

## For more information:

**Member Services Call Center**  
**1-800-362-3002**

Provides information about Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus programs, the State SSI program, and FoodShare.

[badgercareplus.org](http://badgercareplus.org)

The main website for BadgerCare Plus information.

**Maternal and Child Health (MCH)**  
**1-800-722-2295**

[www.mch-hotlines.org](http://www.mch-hotlines.org)

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The hotline has information about all of the programs listed in this brochure, plus other programs. Some counties have tribal offices or additional local offices. MCH will tell you which office can best help you.

**Wisconsin First Step**  
**1-800-642-7837**

Help for children with special health care needs.

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# 2009 Polk County

## Benefit programs for Wisconsin kids and families

• *BadgerCare Plus (Health Insurance)*

• *Free/Low Cost School Meals*

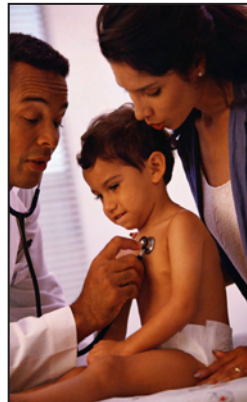
• *Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance*

• *Wisconsin Shares (Childcare)*

• *FoodShare (Food Stamps)*

• *Wisconsin Works (W-2)*

• *WIC*



covering kids & families

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# ACCESS

Access to Eligibility Support Services for Health and Nutrition

[www.access.wi.gov](http://www.access.wi.gov)



ACCESS is an easy and private way to see if there are health and nutrition programs to help you and your family. Website features include:

- ✓ **Am I Eligible?**  
*In 15 minutes find out whether you may be eligible for any programs.*
- ✓ **Apply For Benefits**  
*Apply for programs online.*
- ✓ **Check My Benefits**  
*Check the status of your benefits.*
- ✓ **Report My Changes**  
*Report a change to your local agency.*

## Information you will need when you apply:

Below are some examples of information you may need to provide or prove for **each person** applying:

- ✓ US citizenship or immigration status
- ✓ Identity
- ✓ Income
- ✓ Child support paid or received
- ✓ Pregnancy
- ✓ Housing expenses
- ✓ Utility expenses



# Helpful Programs in Polk County

## BadgerCare Plus (Health Insurance)

Health insurance coverage for:

- All children (birth to age 19) regardless of income
- Pregnant women with family income up to Category F (see table)
- Parents and relatives who care for a child with family income up to Category E
- Parents whose children are in foster care with family income up to Category E
- Farmers and self-employed parents with family income (minus depreciation) up to Category E
- Young adults (ages 18-20) who are leaving foster care regardless of income

Note: There may be deductibles, premiums and copayments. BadgerCare Plus is for U.S. citizens or lawfully present immigrants.

Contact the Polk County Human Services Department at: (715) 485-8400.

## BadgerCare Plus Express Enrollment

Children who have a family income up to Category C and pregnant women up to Category F can get immediate, short-term coverage. To get longer-term coverage, a full application must be completed.

Visit [www.badgercareplus.org/gethelp.htm](http://www.badgercareplus.org/gethelp.htm) for a list of providers who may be able to help you.

## Free/Low Cost School Meals

Most schools have this program for children. It provides free or low cost meals at school.

Your children may qualify for free meals with family income up to Category B. Children may qualify for reduced meals with family income up to Category D.

Contact your local School District office.



## Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance

Pays a portion of household energy bills.

You may qualify with family income up to Category C, effective for the 2009-2010 heating season.

Contact Polk County Human Services Department at: (715) 485-8400.

## Wisconsin Shares (Childcare)

Pays for some of the childcare costs for families with limited incomes.

You may qualify if you have a child under 13 or a child with special needs under 18. You need to be either working, in school or in job training. Your family income may be up to Category D.

Contact the Polk County Human Services Department at: (715) 485-8400.

## FoodShare (Food Stamps)

Provides a debit card called the QUEST card. You can use this at grocery stores to buy healthy food. FoodShare helps people of all ages who have low incomes.

You may qualify for FoodShare with family income up to Category B.

Contact the Polk County Human Services Department at: (715) 485-8400.

## Wisconsin Works (W-2)

This is a cash assistance program for people who have children under age 19 living in the home and for people who have lost their job but do not qualify for Unemployment Insurance.



You may qualify with family income up to Category A.

Contact the Polk County Human Services Department at: (715) 485-8400.

## WIC

Women, Infants and Children Program provides healthy foods and referrals to health care. This program is for pregnant women and new mothers. This program is also for infants and children up to age five.

You and your children may qualify with family income up to Category D, effective July 1, 2009.

Contact Polk County Health Department at: (715) 485-8520.



## Monthly Family Income Levels


These numbers are for 2009. They will go up in 2010.


Group Size	Category A 115% FPL*	Category B 130% FPL*	Category C 150% FPL*	Category D 185% FPL*	Category E 200% FPL*	Category F 300% FPL*
2	\$1,396	\$1,578	\$1,821	\$2,246	\$2,428	\$3,643
3	\$1,755	\$1,984	\$2,289	\$2,823	\$3,052	\$4,578
4	\$2,113	\$2,389	\$2,756	\$3,399	\$3,675	\$5,513
5	\$2,472	\$2,794	\$3,224	\$3,976	\$4,298	\$6,448

For each additional person add:

\$359	\$406	\$468	\$577	\$624	\$936
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\*FPL = Federal Poverty Level. This level is determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Federal Poverty Levels for all family sizes can be found at: [dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/fpl/fpl.htm](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/fpl/fpl.htm).

 — One key means that you can find out if you may be eligible for the program at [access.wi.gov](http://access.wi.gov).

 — Two keys mean that you can find out if you may be eligible for the program *and* apply for the program at [access.wi.gov](http://access.wi.gov).