



Wisconsin Promise Services

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 included:

- Career exploration and planning
- Job development and placement
- Financial Coaching
- On-the-job supports
- Work Incentives Benefits Counseling (how to increase overall income through work and maintain access to needed supports including healthcare)
- Self/family advocacy training

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



Promise Enrollment

Between 2014 and 2016, Wisconsin Promise enrolled 2,024 youth ages 14-16 who received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and their families:

1,006 youth
randomly assigned received
services as usual.

1,018 youth
randomly assigned received
access to Wisconsin Promise
Services.

Youth

1,011 youth participated in Promise

Youth Employment

17 (2%) of youth worked 18 jobs before enrollment.



681 (67%) of youth worked 1,092 jobs at or after enrollment.**

Hours Worked

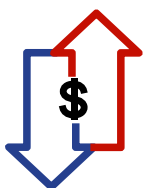
13 hrs weekly before enrollment.



22 hrs per week after enrollment.

Earnings

\$92 median weekly before enrollment.



\$150 median weekly after enrollment.

Substantial Gainful Activity*

Youth achieved **0** SGA before enrollment.



Youth achieved **53** SGA after enrollment.

*SGA = \$1,180/month in 2018.

Families Employment.....

306 family members worked

320 jobs before enrollment.

729 (68%) family members worked

828 jobs after enrollment.**

**Retrieved from UI wage data

Benefits Counseling



Since meeting with a benefits specialist:

Youth had 3 times (3.4) as many jobs

as youth who haven't met with a benefits specialist.

55% of 746 youth have not yet met with a benefits specialist have worked.

Youth Earning SGA

19% have not met with a benefits specialist.



Since meeting with a benefits specialist at least once:

Youth had 3 times (3.3) the total weekly earning amount

as youth who haven't met with a benefits specialist.

78% of 535 youth met with a benefits specialist have worked since enrollment.



Financial Coaching

Since meeting with a financial coach: **Youth had 5 times the total weekly earnings** as youth who haven't met with a financial coach.

52% of the 435 youth who have not met with a financial coach have worked since enrollment.



79% of the 576 youth who met with a financial coach have worked since enrollment.

Youth Earning SGA

13% of youth have not met with a financial coach.



87% of youth met with a financial coach.

Youth that met with a financial coach had almost **5 times as many jobs** as youth who haven't met with a financial coach.

Family Advocacy

62% of the 417 youth who have not met with a family advocate have worked.

71% of the 594 youth who met with a family advocate have worked.



Youth that met with a family advocate had **twice (2.4) the amount of jobs since enrollment** as youth who haven't met with a family advocate.

Youth that met with a family advocate at least once had **twice (2.4) the weekly earning amount** as youth who haven't met with a family advocate.

Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)

Of the **377 youth with an IDA account 83% worked** since enrollment as compared to 58% of the 634 youth who worked but do not have an IDA account.

18% of youth who did not have an IDA account were actively working.

42% of youth with an IDA account are actively working.

Youth Earning SGA

25% of youth did not participate in a Savings Account.



75% of youth participated in a Savings Account.



77% of the 422 youth with families who completed the family advocacy training who had a job while enrolled in Promise.



Self-Advocacy

57% of 535 youth who have not completed training have worked since enrollment.

79% of 476 youth who completed training have worked since enrollment.

Youth that completed self-advocacy training are **40% more likely to have at least 1 job since enrollment** than those who did not complete the self-advocacy training.

Youth that completed self-advocacy training are **18% more likely to have active employment** compared to youth who did not complete the self-advocacy training.

Collaboration with Schools



63% of 397 youth who didn't have a school person on their Resource Team have worked since enrollment.

70% of 614 youth who had a school person on their Resource Team have worked since enrollment.

Youth that had a school person on their Resource Team had **2.5 as many jobs** as youth who didn't have a school person on their Resource Team.



DVR Employment Services and Outcomes ...

For the most part, youth who used DVR employment services had overwhelming more jobs, as well as a higher percentage of youth worked since enrollment and are actively working compared to youth who didn't utilize employment services.

