

**Community Employment, Disability Services, and Resources
WDA 9
(Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau,
and Vernon Counties)**

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

LA CROSSE

2615 East Avenue South
La Crosse, WI 54601
Main Line: 608.785.9500
Toll Free: 800.523.2139
TTY: 866.392.3090
FAX: 608.785.9494

VIROQUA

220 South Main Street, Suite C
Viroqua, WI 54665
Main Line: 608.637.6872
Toll Free: 855.332.9133
FAX: 608.637.6881

**Call ahead for an appointment and confirm that these are the best locations for your needs.*

To apply for DVR services:

Online application: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/referral/>
Phone: 800.442.3477

***If you need to access DVR information in an alternate format, need it translated to another language, or need assistance completing the application, please contact DVR using one of the phone numbers listed above.**

What services does DVR provide?

- Career guidance and counseling
- Job search and placement assistance
- Information and referral services
- Transition to work services for students with disabilities in high school
- Supported employment services for persons with severe disabilities; includes time-limited on-the job supports
- Rehabilitation technology
- Vocational and other training
- Transportation
- Occupational licenses, tools and other equipment
- Assistance in small-business plan development
- Interpreter services
- Rehabilitation teaching services
- Diagnosis and treatment
- Post-employment services
- Internship/Temporary work
- Job shadows
- Soft skills training
- Work incentive benefits analysis
- Disability and employment assessment

For more information on DVR services visit:

Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/>

To learn about self-advocacy, self-determination, or peer mentoring opportunities in your community, contact:

Independent Living Resources

La Crosse Office

4439 Mormon Coulee Road

La Crosse, WI 54601

Phone: 608.787.1111

Fax: 608.787.1114

TTY: 608.787.1148

Toll Free: 888.474.5745

Toll Free TTY: 888.378.2198

Email: advocacy@ilresources.org

Richland Center Office

149 E Mill Street

Richland Center, WI 53581

Phone/TTY: 608.647.8053

Fax: 608.647.7783

Toll Free: 877.471.2095

Email: advocacy@ilresources.org

Sparta Office – By appointment only

530 S Black River Street

Sparta, WI 54656

Phone: 608.269.2295

People First Wisconsin

5150 N Port Washington Road, Suite 102
Glendale, WI 53217
Phone: 414.483.2546
<http://www.peoplefirstwisconsin.org/>

WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities

101 E Wilson Street, Room 219
Madison, WI 53703
Phone: 608.266.7826
<http://wi-bpdd.org/>

Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW)

Toll Free: 800.928.8778

Madison

131 W Wilson Street, Suite 700
Madison, WI 53703
608.267.0214

Milwaukee

6737 W Washington Street, Suite 3230
Milwaukee, WI 53214
414.773.4646

Rice Lake

217 W Knapp Street
Rice Lake, WI 54868
715.736.1232

Office of Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ODHH)

1 W Wilson Street
PO Box 2659
Madison, WI 53701-2659
Email: dhsodhh@dhs.wisconsin.gov
Phone: 855.359.5252
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/odhh/index.htm>

DVR Client Assistance Program (CAP)

1502 West Broadway
Suite 201
Madison, WI 53713
Phone: 608.267.0214
<https://disabilityrightswi.org/program/client-assistance-program/>

Statewide Ombudsman Program

Board on Aging and Long Term Care

1402 Pankratz Street, Suite 111

Madison, WI 53704-4001

Email: Board on Aging and Long Term Care at BOALTC@Wisconsin.Gov

Fax: 608.246.7001

Ombudsman Program: 1.800.815.0015

To find the Ombudsman for your county visit:

<https://longtermcare.wi.gov/Pages/Ombudsman/CoverageMap.aspx>

To learn about Social Security benefits and working, visit:

WIPA (Work Incentives Planning and Assistance):

<http://www.eri-wi.org/programs/wipa/>

Toll Free: 1.877.826.1752

Ticket to Work through the Social Security Administration:

<https://choosework.ssa.gov/>

Ticket to Work Help Line: 1.866.968.7842 or 1.866.833.2967 TTY

To learn about Medicare prescription benefits, visit:

Medigap Helpline: 1.800.242.1060

Medicare Part D Helpline over age 60: 1.855.677.2783

Medicare Part D Helpline age 59 and under: 1.800.926.4862

ABLE Accounts – Tax Advantaged Savings Accounts for Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families

ABLE Accounts: <https://www.ablenrc.org/about/>

- \$15,000 yearly contribution limit, up to \$100,000 total
- Eligibility requirements
 - Individuals with disabilities with an onset of disability before turning 26 years of age
 - Also receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) automatically eligible
 - May still be eligible if not currently a recipient of SSI and/or SSDI but still meet age of onset disability requirement.
 - Must receive letter of disability certification from a licensed physician

ABLE National Resource Center: call to learn more about ABLE savings plans 202.296.2040 or

<http://ablenrc.wpengine.com/contact/>

ABLE Ambassadors: <https://www.ablenrc.org/able-ambassadors/2020/>

ABLE Accounts Information, continued:

ABLE is a federal law that applies to Wisconsin residents even though there is not currently an ABLE plan here.

State Plan Comparison Tool: <https://www.ablenrc.org/compare-states/>
Wisconsin Department of Revenue: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/FAQS/ise-ABLEAccounts.aspx>

Example plans from other Midwest states:

<u>State</u>	<u>Out of state enrollment</u> <u>Yes or No</u>	<u>Debit Card</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>	<u>Minimum contribution to open account</u>
Ohio	Yes	Yes, no added cost	\$42 per year (non-residents)	\$50
Illinois	Yes	Yes, \$2.00 monthly fee (waived if \$250 balance maintained)	\$60 \$45 (electronic)	\$25
Minnesota	Yes	Yes, \$2.00 monthly fee (waived if \$250 balance maintained)	\$60 \$45 (electronic)	\$25
Michigan	Yes	Yes, Replacement fee only	\$45	\$25
Iowa	Yes	Yes, \$2.00 monthly fee (waived if \$250 balance maintained)	\$60 \$45 (electronic)	\$25

For community mental health resources and support, contact:

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Phone: 608.268.6000

Toll Free: 1.800.236.2988

Website: <https://namiwisconsin.org/find-your-local-nami-2/>

Mental Health America of Wisconsin

600 W Virginia Street, Suite 502

Milwaukee, WI 53204

Phone: 414.276.3122

Toll Free: 1.866.948.6483

Email: info@mhawisconsin.org

Website: <http://www.mhawisconsin.org/>

For information, resources, and access to adult long-term care programs, contact:

Mauston Office

220 Hickory Street (La Crosse Street entrance)
Mauston, WI 53948
Phone: 608.787.1111
Fax: 608.787.1114
TTY: 608.787.1148

Richland Center Office

221 W Seminary Street
Richland Center, WI 53581
Phone: 608.647.8053
TTY: 608.787.1148

*To find an Aging and Disability Resource Center close to your home call: 608.266.2536 or visit:
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/consumer/index.htm>

Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Long Term Care Services:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/long-term-care-support.htm>

Project Information: WI-WIOA Career Interview Project

UW-Whitewater Center for Inclusive Transition, Education, and Employment (CITEE)
<http://www.uww.edu/orsp/research-centers/citee/wioa>
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Email: wiwioacp@uww.edu