markets**

- Cambria Farmer's Market
  - Tuesdays, 4-7pm; Tarrant Park
- Columbus Downtown Farmer's Market
  - Wednesdays, 3-6pm; 220 E. James Street (Jodee O's parking lot)
- Columbus Farmer's Market
  - Sunday from 9am-1pm; N. Ludington (next to Amtrak)
- Fall River Area Farm & Flea Market
  - Saturdays, 8am-12:00pm; Hwy 16 & Saranna Road
- Lodi Valley Farmer's Market
  - Fridays 2-6pm; 902 N. Main (next to Koltes Hdw.)
- Portage Farmer's Market
  - Thursday, Noon-6pm; Commerce Plaza (Corner of Cook & Wisconsin)
- Poynette Area Farmer's Market
  - Saturdays, 8am-11am; Pauquette Park (S. Main St.)
- Wisconsin Dells Farmer's Market
  - Sundays, 9am-1pm; Thunder Valley (W15344 Waubeek Rd. off Hwy 13)

### **Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program**

\$25 in vouchers to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables at farmer's markets and participating farm stands, for age 60 and over meeting income eligibility guidelines. Call ADRC 1-888-742-9233 for details.

### **Senior Nutrition Program**

Serves people over age 60 and their spouses. No income or asset limits. Noon meals at sites in, Columbus, Lodi, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, Wisconsin Dells, and home delivered meals to homebound seniors who can't prepare daily meals. For more information, call Columbia County at (608) 742-9219

### **Wyocena Community Helping Hands Pantry**

Wyocena Community Center, 165 E. Dodge St., Wyocena, WI 53969

Serves residents of Pardeeville School District based on income eligibility

Hours: Mon-Wed 10-noon; closed holidays, and when school district is closed due to weather.

Clothing, shoes, books, games, puzzles, and small household items available to anyone in need.

Call Bridget Rhode (608) 742-4905 for questions.

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**WIC (Women, Infants, Children Nutrition Program)**

2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 53901

Provides food vouchers, farmer's market vouchers, and nutrition information to keep pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants, and children under 5 years healthy and strong. Income eligibility requirement. For more information call (608) 742-9254

**Wisconsin Dells Nutrition Site**

Kilbourn Library

620 Elm St.

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

**Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program**

WNEP helps low-income families eat better, keep food safe, and stretch their food dollars.

Open to those who receive or are eligible to receive FoodShare. Call UW-Extension nutrition Coordinator, Becky Gutzman, at (608) 742-9693

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# Government Offices

More information regarding each Columbia County Department may be found at [www.co.columbia.wi.us](http://www.co.columbia.wi.us). To find out if you may be eligible for a government benefit program, visit [www.access.wisconsin.gov](http://www.access.wisconsin.gov).

## **Child Support Office**

PO Box 256, 400 DeWitt St.

Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9610

<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/bcs>

## **Columbia County Jail and Huber Center**

403 Jackson St.

Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-6476

## **Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, Driver Licensing & Testing**

260 Eastridge Drive

Portage, WI 53901

7am-5pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays

[www.dot.state.wi.us/drivers/index.htm](http://www.dot.state.wi.us/drivers/index.htm)

To check driver's license status:

<https://trust.dot.state.wi.us/occsin/occsinservlet?whoami=statusp1>

## **Health and Human Services**

PO Box 136, 2652 Murphy Road

Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-9227

Administers Food Stamps and Medical Assistance Programs; Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program; Free immunizations to qualifying families; well-baby clinics; child protection services; Aging and Disability Resource Center.

## **Law Enforcement Center (formerly Columbia Co. Sheriff's Department)**

PO Box 132, 711 E. Cook St.

Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-4166

## **Quest Card Questions**

1-877-415-5164

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**Probation and Parole Office**

260 Eastridge Drive  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-4020

**Register of Deeds**

PO Box 133, 400 DeWitt St.  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-9677

Copy of original birth certificate if issued by Columbia County, \$20

**Social Security Administration**

2875 Village Rd., Suite 100  
Portage, WI 53901  
9am-3pm Monday-Friday  
1-888-875-1681

State: 1-800-783-1213 between 7am and 7pm

Administers Social Security retirement, survivors, and disability benefits, and handles Medicare. Also administers the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, which provides basic income to people who are 65 or older, disabled, or blind, and have limited income and resources. Most Social Security business can be conducted by telephone, from receiving general information to applying for a Social Security card or benefits. To speak with a representative, call Social Security toll free at 1-800-772-1213 between 7am and 7pm (or by TDD call 1-800-325-0778 on any workday.)

**State of Wisconsin**

Wisconsin.gov

Wisconsin.gov is the Wisconsin Citizen's Portal that provides interactive government services online to help meet the needs of the businesses and the people of Wisconsin. Wisconsin.gov provides a variety of online support tools, which enable you to quickly and accurately locate answers to your questions.

**Unemployment Compensation**

1-800-822-5246

ALL unemployment claims taken over the phone or online. No local office.

[www.dwd.state.wi.us/ui](http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/ui) to apply online

**Veterans' Service Officer**

PO Box 232, 400 DeWitt St.  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-9618  
Fax: (608) 742-9634

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# Healthcare-Free or Low Cost Services

## **Care 4 U Clinic**

(920) 394-2136 Fax: 920-394-2021

6440 E. Pine St., Dalton, WI 53926

Email: [Care4u@centurytel.net](mailto:Care4u@centurytel.net)

[www.care4uclinic.org](http://www.care4uclinic.org)

Low cost and cash only clinic serving the greater Dalton area.

## **Church Health Services**

(920) 887-1766

115 N. Center St., Beaver Dam, WI 53916

[www.churchclinic.org/index.php](http://www.churchclinic.org/index.php)

Church Health Services is a primary health care clinic serving the needs of the poor and uninsured of Dodge County

## **Columbia County Department of Health and Human Services**

(608) 742-9227

2652 Murphy Road, PO Box 136, Portage, WI 53901

Some Services offered:

### **Free Capillary Blood Lead Testing**

Provided for children age 1 to 6. Call for an appointment.

### **Communicable Disease Control**

Public health nurses provide surveillance, investigation, prevention, and control of communicable disease. The Hepatitis B vaccine for adults is available for a fee as well as TB skin tests, influenza, and pneumonia vaccines.

### **Fluoride Supplements**

Fluoride drops and tablets are available free of charge. Children ages 6 months to 16 years of age who drink well water or live in villages with un-fluoridated water should be given daily fluoride supplements. Fluoride can be picked up on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00am-12:00pm during Public Health Walk-In Clinic hours. A well water test for fluoride is required.

### **Free Immunization Clinic**

2:30pm-5:30pm (8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14 - 2015)

No appointment is necessary – Birth parent or legal guardian signature required. Bring immunization records.

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## **Columbia County Department of Health and Human Services (cont'd)**

### **Public Health Walk-In Clinic**

Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00am-12:00pm

Immunizations and TB skin tests are available at this time. TB tests are done on Monday, am only.

### **Prenatal Care Coordination**

Medical Assistance benefit for pregnant women, provides support and services to have a healthy baby.

### **Free Well Water Testing**

Testing for bacteria nitrates and fluoride is available to pregnant women and families with infants up to one year. Call for details.

### **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**

Supplemental nutrition program for pregnant, post partum, and breast feeding women, infants, and young children. It provides nutrition education and vouchers for specific food items. Eligibility is based on family income.

### **Good Neighbor Clinic**

(608) 643-4749, ext 14

1906 North St., Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Please note: Good Neighbor Clinic only serves Columbia County residents that live in the Lodi School District.

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

### **MA Dentist**

Individuals receiving medical assistance: please call the number on the back of your M.A. Card or 1-800-362-3002 to find a dentist in your area.

