# **NELLA** BADGER RESOURCE CENTER

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## ABOUT WELL BADGER RESOURCE CENTER

The Well Badger Resource Center connects people in Wisconsin with the health and social services they need and deserve.

This is accomplished in two ways:

 One-on-one information and referral (I&R) services from Certified Community Resource Specialists (Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm), and an
Online, searchable directory of over 7,500 verified health and social services.

Our areas of focus are: health care coverage and services, nutrition, pregnancy and parenting, financial assistance, child health, and mental health and substance use.

## WELL BADGER TEAM

Well Badger is managed by the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation and staffed by a team of health professionals.

#### **Information & Referral Specialists**

are Certified Community Resource Specialists (CRS) who work one-onone with families, listening to their stories and connecting them with services and programs to match their needs.

#### **Resource Management Staff**

maintain and grow a comprehensive, responsive, accurate, user-friendly searchable directory.



# **INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICES**

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**CASES** A "case" is a series of interactions with an individual who contacts Well Badger with specific needs.

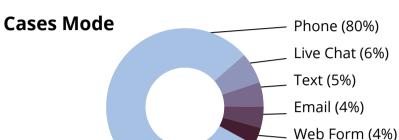
#### Total Cases = 3,153

- 82% were individuals reaching out to get help for themselves
- 14% were individuals reaching out to get help on behalf of someone else (child, grandchild, partner/spouse)
- 4% of cases were agencies calling to get help for their patients/clients



#### Reach

Cases were from 99% (n=71) of Wisconsin counties



**SERVICE RECIPIENTS** A "service recipient" is individual in need of services in a specific case.

Of all 3.153 cases:

- 45% (n=1,426) of service recipients were pregnant or postpartum
- 9% (n=280) of service recipients were children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN)

Of the 1,893 cases with documented insurance type:

- 75% reported Medicaid
- **11%** reported no insurance

Of the 360 cases with documented service recipient race data:

• **54%** were black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC)

## **CASE FOLLOW-UP**

Well Badger Specialists follow-up with participants 1-2 weeks after their case to see if they've connected with services.



## LONG-TERM FOLLOW-UP

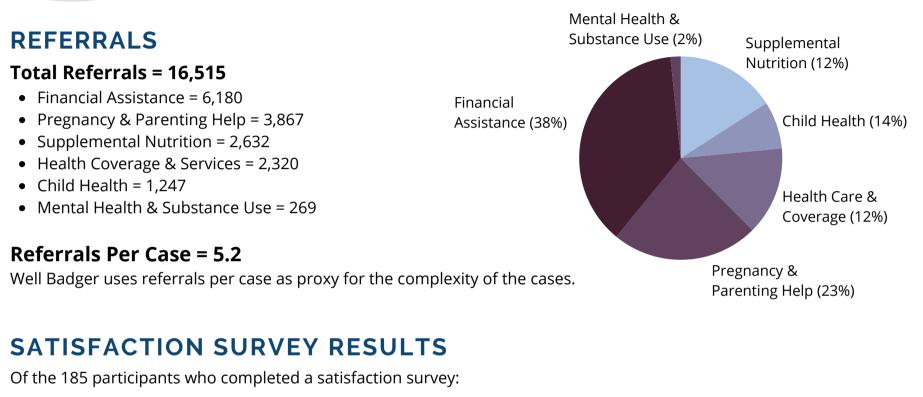
Well Badger offers optional, long-term follow-up as a way to share info, resources, and to check-in.

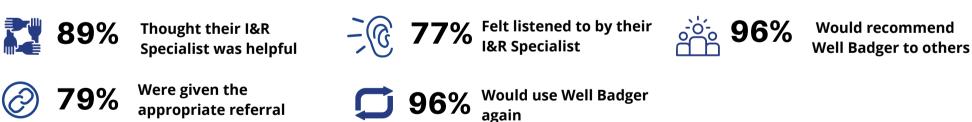


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Here is what participants had to say about Well Badger:

appropriate referral

- I tell others to keep Well Badger's number in their phone, because doing so will mean they are **never alone**.
- Your customer service is one in a million and I've never found anything else quite like it.
- You guys are doing a great job. I appreciate the support. Thank you thank you thank you.

#### Read more participant quotes and stories at www.wellbadger.org/s/stories

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# **ONLINE DIRECTORY**

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## **DIRECTORY GROWTH & UTLIZATION**

Wellbadger.org is an online, searchable directory of over 7,500 local health services and programs. Services must meet certain inclusion criteria (low-cost, free, sliding scale, or covered by Medicaid) and verified by the agency prior to publication.

- 878 new resources were added
- **5** new articles (info sheets) were added on topics such as understanding mental health, mental health service navigation, and telehealth.

26,768 people used the Well Badger Directory resulting in:

- 34,291 sessions and
- 93,462 page views

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- Access pre-written digital materials (for newsletters and social media)
- Join our listserv
- Request a presentation
- Submit your agency information for the directory
- And more!

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## CHILDREN'S MENTAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCE NAVIGATOR

The Children's Mental & Behavioral Health Resource Navigator is a free, online, anonymous tool that helps people navigate resources for children and youth (ages 0-21) with mental or behavioral health concerns.

Parents, caregivers, or health professionals enter an anonymous survey about a child and receive a fully customized guide with resources, articles (info sheets), checklists, and talking points.

668 people used the navigator. Of those:

- **64%** (n=430) were parents/caregivers and **36%** (n=238) were health professionals using the navigator for a patient or client
- 53% (n=356) reported the child's insurance as Medicaid
- 55% (n=368) were seeking evaluation/assessment resources
- 76% (n=510) were seeking mental health treatment services
- **76%** (n=510) were seeking mental health support services



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