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## AUTISM SOCIETY OF SOUTHEAST WI

The Autism Society of
Southeastern Wisconsin's mission
is to create connections,
empowering everyone in the
Autism community with the
resources needed to live fully.

https://assew.org/

#### GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE

Our Playhouse is an inspirational and dedicated place for families to celebrate Down syndrome. They offer FREE educational, therapeutic and social programming to help our participants

https://gigisplayhouse.org/milwaukee/

#### WISCONSIN FIRST STEP

A statewide Information and Referral (I&R) hotline that serves families with children and youth who have special needs. Local, regional, statewide, and national resources are available.

https://cpfamilynetwork.org/resources



# COMMUNITY RESOURCES



## CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE

CFI is dedicated to assisting people of all ages and abilities achieve their fullest level of independence through a supportive environment that fosters hope.

https://cfihope.org/

### LIFE NAVIGATORS

Positively impacting kids and adults with disabilities by offering our disability resources.

https://lifenavigators.org/

#### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Friendship Circle encourages an inclusive community where all individuals are valued regardless of their background or challenges they face. Through highlighting achievements, not limitations, we create a world of acceptance and inclusion

https://www.fcwi.org/

### ANGELMAN SYNDROME FOUNDATION

The mission of the Angelman
Syndrome Foundation is to
advance the awareness and
treatment of Angelman syndrome
through education and
information, research, and
support for individuals with
Angelman syndrome.

https://www.angelman.org/

#### **BEST BUDDIES**

Dedicated to establishing a movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, inclusive living, and family support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

https://www.bestbuddies.org/

### VARIETY CHILDREN'S CHARITY- WI

Variety is a multi-faceted organization dedicated to one specific goal: Enriching the lives of children with physical or developmental special needs and their families

https://www.varietywi.org/



# COMMUNITY RESOURCES



### **WI FACETS**

Our mission is to provide and broaden opportunities that enhance the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities and their families, with emphasis on support for underserved families in the community.

https://wifacets.org/

### CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WI

Concordia offers an augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) social opportunity for community members.

Heather Pauly is the program point of contact 262-243-2125

https://www.facebook.com/cuwslp/

#### KATY'S KLOSET

Katy's kloset is a medical equipment lending library, located in Waukesha County. Volunteers clean, inspect, and repair the equipment before it is loaned back out to the community.

https://teamupwithfamilies.org/katys-kloset/

### JCC RAINBOW DAY CAMP

JCC Rainbow Day Camp is an inclusive summer day camp, for children and teens, guided by Jewish values, that fosters personal development, friendship, and community.

https://www.jccmilwaukee.org/program/

### WISCONSIN BADGER CAMP

Wisconsin Badger Camp's goal is
to provide a positive natural
environment where individuals
with developmental disabilities
can learn about their
surroundings and realize their full
potential.

https://www.badgercamp.org/

### TEAM UP FOR FUN-DAY CAMP

"Team Up for Fun" Day Camp is designed for children with physical challenges ages 4 to 17 and their siblings. Camp activities provide experiential outdoor fun and learning opportunities with 10-12 similarly aged campers.

https://teamupwithfamilies.org/camp/



# SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPS



### **PLUE LOTUS CENTER**

Plue Lotus Center assists people of any age with profound life challenges by offering accessible outdoor recreational and therapeutic opportunities in a caring, accepting, and inspiring 64-acre day-camp setting.

https://www.thebluelotuscenter.org/

### TIMBERTOP SUMMER CAMP

Timbertop Camp for youth with learning disabilities and special needs is a Wisconsin overnight summer camp designed for kids that think and learn differently.

https://www.timbertopcamp.org/

### EASTERSEALS WI-CAMP AND RESPITE

Campers of all ages and abilities can challenge themselves, set goals and accomplish them — making the most of their camp experience. Families and caregivers can be confident their loved one is safe and taken care of, and in return, they receive a respite.

https://www.eastersealswisconsin.com/ programs-services/camps/

### NORTHWEST MUTUAL COMMUNITY PARK

Located at Henry Maier Festival
Park. The park features inclusive
play structures, interactive
musical pieces, and ramps for
wheelchair access

East Chicago St. &, N Harbor Dr. Milwaukee, WI 53202

### KAYLA'S PLAYGROUND

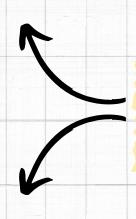
This park offers a fully accessible play area with wide ramps, wheelchair-friendly swings, and a wheelchair-accessible merry-go-round.

Franklin Woods Nature Park.
3723 W. Puetz Rd.
Franklin, WI 53132

#### **VILLAGE PARK**

There is a multi-level playground and play hill, a wheelchair-friendly merry-go-round, sensory stations, and more.

N87W16749 Garfield Dr. Menomonee Falls, WI 53051



# ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUNDS

ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUNDS INFORMATION FROM:
MKE WITH KIDS



### POSSIBILITY PLAYGROUND

Possibility Playground is a fully enclosed, universally accessible play area that offers a variety of sensory and play experiences for children of all abilities.