### **Pink Ribbon Angels, Inc.**

1010 Prospect Ave. Unit 3

Portage WI 53901

To apply: <http://pinkribbonangels.org>

Helps pay for out-of-pocket expenses to ensure the best care possible. Some of the products and services will help cover include: Mammograms (both screening and diagnostic); insurance co-pays; prescription co-pays, physical/occupational therapy supplies; wigs, prosthetics, medical devices; mileage stipend; daycare needs during treatments; and house cleaning services.

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**Planned Parenthood**

(608) 742-1551      1-800-230-PLAN (7526)

132 W. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901

Provides family planning services, regardless of income. Hours: Tuesdays from 10:30am to 6:00pm and Fridays from 9:30am-5:00pm. Call 1-800-230-7526 for more information about services offered.

**Portage Free Clinic**

( (608) 234-0159

140 E. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901    Located in basement of Wilz Drug Store

Clinic is open Wednesdays only from 9:00am to Noon; open to both adults and children on a first come/first served basis. We are willing to help you find free or low cost medications or supplies. There are no financial limitations.

Chiropractor – in at 8am – takes first 20 people who sign up.

Toenail care – available every week

Physical therapist – available every other week

Pediatrician – does WIAA and preschool physicals

Commercial driver's license exams – available.

**Services not provided:** prescribing narcotics, obstetrics, disability exams, pregnancy tests, STD testing or immunizations.

**Pregnancy Resource Center**

1-800-705-4710

311 E. Wisconsin St., Suite 202, Portage, WI 53901

Provides baby layettes and supplies and support to mothers and their families. Promotes life and adoption.

**VA Hotline for Women**

1-855-VA-WOMEN    A hotline to receive and respond to questions from veterans, their families, and their caregivers about the many VA services and resources available to women veterans.

**Wisconsin Dental Association**

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

Oral health information including community activities, events, newsletters, and other programs including Mission of Mercy and Donated Dental Services.

Use the following link to find resources for dental care for low income and uninsured:

[http://www.wda.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/ClinicListPublic\\_Rpt-Oct-2014.pdf](http://www.wda.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/ClinicListPublic_Rpt-Oct-2014.pdf)

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**Wisconsin website for Free or Low Cost Health Clinics in Wisconsin**

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/clinics.htm>

**Wisconsin Well Woman Program**

Provides preventive health screening services to low-income, uninsured or underinsured women. Contact Kari at Divine Savior Healthcare at (608) 745-6289 for referral.

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# Healthcare – General

## **Columbus Clinic**

(920) 623-9611  
1513 Park Ave., Columbus, WI 53925

## **Columbus Community Hospital**

(920) 623-2200  
1515 Park Ave., Columbus, WI 53925  
Emergency room and urgent care 24 hours a day

## **Consumer Protection Safety Committee**

[www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)  
Recall List / Product Safety

## **Dean Specialty Clinic – Columbus**

(920) 623-9535  
1513 Park Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Columbus, WI 53925

## **Dells Clinic**

(608) 253-1171  
1310 Broadway Rd., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965  
Family Practice, Obstetrics, General Surgery, Podiatry

## **Divine Savior Healthcare**

Portage:  
(608) 742-4131  
2817 New Pinery Road, PO Box 387, Portage, WI 53901

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

Call education department for information about no fee or nominal fee classes open to the public on topics such as fibromyalgia fitness, smoking cessation, cancer support group, aquatic fitness, grief support, etc.

Pardeeville:  
(608) 429-2185  
102 Gillette, Pardeeville, WI 53954

Tivoli at Divine Savior:  
(608) 745-5900  
2805 Hunter's Trail, Portage, WI 53901

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**Poison Control**

1-800-222-1222

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

**Portage Clinic**

(608) 742-7161

2825 Hunters Trail, Portage, WI 53901

Affiliated with Dean/St. Marys Regional Clinic/Family Practice, obstetrics, General Practice; Internal Medicine; Pediatrics

**Poser Clinic**

(920) 623-5000

635 Park Ave., Columbus, WI 53925

**Rural Cancer Network (RCaN)**

<http://ruralcancernetwork.org/>

RCaN is a web-based resource for public health, social services, healthcare and voluntary organization. RCaN also features one and two page, user-friendly handouts with cancer information, questions to ask your doctor and healthy tips and ideas. You can also search RCaN listings for local cancer-related resources by county.

