



Wisconsin Sowing the Seeds of Hope Counseling Program

The Wisconsin Sowing the Seeds of Hope Counseling Program makes cost free, confidential mental health counseling available to distressed Wisconsin farm families.

Eligibility

Farmers and/or farm family members having a mental health or behavioral health problem may be eligible. Farmers must have a minimum of \$10,000 in gross farm sales/year and have limitations that would inhibit access to mental and behavioral health services (such as large deductibles, large co-pays, or no coverage for service). Wisconsin Farm Center staff will make final eligibility determination.

How it Works

An individual who calls the Wisconsin Farm Center – 1-800-942-2474 and is deemed eligible, will be given the names and telephone numbers of participating mental health providers. Five vouchers may be sent to the address indicated by the caller. The individual and/or family will have 90 days to use the vouchers at the participating provider of their choice. When the caller selects a provider from the list, he/she needs only to identify himself/herself as a Wisconsin Sowing the Seeds of Hope referral and presents the voucher at the time of their appointment. The provider can redeem the voucher by sending it to the Wisconsin Farm Center. Participating providers must have a signed Provider Agreement on file at the Wisconsin Farm Center in order to be reimbursed. Farmers can also approach providers on their own to see if they would be willing to participate in the program.

The Wisconsin Sowing the Seeds of Hope Counseling Program encourages agencies and offices that have contact with distressed farm families to offer the availability of this service.

Practitioners/Agencies will be reimbursed at a rate of \$75 per session. Farmers will not be expected to pay any remaining balance of the agency's standard fee. Each voucher presented by the client can be converted to one hour of counseling services. State certified counseling agencies wishing to participate as a provider of mental health services in this program can obtain a Provider Agreement from:

Wisconsin Farm Center
Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection
PO Box 8911
Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8911
Phone (800) 942-2474

Wisconsin Farm Center and mental/behavioral health counseling services shall be confidential.

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