Upper Lake Park.
554 N. Lake St.
Port Washington, WI 53074

### RICHARD E. MASLOWSKI COMMUNITY PARK

The largest accessible playground in the North Shore area!

Designed to accommodate children of all abilities and features a community room and accessible restrooms

2200 W. Bender Rd. Glendale, WI 53209

### ALL MY FRIENDS PLAYGROUND

It features a wheelchairaccessible merry-go-round, swings, and sensory touchpoints, creating a truly inclusive environment.

Centennial Park.
1370 17th Ave.
Grafton, WI 53024

#### FIRST STAGE THEATER

First Door offers sensory friendly kits (with fidget toys and earmuffs), assistive listening devices, sign language interpreted performances, and sensory friendly performances!

https://www.firststage.org/Ac cessibility

### THE SENSORY CLUB

An all-inclusive, welcoming, and accepting club, people of all ages with disabilities can come to feel their best and grow together. We encourage growth and positivity through the use of our unique sensory gym and multi-sensory environments.

https://www.thesensoryclub.com/

### **WILWAUKEE BALLET**

We believe in sharing the power of dance through adapted opportunities. Our Inclusive Programming strives to break down traditional barriers so more people can share in the power of dance.

https://milwaukeeballet.org/incl usive-programs



**ACTIVITIES** AND



## **EXPERIENCES**

### **BETTY BRINN** CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The Betty Brinn Children's Museum welcomes children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or sensory processing disorders (SPD) and their families to our Sensory-Friendly Sessions.

https://bbcmkids.org/sensory/

### AMC SENSORY FRIENDLY FILMS

We turn the lights up and the sound down, so you can feel free to be you at these unique showings for people living with autism or other special needs.

https://www.amctheatres.com/p rograms/sensory-friendly-films

### **PINK UMBRELLA THEATER**

Pink Umbrella Theater Co. is the first professional theater company, in Milwaukee, with a focus on hiring Disabled Actors and Artists. Theater classes are held throughout the year for ages four through adult.

https://www.pinkumbrellatheate r.org/

#### FLIPS 4 ALL

Private gymnastics lessons are available for children and young adults who perform best with one on one personal instruction.

Accomodations available for students who perform better who have developmental physical or neurological disabilities!

Flips 4 All is a wheelchair friendly establishment!

https://www.flips4all.com/about

### MIRACLE LEAGE BASEBALL

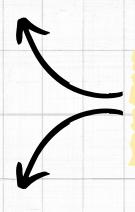
The league allows people of all abilities play organized baseball. Players with diverse abilities dress in uniforms, make plays in the field, and round the bases, just like their peers in standard baseball leagues.

https://www.miracleleaguemilwauke e.org/

### MY TEAM TRIUMPH

Athletes with disabilities are our "Captains" and they are guided by their able-bodied "Angels" to each finish line. It is our way to promote disability inclusion and allow everyone to cross that finish line.

https://www.myteamtriumph-wi.org/



## SPORTS AND COMPETITIONS



### SPECIAL OLYMPICS-WI

Our athletes are children and adults with intellectual disabilities from all over the state. They are finding success, experiencing joy, and finding friendship as part of our global community. They're also having lots of fun!

https://specialolympicswisconsin.org

### TOPS SOCCER

US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a recreational sports program for children and adults with intellectual, emotional, or physical disabilities.

https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/ topsoccer/



### MILWAUKEE SAILING CENTER

ADA accessible floating dock have been installed, complete with hydraulic lifts to enable people who use wheelchairs to be easily and comfortably lifted into boats.

https://www.sailingcenter.org/o utreach.php

#### LIFESTRIDERS

Lifestriders provides innovative and integrated cognitive and physical therapies, online, on our farm, and sometimes on the backs of our horses, to individuals and families with special needs, at low or no cost.

https://www.lifestriders.org/

### **VISION FORWARD**

Vision Forward provides a continuum of services, from birth through adulthood, to people with visual impairments, helping them achieve important developmental milestones as well as educational, personal and professional goals.

https://vision-forward.org/

#### CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL-PT. OT. AND SPEECH

The physical and occupational therapy care team focuses on helping kids who have been injured or who have a disability to function as independently as possible. The speech and hearing center diagnoses and treats infants, children and adolescents who have feeding or swallowing problems and communication or learning concerns.

https://childrenswi.org/speech

https://childrenswi.org/physical-andoccupational-therapy



## OUTPATIENT AND PRIVATE THERAPIES



### ST. FRANCIS CHILDREN'S CENTER

The Family Activity Center offers free and low-cost programming for families with special needs.

https://sfcckids.org/familyactivity-center/

### REHAB RESOURCES-MEQUON

Rehab Resources, Inc. encourages the involvement of physician, patient, family and staff in the total planning for rehabilitation. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy are offered at this location.

https://rehabresourcesinc.com/outpa tient\_clinics/meq.uon/

### HELPING HANDS HEALING HOOVES

HHHH is a non-profit therapeutic equine assisted riding program that encourages individuals of all ages to develop their full potential.

https://www.helpinghandshealingh ooves.org