**UW Health Columbus Clinic**

(920) 623-5226

1511 Park Ave., Columbus, WI 53925

**UW Health – Portage**

(608) 742-3004

2977 County Hwy CX, Portage, WI 53901

Family Medicine, Rheumatology, Vascular, Allergy

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# Housing

## **Central Wisconsin Community Action Council**

203 DeWitt St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-3320

Processes applications for HUD Section 8 housing; provides emergency assistance for qualifying applicants; case management services for homeless; also has weatherization program which provides insulation and other energy-saving services to owners and renters.

## **Columbia County Housing Rehabilitation Program**

May provide no-interest loan for qualifying owner-occupied housing. Contact MSA Professional Services, Sue Koehn, Housing Program Department, 201 Corporate Drive, Beaver Dam, WI 53916, or call 1-800-552-6330

## **Foreclosure Answer Clinic**

City-County Building

(608) 261-5677

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

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

Open the first and third Thursdays of each month from 11:00am-1:00pm. Operates on a walk-in basis, no appointment necessary. The purpose of the clinic is for homeowners to obtain basic legal information in regard to foreclosures.

## **Habitat for Humanity of Sauk-Columbia Area**

P.O. Box 38

1211 8<sup>th</sup> St., Baraboo, WI 53913

(608) 448-2888

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

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

## **Hoard Clean-up Services through Central Wisconsin Community Action Council**

(608) 339-4900

CWCAC offers services for persons having difficulty discarding or parting with possessions regardless of their actual value. Contact us for details.

## **Hope House**

24-Hour Confidential Helpline (608) 356-9123 or toll-free at 1-800-584-6790

Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, support groups) to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and provides education to community members on these issues in Columbia, Sauk, Marquette, Adams, and Juneau counties.

Crisis Line – (608) 356-7500

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**MSA Housing Program**

1-800-552-6330

Qualifying Columbia County residents can apply for Community Development Block Grant funds to be used for housing rehabilitation. Funds are loaned at 0% interest and repayment is deferred. The loans can be used to make the following types of repairs: handicap accessibility, replace windows and doors, roofing, repair/replace heating systems, water heaters and plumbing systems, electrical upgrades, connect water and sewer lines, painting, siding, porch repairs and other general improvements.

**Renewal Unlimited**

2900 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-5329

Offers HCRI program to give 0% interest loan to qualifying, low-income families to meet 'crisis' needs such as rental assistance, mortgage payment assistance, security deposit, utilities and property tax.

**River Haven**

108 E. Pleasant St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-7687

Shelter for homeless women and children, and clearinghouse for information for others experiencing homelessness

**River Haven Men's Shelter**

211 W. Pleasant St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-7687

**Tenant Resource Center**

1202 Williamson St., Suite 102, Madison, WI 53703

1-877-238-7368

Spanish: (608) 237-8913

Monday-Friday 9am-6pm

Housing Counseling: (608) 257-0006; Housing Mediation Service (608) 257-2799; Housing Help Desk: (608) 242-7406 (7:45am-4:30pm Mon-Fri, until 7pm on Weds)

Counseling for tenants and landlords on rental rights and responsibilities.

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# Legal Services

## **Attorney Introduction and Referral Service of the State Bar of Wisconsin**

1-800-362-9082

Monday-Thursday 7:30am-6pm, Friday 7:30am-5pm

Provides three services: Lawyer Hotline, Lawyer Referral and Community Referral. Caller will be screened at initial call to determine nature of the problem and make appropriate referral.

## **Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. (CWCAC)**

(608) 254-8353

Helping individuals manage their benefit money to meet their needs and assure them a better quality of life. Programs: Representative Payee Services, Conservatorships, Trustee Services and Federal Fiduciary.

