



Wisconsin Benefit Programs

There are many benefit programs in Wisconsin, which you may qualify for. Most are income based programs with a variety of eligibility requirements. Some of these programs include the following;

BadgerCare Plus- Provides free or low-cost health coverage to uninsured working families with children.

Healthy Start- Healthy start increases access to Medicaid health care coverage for pregnant women, infants and children.

FoodShare- Provides food assistance to eligible households by means of a plastic debit card that you use like cash to buy food at grocery stores.

WIC- Provides food and nutrition services to pregnant women, new mothers, infants and young children. WIC provides checks for specific foods that can be used at participating grocery stores and pharmacies.

Wisconsin Shares Child Care- Pays a portion of child care costs for working families with limited income. Families choose their own providers.

Energy Assistance- Provides assistance to low-income families to help pay energy costs, weatherize homes or help in a heating or energy crisis.

Wisconsin Works (W-2)- Provides a wide range of employment and training services to help limited income parents find and keep jobs. W-2 may also provide monthly cash payments to eligible custodial parents for participating in subsidized work-experience positions that prepare them for regular employment and provide case management services to any eligible parents.

If you are interested in additional program information or to fill out an application to see if you qualify, please visit <https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/>. If you do not have computer and/or internet access or would like assistance filling out an application, please let your Pregnancy Support Social Worker know or contact your local County Economic Support office.

Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program - Provides support to low-income working families by subsidizing a portion of the cost of quality child care while the parents or caregivers are working or participating in another approved activity. Wisconsin Shares is implemented locally by counties and tribes. Read and learn more about eligibility requirements. <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares>

The Wisconsin Child Support Program- The Wisconsin Child Support Program helps parents get court orders for financial and medical support for their children. It also enforces these support orders when needed, and makes sure that all money collected is paid out correctly. <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cs/home>