



Promise Improves Employment Outcomes

1,012 youth are participating in Promise.

Program Outcomes

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YOUTH

Employment

17 (2%) worked
18 jobs before enrollment.

555 (55%) worked
1,033 jobs after enrollment.

Earnings

\$92 median weekly before enrollment.

\$160 median weekly after enrollment.

Hours worked

13 hrs weekly before enrollment.

21 hrs weekly after enrollment.

Substantial Gainful Activity*

0 SGA before enrollment.

52 SGA after enrollment.

*SGA = \$1,180/month.

FAMILIES

Employment

306 members worked 320 jobs before enrollment.

618 members worked 815 jobs after enrollment.

Family members earning over \$25,000/year increased from 98 at enrollment to 165.



Social Services and Employment Outcomes

Benefits Counseling

Since meeting with a benefits specialist:

Youth had 2.9 times as many jobs.

75% of 512 Participants who met with a benefits specialist have worked since enrollment.

34% of 498 Participants who have not met with a benefits specialist have worked.

Youth earning SGA

78% met with a benefits specialist.

22% have not met with a benefits specialist.

Financial Coaching

Since meeting with a benefits financial coach:

Youth had 2.9 times the total weekly earnings.

76% Youth who met with a financial coach have worked since enrollment.

33% Youth who have not met with a financial coach have worked since enrollment.

Youth earning SGA

78% met with a financial coach.

22% have not met with a financial coach.

Youth that met with a financial coach had almost three times (2.9) as many jobs as youth who haven't met with a financial coach.

Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)

Of the 312 youth with an IDA account: **85%** worked since enrollment as compared to:

41% of the 698 youth who worked but do not have an IDA account.

44% of youth with an IDA account are actively working compared to only **18%** of youth actively working who do not have an IDA account.

Family Advocacy

73% of the 395 youth who met with a family advocate have worked.

42% of the 558 youth who have not met with a family advocate have worked.

Youth that met with a family advocate had twice the amount of jobs since enrollment as youth who haven't met with a family advocate.

76% of youth earning SGA met with a family advocate.

24% of youth earning SGA have not met with a family advocate.

Work Social Skills (Skills to Pay the Bills)

81%
of 400 who
completed training
have worked since enrollment.



38%
of 610 who have not completed
training have worked since
enrollment.

Self-Advocacy

77%
of 409 who completed
training have worked
since enrollment.



40% of 601 who have not
completed training have
worked since enrollment.

Youth that completed self-
advocacy training are 37%
more likely to have at least 1
job since enrollment than those
who did not complete the
self-advocacy training.

Collaboration with Schools



64% of 610 who have a school
person on their Resource Team
have worked since enrollment.

41% of 400 who don't have a
school person on their Resource
Team have worked since
enrollment.

Youth that have a school person
on their Resource team had
2.4 as many jobs as youth who
don't have a school person on
their Resource team.



Promise Enrollment

Since 2015, Wisconsin Promise has
enrolled 2,024 youth ages 14-16
who receive Supplemental Security
Income (SSI) and their families:

1,006

randomly assigned to receive services as
usual.

1,018

randomly assigned to receive access to
Wisconsin Promise Services.



Wisconsin Promise Services:

For both youth and their families.



Provided by the Wisconsin Division of
Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) in
collaboration with schools, mental health
programs, long-term care programs, and
child welfare programs working together
to support youth and families.



Services include: career exploration
and planning, job development and
placement, on-the-job supports, Work
Incentives Benefits Counseling (how to
increase overall income through work)
and self/family advocacy training.

Services are available for at least 2.5
years to both youth and their families.

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