## **Columbia County Victim/Witness Assistance**

Columbia County District Attorney's Office

(608) 742-9650

<http://wcca.wicourts.gov/index.xsl> Link to Wisconsin Circuit Court Access

Victim's Rights include:

- Timely disposition of case;
- Opportunity to attend court proceedings unless trial court finds sequestration is necessary to a fair trial for the defendant;
- Notification of court proceedings;
- Reasonable protection from the accused throughout the criminal justice process;
- Opportunity to confer with prosecutor;
- Opportunity to make a statement (Victim Impact Statement) at disposition;
- Restitution;
- Information about the outcome of the case and release of the accused.

## **Legal Action of Wisconsin**

1-800-362-3904

Legal services focus on safe and affordable housing, adequate income and nutrition, access to health care, preservation of the family and protection from domestic violence. Representation is limited to very low income residents of south eastern Wisconsin, including Columbia County. 31 S. Mills St., PO Box 259686, Madison, WI 53725

## **On-line resource for self-representation or self-help**

See [www.wicourts.gov](http://www.wicourts.gov)

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## Libraries

Contact the library in your community to inquire about special programs for children and families, such as story hour or summer reading programs.

### **Cambria**

Jane Morgan Memorial Library

109 W. Edgewater St., Cambria 53923

(920) 348-4030

Hours: Mon & Weds 10-8; Tues, Thurs, and Fri 10-5; Sat 9-12

Contact: [jtallman@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:jtallman@scls.lib.wi.us)

Website: [www.jmml.org](http://www.jmml.org)

### **Columbus**

Columbus Public Library

223 W. James St., Columbus 53925

(920) 623-5910

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8:30; Fri 9-5:30; Sat 9-1

Contact: [colpl@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:colpl@scls.lib.wi.us)

Website: [www.columbuspubliclibrary.info](http://www.columbuspubliclibrary.info)

### **Lodi**

Lodi Woman's Club Public Library

130 Lodi St., Lodi 53555

(608) 592-4130

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8; Fri 9-5; Sat 9:30-2

Contact: [ldistaff@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:ldistaff@scls.lib.wi.us)

Website: [www.LodiPublicLibrary.org](http://www.LodiPublicLibrary.org)

### **Pardeeville**

Angie W. Cox Public Library

119 N. Main St., Box 370, Pardeeville 53954

(608) 429-2354

Hours: Mon-Thurs 10-7:30; Fri 10-5; Sat 10-1

Contact: [parstaff@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:parstaff@scls.lib.wi.us)

Website: [www.pardeevillelibrary.com](http://www.pardeevillelibrary.com)

### **Portage**

Portage Public Library

253 W. Edgewater St., Portage 53901

(608) 742-4959

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8:30; Fri 9-6; Sat 10-4

Sat hours between Memorial Day & Labor Day are 10-1

Contact: [porill@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:porill@scls.lib.wi.us)

Website: [www.scls.lib.wi.us/por](http://www.scls.lib.wi.us/por)

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**Poynette**

Poynette Public Library

118 N. Main St., Box 368, Poynette 53955

(608) 635-7577

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30-8; Fri 9:30-5:30; Sat 9:30-1

Contact: [poylib@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:poylib@scls.lib.wi.us)

Website: [www.poynettelibrary.com](http://www.poynettelibrary.com)

**Randolph**

Hutchinson Memorial Library

228 North High St., Randolph, WI 53956

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8; Fri 9-2; Sat 9-12

Contact: [pkpotter@mwfls.org](mailto:pkpotter@mwfls.org)

Website: [www.randolph.lib.wi.us](http://www.randolph.lib.wi.us)

**Rio**

Rio Community Library

324 W. Lyons St., Box 306, Rio 53960

(920) 992-3206

Fax: (920) 992-3983

Hours: Mon & Weds 10-8; Tues, Thurs, & Fri 10-5; Sat 10-3

Contact: [riolib@yahoo.com](mailto:riolib@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.scls.lib.wi.us/rio/](http://www.scls.lib.wi.us/rio/)

