

WIFACETS

WI Family Assistance Center for Education, Training, & Support



History

- **Founded 1995 by parents**
- **Leading source of information & innovative, non-traditional support for children with disabilities, their families & those who support them**
- **Majority of staff & board are parents or individuals with disabilities**



Mission

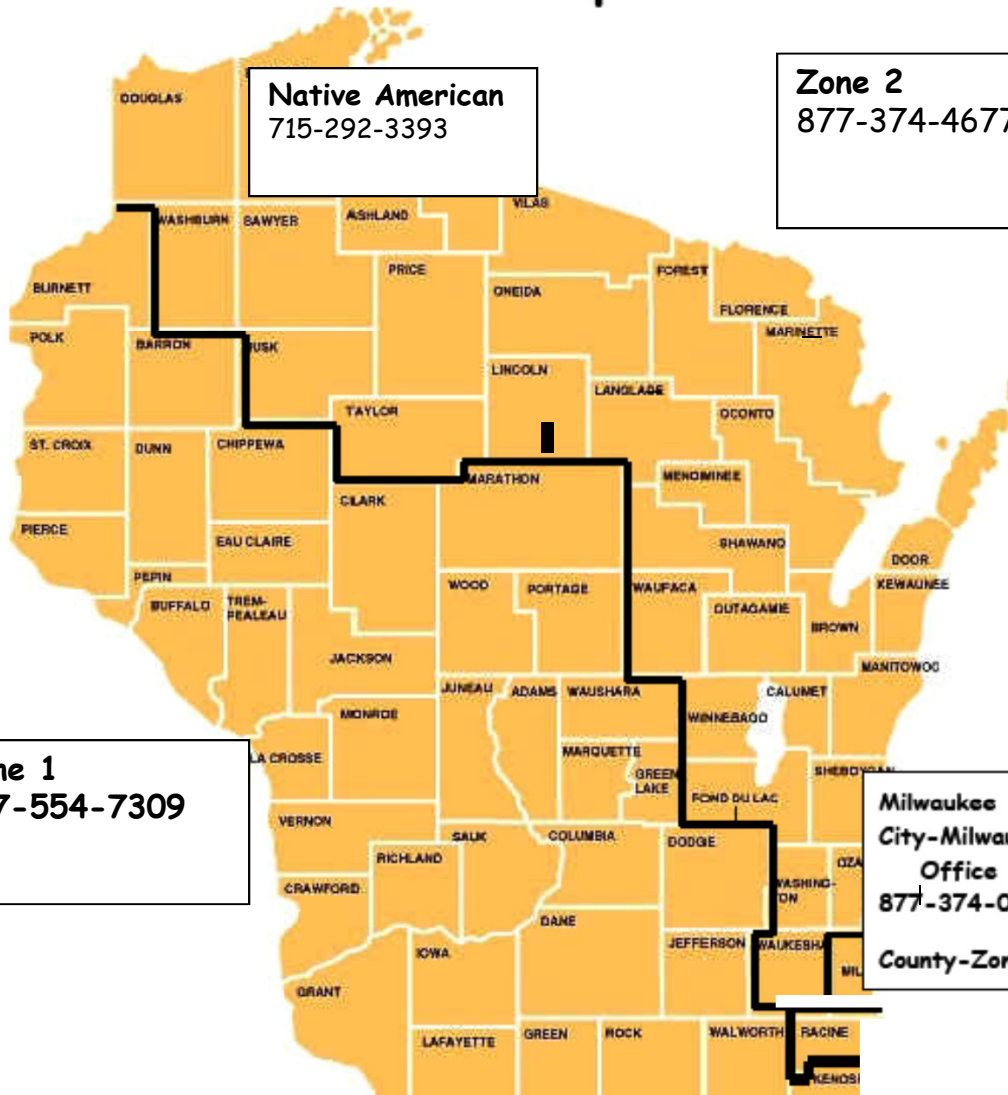
- **To provide and broaden opportunities that enhance the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities with emphasis on support for underserved parents/families in the community.**
- **Priority: Underserved families**
- **Priority: Children & youth, ages Birth to 26**

Our Philosophy

- Recognize & respect diverse range of options, needs & dreams of people with disabilities.
- Empower people to make choices that best meet the needs of the person with the disability.
- Strengthen collaborative partnerships (parent/school/provider/community).
- Encourage early conflict resolution.

WI FACETS Map

3-4-11



Native American
715-292-3393

Zone 2
877-374-4677

Zone 1
877-554-7309

**Milwaukee
City-Milwaukee
Office**
877-374-0511
County-Zone 1

Statewide Services

Toll Free:
877-374-0511

600 W. Virginia St., Milw. 53212

Major Programs

- Parent Training & Information Center
- Region 4 Parent TA Center
- WI Special Education Mediation System
- WI State Personnel Development Grant
- WINMILL Transition Project
- Milwaukee Child Find Project
- Milwaukee County Advocacy Project
- Milwaukee Promotora Project
- Milwaukee IDEA Network

WI FACETS Services

● Information & Support

- I&R: 877-374-0511
- Website: www.wifacets.org
- Media & exhibits
- Reference library

● Individual support

- Triage cases
- Records review
- IEP & IFSP meetings
- Mediation, Facilitated IEPs
- Pending staff /VPL availability

WI FACETS Services

● Training

- Phone, In-person, & website
- IDEA-related topics:
 - IEPs, IFSPs, PBIS, Bullying, Early Conflict Resolution, Challenging Behaviors and more

● Support Groups

● Yahoo Groups

● Leadership

How Can Parents Benefit?

- Better understand their children's disabilities & their developmental & educational needs
- Understand IDEA Part B & C
- Participate fully in decision-making processes, IEP & IFSP development
- Communicate more effectively
- Use early conflict resolution skills & mediation to resolve disputes
- Participate in disability/school reform activities

How Can Professionals Benefit?

- Forum for local capacity building
- Increased trust among parents & professionals
- Increased staff understanding of parent concerns, needs and contributions
- Increased cultural competence
- Meet federal and state mandates
 - SPP/APR indicators on parent involvement

it's about supporting parents and

forging partnerships

that benefit children

families, professionals & communities