



## CHILDREN'S VOICE

# WAUKESHA COUNTY'S CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT  
of HEALTH SERVICES

### **Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Renewal Initiative**

#### **Opportunity for Input**

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is planning to submit requests to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to renew the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) § 1915(c) home and community-based services waiver and the § 1915(b)(4) waiver.

DHS is seeking public comment on its waiver renewal applications. By law, you have the opportunity to review and comment on the CLTS waiver renewal. This ensures that the process is transparent and based on input from relevant stakeholders. Your input on the changes is important.

You may submit your comments by email or mail. Public comments are due by **June 4, 2021**.

Email: [DHSCLTSWaiverRenewal@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSCLTSWaiverRenewal@dhs.wisconsin.gov)

Mail:

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health Services-DMS  
Bureau of Children's Services  
Attn: CLTS Waiver Renewal  
1 W. Wilson St., Room 418  
PO Box 309  
Madison, WI 53701-0309

For more information on the proposed changes, please see the [summary](#). (PDF)

### **1915(c) Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Application Available for Public Comment** (PDF)

### **1915(b)(4) Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Fee-for-Service Selective Contracting Program Application** (PDF)

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is planning for the renewal of the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program. The next waiver cycle, effective from 2022 through 2027, envisions the next five years of our service system for children with disabilities and their families in Wisconsin. DHS is gathering feedback from participants, families, and advocates to build this vision together.

The CLTS Waiver renewal initiative will explore modifications to the CLTS Waiver Program that require federal authority and achieve a statewide program that builds on the strength and resilience of children and families.



### We would love your feedback!

The Children with Special Needs Program would like your feedback in regards to our newsletter! What can we add? What should we change? Please email Mardy Juhl, CSN Supervisor at:

[mjuhl@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:mjuhl@waukeshacounty.gov)

### Conferences/Workshops

**Circles of Life Conference:** Circles of Life is Wisconsin’s annual conference for families who have children with disabilities and the providers and other professionals who support them. This year’s conference will be held “virtually” using Zoom video-conferencing May 6-7, 2021.

**ARCH Transition Zoom Workshop:** Post transition plans, ADRC, financial and estate planning guardianship, government benefits, supportive decision making. This workshop is free, but register by May 9th for this workshop to be held on May 11, 2021 from 6:30-8:30pm. To register call :262-542-9811 or email: [archoffice@archchangeslives.org](mailto:archoffice@archchangeslives.org).

**Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities Employment Frist Virtual Conference** May 13th 8am-5pm. This year’s conference will provide an immersion into person-centered thinking and practices. Throughout this interactive, virtual event you will have the opportunity to network with others and learn how genuine person-centeredness is essential for raising expectations, driving innovation and change, and supporting people to achieve meaningful lives and careers in the community. Registration will be free for people with disabilities.

### Mental Wellness

**Let’ Talk About Mental Illness:** is a new fun and engaging video made for elementary age kids to start the conversation about mental illness.

**Mental Health Connection and Seize the Awkward:** Resources for Middle and High School aged Students.

### COVID-1 Resources

**How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus -** This is a great article with helpful information. The web-site also has games and activities for your kids to play.

**Parent/Caregiver Guide to Help Families Cope with the Coronavirus -** This resource will help you understand what an infectious disease is, and how you can help your family cope.

**COVID-19 Updates from the Department of Children and Families -** The Department of Children and Families is working closely with DHS and is committed to keeping you informed about COVID-19 and its impact here in Wisconsin.

**Waukesha County Public Health -** Waukesha County Public Health website provides up-to-date information about the number of COVID-19 cases, the latest news and information, how to protect yourself and your family, and more.

### Opportunities

**What have we learned from pivoting tele-services for those with ASD and DD?** CESA #1 and the Community of Practice on Autism Spectrum Disorder offering four presentations followed by short discussion on how various services have pivoted during the time of COVID-19. May 12th 8:30am-12:30pm.

**AGENDA – OPEN MEETING  
WAUKESHA COUNTY  
SPECIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSAC)  
THURSDAY, May 20, 2021  
MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING\*  
12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

Mission Statement: The mission of the Special Services Advisory Committee is to promote an understanding of the unique needs that families face while caring for a child with a developmental, physical, or mental health disability. It offers collaborative opportunities between the program administrators, SSAC members, and parents on ways program implementation can be optimized for the benefit of families who are enrolled in Children with Special Needs programming. It includes resource sharing, networking, and educational components that seek to provide information on topics that affect children with disabilities.

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order
2. Review and Approval of February Minutes
3. Annual Survey Results Presentation from Neighborhood Analytics
3. CLTS and CCOP Program Updates
4. Open Forum Public Discussion for General Questions/Concerns
5. Adjourn

**\* Members may participate by phone or other remote means and will be considered present for quorum and voting purposes.**

**INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS. TO JOIN THE MEETING, CLICK ON THE BELOW LINK:**

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

[+1 414-435-2078](#)

Conference ID: 640 425 445#

Every year, May celebrates Mental Health Month.

The goal of Mental Health Month is two fold:

1. Show others they are not alone in their individual journey navigating mental health
2. Facilitate open and honest dialogue in our communities by bringing mental health conditions and concerns to the forefront of conversations.

To accomplish this, NAMI Southeast Wisconsin will be spearheading a grand awareness campaign for the month of May called the Green Ribbon Campaign, reaching across the entirety of our affiliate region of Milwaukee, Waukesha, and Jefferson counties.

The Green Ribbon Campaign allows you to show your support for individuals living with mental health concerns by wearing this lapel pin proudly as an ambassador for mental health. The lapel pin and ribbon are attached to a pocket-sized card. On the back are resources for mental health, all available at no cost.

Come to either of [NAMI Southeast Wisconsin offices](#) (Milwaukee or Waukesha)





## Fun Activities

### Spring Art Walk Delafield

The sidewalks of downtown Delafield come alive with color and music during the (spring and fall) art walks. In front of downtown businesses, local artists display their creations at various stops throughout downtown. You'll also enjoy live music and performances and more! May 21, 2021 from 5-9pm.

### KINnect Virtual Family Event - Making a Family Crest

Relative Caregiver families are invited to this upcoming live virtual event to make a family crest and connect with other families. Creating a family crest at home can be a fun and meaningful way for family members to identify what makes their family unique. Prior to the live sharing event, each family will receive a craft box in the mail with the needed materials (and a family snack to share!). You will also receive a video, created by a local art teacher, with a lesson on heraldry and instructions how to make your own personalized family crest. We ask each family to complete their project before our live sharing event. May 27, 2021 from 6-7pm.

### Farmer's Markets

Brookfield Saturday's 7:30am-noon, Brookfield Central HS

Delafield Saturdays 8am-1pm, Main Street & Dopkins Street

Hartland Sundays 10am-1pm Municipal Lot off Pawling Avenue

Menomonee Falls Wednesdays 2-6pm, Village Park Tennis Court

Dousman Wednesdays 2-6pm, Dousman Village Hall Lot

Mukwonago Wednesdays 2-6pm, Field Park

Oconomowoc Saturdays 8am-noon, Bank Five Nine Campus

New Berlin Saturdays 8am-noon, 15055 W National Avenue

Waukesha Saturdays 8am-noon, St. Paul & Madison Street  
Sussex Sunday's 10am-1pm, Sussex Civic Center

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