Online Catalog: <http://riolib.booksys.net/opac/rcl/index.html>

**Wisconsin Dells**

Kilbourn Public Library

620 Elm St., Wisconsin Dells 53965

(608) 254-2146

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-8; Fri 9-5; Sat 9-2

Summer: same except Mon-Thurs 10-7

Contact: [ckborck@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:ckborck@scls.lib.wi.us)

Website: [www.dellslibrary.org](http://www.dellslibrary.org)

**Wyocena**

Wyocena Public Library

165 E. Dodge St., Box 913, Wyocena, WI 53969

(608) 429-4899

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30-12 & 3-7; Fri Closed; Sat 9:30-12:00

Contact: [wyoilib@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:wyoilib@scls.lib.wi.us)

Website: [www.wyocenalibrary.org](http://www.wyocenalibrary.org)

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## Recreation

Many communities in the county have planned and supervised recreational activities for children. Most have a residency requirement and fees vary, but are often modest.

Columbus

**Columbus Recreation**

161 N. Dickason Blvd.  
(920) 623-5936

Columbus

**Columbus Area Senior Center**

125 N. Dickason Blvd.  
(920) 623-5918

Fall River

**Fall River Recreation Department**

150 Bradley St.  
Fall River, WI 53932  
(920) 484-3333 x260

Lodi

**City Hall**

113 South Main St.  
(608) 592-3247

Portage

**Park and Recreation Department**

806 Silver Lake Dr.  
(608) 742-2178

**Family Resource Center**

2946 Red Fox Run, Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-8482  
Warmline: 1-800-325-5505

Call for information about field trips and other recreation. Provides a variety of family services, including scheduled playgroups, parenting support and information series, workshops, and family visiting program. Staff are available to answer questions or provide resources to help families. All services are free.

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# School Districts

## **Cambria-Friesland School District**

[www.cambria-friesland.k12.wi.us](http://www.cambria-friesland.k12.wi.us)

410 E. Edgewater St., Cambria, WI 53923

(920) 348-5548

## **Columbus School District**

[www.columbus.k12.wi.us](http://www.columbus.k12.wi.us)

200 W. School St., Columbus, WI 53925

(920) 623-5950

## **Fall River Schools**

[www.fallriver.k12.wi.us](http://www.fallriver.k12.wi.us)

150 Bradley St., Fall River, WI 53923

(920) 484-3333

## **Lodi School District**

[www.lodi.k12.wi.us](http://www.lodi.k12.wi.us)

115 School St., Lodi, WI 53555

(608) 592-3851

## **Pardeeville School District**

[www.pardeeville.k12.wi.us](http://www.pardeeville.k12.wi.us)

120 S. Oak St., Pardeeville, WI 53954

(608) 429-2153

## **Portage School District**

[www.portage.k12.wi.us](http://www.portage.k12.wi.us)

305 E. Slifer St., Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-4879

## **Poynette Area Schools**

[www.poynette.k12.wi.us](http://www.poynette.k12.wi.us)

108 N. Cleveland St., Poynette, WI 53955

(608) 635-4347

## **Randolph School District**

[www.randolph.k12.wi.us](http://www.randolph.k12.wi.us)

110 Meadowood Drive, Randolph, WI 53956

(920) 326-2427

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**Rio Community School District**

[www.rio.k12.wi.us](http://www.rio.k12.wi.us)

411 Church St., Rio, WI 53960

(920) 992-3141

**Wisconsin Dells Public Schools**

[www.sdwd.k12.wi.us](http://www.sdwd.k12.wi.us)

811 County Rd. H, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

(608) 254-7769

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# Sexual Assault

## **Hope House**

Office 720 Ash St., PO Box 557, Baraboo, WI 53913

(608) 356-9123

Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:00pm

24-Hour Confidential Helpline

Toll Free: 1-800-584-6790 Crisis Line-(608) 356-7500

Provides shelter and advocacy (e.g. counseling, safety planning, legal assistance, support groups) to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and provides education to community members on these issues in Columbia, Sauk, Marquette, Adams, and Juneau counties.

