

MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse
works to:

*Promote the Dignity of the Human Person
Serve Families and Individuals in Need
Proclaim Christ's Gospel of Life*

*Catholic Charities extends its mission
throughout west central Wisconsin through
compassionate service, support and advocacy
to individuals, families and communities of all
faiths and heritages, without regard to race,
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Catholic Charities In-Home Support Program For Families With Children With Special Needs



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WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

- **IN-HOME SERVICES:** This program works with families within their own homes and in the community to provide behavioral and educational support. Services to families are available on four levels of intensity, depending upon need. Level is determined during the initial visit with the family and social worker as appropriate. Families may move from one level to another as needs and skills dictate.
 - Level 1 services provide basic levels of support and supervision of the child. Services can take place in the family home or in the community and are provided by a provider with training in special needs.
 - Level 2 services are more specialized and are designed to teach the child with special needs specific skills such as social skills, coping skills, community skills, communication skills, etc. Level 2 services may also be provided in small groups settings. A highly trained in-home support provider provides these services.
 - Level 3 services are more intense and are designed to teach parents alternatives to parenting their special needs child. These services can include structuring the home, developing routines and structure, formal behavior management procedures, etc., skills that may allow the parent to ultimately care for their child with less paid supports. A highly trained professional staff person specializing in children with developmental disabilities provides these services.
 - Level 4 services are the most intense and include crisis stabilization. A highly trained provider may go to the family home during or immediately following an intense behavioral episode, and attempt to re-establish a therapeutic environment.
 - All services are outcome-based. Outcomes include keeping children with special needs in family homes and to decrease the need for overall paid services.
- **SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS:** Consultative services are available to local schools. Services may include curriculum development and modifications, classroom accommodations, disability information and resources, and developing behavior management procedures for students with special needs.
- **TRAINING:** The In-Home support team provides training for teachers, professionals and parents and may include a variety of topics such as autism spectrum disorders, developmental disabilities, crisis prevention and intervention (CPI), behavior management principles, augmentative communication, and teaching strategies for students with special needs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES?

- The In-Home services team specializes in providing services for families with children with special communication, behavioral, developmental, social and educational needs including: developmental delays, learning disabilities, ADHD, autism spectrum disorders and mental retardation.

WHEN ARE SERVICES AVAILABLE?

- Whenever possible, providers will work with families to arrange a schedule that best fits the needs of the families. Length of services may vary, from short term to ongoing, depending upon the child's individual level of need.

WHICH AREAS DOES THE PROGRAM SERVE?

Services are available for the following areas:

La Crosse County, Wisconsin
Monroe County, Wisconsin
Trempealeau County, Wisconsin
Buffalo County, Wisconsin
Vernon County, Wisconsin
Houston County, Minnesota
Winona County, Minnesota

HOW ARE SERVICES FUNDED?

- Funding for the In-Home Support Program comes from a variety of sources, including county contracts, local grants and private pay. A sliding fee schedule is available.

HOW ARE CLIENTS ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM?

- Upon receiving a referral, the In-Home Support Program Coordinator will make an initial visit to the home to gather information. Upon review of this information by the In-Home Support team, a determination will be made for appropriateness and level(s) of service. If accepted, provider(s) and/or a case manager will be matched with the family. Upon family approval, services may begin following a schedule agreed upon by both the family and the In-Home Support service provider.