



## Family Support Services office locations

Portage County (715) 341-6672

Marathon County (715) 848-1457

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Children's Wisconsin is the largest private, nonprofit provider of community-based child and family services and child welfare services in Wisconsin. Our team understands the challenges families may face, and we have the knowledge and expertise to support families and provide solutions.



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## Family Outreach and Support Services



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Children's Wisconsin offers a variety of family support programming in central Wisconsin. The Family Outreach and Support Services (FOSS) program is a personalized way to meet the unique needs of each family. All services offered are completely free of charge and are delivered collaboratively with families to ensure parents are at the forefront of the decision-making and goal-setting process. Most often services are provided in families' homes, but depending on client need, they can take place at community sites, such as libraries or parks.

Some locations also offer free universal group-based programming, such as play-and-learns, classes and lending libraries. Classes for parents or primary caregivers with children from birth to age 10 use the ACT Raising Safe Kids curriculum, and parents with teens can participate in the highly accredited Triple P Teen program; both virtual or in-person options are available.

Programs provide parents with resources and skills to help them reach their ultimate goal of strengthening and maintaining a safe, protective environment for their children. This includes promoting:

- Family communication and involvement
- Nurturing parenting skills
- Financial security and management
- Awareness and connection to community resources
- Mobility Mentoring — combining neuroscience with goal setting to facilitate lasting change

Our Family Support team works alongside families to determine the style of services on a case-by-case basis. We have established best practice standards for our programs, ensuring the same quality of support for all the children and families we serve.

### Our primary objectives are to:

- Address parenting challenges
- Promote positive child development
- Connect families to community resources
- Improve family functioning
- Teach new skills
- Increase safety in the home
- Improve child health and well-being

Family Support Workers use information from a range of sources to support their work, most importantly from the families themselves. FOSS staff have the training and expertise to select from a variety of tools to support families' goals, such as:

- Family Needs Scale
- Family Assessment of Strengths Tool (FAST)
- Home Safety Assessment
- Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale
- Ages and Stages Questionnaires

