



Checklist for Accessing Long-Term Care in Milwaukee County, Guardianship and Social Security

Guardianship:

_____ Initiate guardianship at *17 years, 6 months* by contacting an attorney. If you have questions, contact the following agencies for resources:

Life Navigators; <http://www.lifenavigators.org/services/guardianship/>

Wisconsin Court System;

http://wicourts.gov/forms1/circuit/ccform.jsp?FormName=&FormNumber=&beg_date=&end_date=&StateCite=&Category=18&SubCat=Due%20to%20Incompetency

Wisconsin Guardianship Resource Center

<http://www.gwaar.org/wi-guardianship-support-center.html>

Social Security:

_____ On the *first day of the month in which your child turns 18*, contact the Social Security Administration at 866-220-7885 or at <http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-apply-ussi.htm> to get an application for Social Security Income (SSI). Complete application, getting doctor and possibly school record and documentation. (Note: Specific dates to start this process seem to vary by county and who you speak with at the county)

_____ Once student is approved for SSI, Adult Medicaid will automatically begin and Katie Beckett or any other public health care the student may be on will stop, with MA taking over. There should be no gap in coverage.

For further resources, or if your child is denied SSI the first time, contact the Milwaukee Disability Resource Center and ask to meet with a Benefits Specialist.

Long-Term Care:

_____ Young adult is *17 years, 6 months old*, call the Milwaukee Disability Resource Center at (414) 289-6387 and tell them you would like to refer your son or daughter for long-term care supports.

_____ After you have made the referral for long-term care supports at the DRC, they will come to the home and complete a Functional Screen to determine eligibility for services.

_____ After student has been determined eligible, you will receive a counseling session (may happen at time of Functional Screen) as to the options of long-term care in Milwaukee County. Currently they have the following options:

IRIS (I Respect, I Self-Direct): <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/index.htm>

Managed Care Organizations:

Family Care Partnership, provided by iCare: <http://www.icare-wi.org/>

Community Care: <http://www.communitycareinc.org/flash.html>

My Choice Family Care: <http://mychoicfamilycare.com/>

Family Care Partnership provided by Community Care:

<http://www.communitycareinc.org/home/what-we-do>

_____ Choose what organization you would like to work with and develop an Individual Service Plan (ISP) with your case manager or IRIS Consultant to meet the needs of your adult child.

For further resources, go to the Milwaukee DRC websites at

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/DSD/Disability-Resource-Center.htm>

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/DSD.htm>

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

_____ *Between two and three years prior to graduation or aging out of school*, contact DVR to begin referral and eligibility process.

_____ Have an orientation with a DVR counselor or case coordinator- this can be done either before applying (usually with support of the school) or after applying, which they will call to schedule.

_____ Fill out the referral form online. DVR will want the most updated copy of your adult child's IEP and reevaluation, which they will request from the school. Online referral:

https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/referral_request.htm

_____ Phone conference with UW-Stout SVRI, with your adult child, for intake meeting.

_____ Within 60 days after referral was received by DVR, an eligibility decision will be reached. This information will be mailed to you and you will need to respond to the letter.

_____ When individual is activated for services, meet with counselor again to develop an Individual Plan for Employment (IPE) and begin services.

For further resources, go to the Wisconsin DVR website at: <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/>

Or a Milwaukee County DVR office:

<https://www.mhawisconsin.org/DirectorySearch/Details.aspx?pageid=160&mid=275&ListingId=1450>