Program Outcomes

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Promise Improves Employment Outcomes

1,012 youth are participating in Promise.

**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.

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

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**Employment**

- **306** members worked 320 jobs before enrollment.
- **618** members worked 815 jobs after enrollment.

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**Benefits Counseling**

Since meeting with a benefits specialist:

- **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 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.

**Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)**

- **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.

**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.

- **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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