## **Veterans Mental Health/AODA Support Group**

400 DeWitt Street, Portage WI

Third Wednesday of each month – 11:00-1:00 p.m.

For more information about the group contact: Jennifer at 608-256-1901 x 16904

or [Jennifer.gruba@va.gov](mailto:Jennifer.gruba@va.gov)

Types of services available include: group counseling, employment guidance, family/marital counseling and sexual trauma counseling. Services are confidential to all veterans, no co-pays required, counselors have master's degrees and are also veteran's themselves.

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# Thrift and Resale Stores

Includes only stores operated by non-profit organizations

## **Goodwill Industries**

2902 American Legion Dr., Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 745-0616

## **Personal Essentials Center**

Lodi United Methodist Church  
130 Locust St., Lodi, WI 53555  
(608) 592-3234 or (608) 592-3480

By appointment only. Supplies needed to care for individual family members such as shampoo & conditioner, feminine supplies, shaving cream & razor, laundry detergent, diapers, and household cleaners.

## **Rainbow Thrift Shoppe**

230 W. Wisconsin St., Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 745-4489  
9am to 5pm Monday – Friday  
10am-2pm Saturday

## **St. Vincent de Paul Store**

110 Meister Dr., **Columbus**, WI 53925  
(920) 623-2004

## **St. Vincent DePaul**

1311 W. Wisconsin St., **Portage**, WI 53901  
(608) 742-5513  
Clothing & furniture

## **St. Vincent de Paul Store**

W15210 Hwy 16, **Wisconsin Dells**, WI 53965  
(608) 254-4011

## **TLC Communities Clothes Closet**

141 E. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901  
Contact Sue Drabek at (608) 617-4813 or  
Richard & Karla Fosnot at (608) 742-8299  
Tues-Fri 9am-1pm, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 9am-noon  
Provides free clothing for men, women, children, and infants, some household items, paper products and toiletries, washcloths and towels, some baby products.

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# Transportation

## **ABC Connections**

(608)742-4039 – Portage WI  
Days of Operation: As Needed  
Hours of Operation: As Needed  
Fare Per Trip: No Charge

## **Aging & Disability Resource Center of Columbia County**

Transportation Program

(608) 742-9213

60 and above – also disabled

Please call at least 24 hours in advance for a transport.



## **Amtrak**

Reservations & Customer Service 1-800-USA-RAIL or 1-800-872-7245  
400 W. Oneida St. - Portage  
359 N. Ludington St. - Columbus  
100 LaCrosse St. - Wisconsin Dells  
Portage stop is not staffed. Call 800 number for details and fares.

## **Bob's Medical Transport**

608-297-8403 – Montello, WI / 855-297-8475 – Toll Free  
Days of Operation: M-F Hours of Operation: 8 am-4:30 pm  
No wheelchair access

## **DAV Van Program**

608-617-6000

[www.day-wi.org/vans](http://www.day-wi.org/vans)

Days of Operation: By appt.  
Hours of Operation: By appt.  
Fare Per Trip: No charge

## **Lamers Bus Line**

1-800-261-6600

[www.golamers.com/Lamers-connect.php](http://www.golamers.com/Lamers-connect.php)

Lamers Connect routes operate 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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**MTM INC.**

1-866-907-1493 (1-800-855-2880 TTY) - Reservations for members and those assisting them.

<http://www.mtm-inc.net/wisconsin-website/wisconsin-home/>

Provides non-emergency medical transportation rides for BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid members statewide who have no other way to receive a ride. Rides can include public transportation such as a city bus, rides in specialized medical vehicles or rides in other types of vehicles depending on a member's medical and transportation needs..

**Portage Cab (Running Cab)**

(608) 742-4700

Rides within city limits are about \$3.25 per trip. Call for specific price. Cab will also go outside of normal service area; call with details for specific price. Operates 24 hours/day, every day. Offers reduced fares to disabled persons who are unable without special facilities or special planning or design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services.

