



{ Promoting the Readiness Of Minors
In Supplemental Security Income }

**608 family members and
523 Wisconsin PROMISE
youth already have had
paid work.***

*1,018 youth and families receive PROMISE supports

Since enrolling in PROMISE, 507 PROMISE youth started at least one new job; and 306 Wisconsin PROMISE family members started at least one new job.

474 474 PROMISE Families met with a Financial Coach	251 251 PROMISE Youth have savings accounts	483 483 met with Work Incentives Benefits Specialists
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- 47%**
34% 47% of PROMISE families have at least one working family member, and of those working, 34% have incomes over \$25,000.
- 791** Family Members: 791 total jobs; 562 active jobs with an average of 30 hours per week at an average of \$12.36/hr
- 918** Youth: 918 total jobs; 234 active jobs with an average 19 hours per week at an average of \$8.81/hr

Some PROMISE families and youth have already worked their way completely off benefits.

Note: Numbers updated as of 3/25/18.

Since 2014, 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 family
- Provided by Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- Collaboration: DVR, schools, mental health programs, long term care programs, and child welfare programs work 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 one can work and increase their overall income and continue access to needed health insurance), financial training and coaching, social skills training, and self- and family- advocacy training
- Services are available for at least 2.5 years to both the youth and their family



More information about Wisconsin PROMISE - <http://PROMISEwi.com>



Initial PROMISE Findings:

A foundation of wraparound supports for a family, including Medicaid healthcare, is essential to helping an SSI recipient youth and their family move off of public benefits and break the cycle of poverty.

PROMISE families are starting to work and earn more, leading to less reliance on SSI payments for income. For some families who are no longer dependent on SSI for Medicaid eligibility, Katie Beckett may be an option for them to access healthcare for their child. The Katie Beckett Program is a special eligibility process that allows certain children with long-term disabilities, mental illness, or complex medical needs, living at home with their families, to obtain a [Wisconsin ForwardHealth Medicaid card](#). Families can also explore other options with a Work Incentives Benefits Specialist.

FoodShare benefits can be common for PROMISE families. Since PROMISE enrollment, project participants have decreased FoodShare use at a faster rate (\$39,316 decrease in benefits compared to \$17,520 decrease in benefits over 21 months.)

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