**Portage to Madison Shuttle**

Departs from Market Square in Portage at 6:00am Monday through Friday and arrives at the Madison Metro North Transfer Point at 6:45am. In the afternoon, it leaves the Madison Metro North Transfer Point at 5:30pm and arrives at Market Square in Portage at 6:30pm. The fare is \$10.00 per day per rider; weekly and monthly passes are available. For more information or to purchase passes, contact the Portage Chamber of Commerce at (608) 742-6242 or the Cab Company at (608) 742-4700.

**Sureway Taxi**

608-963-9218

1110 Race Street, Wisconsin Dells

**Van Go Taxi LLC**

608-849-7070

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

Days of Operation: M-S

Hours of Operation: 4am-12am

Fare Per Trip: Mileage

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**Vanpool**

[www.doa.state.wi.us/vanpool](http://www.doa.state.wi.us/vanpool)

The State Vanpool provides alternate transportation for state and non-state employees commuting to Madison from outside communities. Participants can join a group that is already established or, if there are enough interested people, they can form a new vanpool. Riders enjoy low rates, comfortable vans, and the benefit of convenient pick-up and drop-off locations. If interested, contact the Vanpool Office: 1-800-884-VANS or e-mail Brian Luther at [brian.luther@wisconsin.gov](mailto:brian.luther@wisconsin.gov)

**Wisconsin Employment Transportation Program**

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council

(608) 254-8353

Provides car loans to income-eligible, employed individuals. Down payment is required.

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# Utilities

## **Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative**

W6290 Hwy 33, Pardeeville, WI 53954  
(608) 429-9300

## **Alliant Energy**

Billing: 1-800-862-6222  
Emergency: 1-800-255-4268

## **CenturyTel**

1-800-872-4016  
Payment arrangements: 1-888-646-0004

## **Energy Services of Wisconsin**

204 E. Edgewater St., Suite 103  
Portage, WI 53901

To schedule an appointment: 1-800-506-5596

For information: (608) 742-4088 (Judie Wiersma)

Provides financial assistance for paying fuel or electric costs, and emergency furnace repair or replacement once per year per family. Specific income guidelines apply, but you can be any age, with or without children, and own or rent your home.

## **Frontier**

New Services: 1-877-462-8188      Billing Inquires: 1-877-462-8188

## **Heat for Heroes**

(800) 289 – 9276 for questions or to find an application site nearest you.

An Energy Services, Inc./Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund initiative that helps Veterans who are facing an energy –related emergency.

## **Heat Wisconsin**

1-866-HEATWIS (432-8947) for information about where you can purchase propane in your area, or to apply for assistance towards your propane heating bill.

Also visit:

[www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov](http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov)

About where to apply for heating assistance or call 1-866-433-8947.

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**Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund**

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

Income guidelines and a state map of where families that are in the 60%-80% median income can apply.

**Lifeline and Link-Up Programs**

Call local phone company to apply

For questions, contact:

Public Service Commission

610 N. Whitney Way

Madison, WI 53707

1-800-225-7729

[www.psc.state.wi.us](http://www.psc.state.wi.us)

Reduced cost phone connection and service for customers receiving benefits from W2, MA, SSI, Food Stamps, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, WI Homestead Tax Credit, or Badger Care. Brochure available in Resource Room.

**Rio Emergency Fuel Fund**

Contact Pastor David Lusse (608) 617-3261

Help for Columbia County residents not just those in the Rio area.

**Safelink Wireless**

Free cell phone, access to emergency services and free 60 minutes airtime monthly for eligible low-income households. Additional minutes can be purchased through prepaid airtime cards purchased at local retailers. See [www.safelink.com](http://www.safelink.com) for more information.

**Wisconsin Gas Company**

Customer Service: 1-800-242-4035

**Please remember that we are constantly updating and expanding our files, and we are always happy to share our latest information with you. Although we believe the information we collect from service providers is accurate and up-to-date, Columbia County Health and Human Services disclaims responsibility for the accuracy or current status of these materials.**

**Please note that Columbia County Health and Human Services does not endorse agencies, but supplies them as a resource to the community. Thank you for your interest.**

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