PROMISE
(Promoting the Readiness Of Minors In Supplemental Security Income)

Model Demonstration projects
FY2013-2018
What Is PROMISE?

● Demonstration grant to improve the **education** and **career outcomes** of low income children with disabilities receiving SSI
  ○ *advances goal of fostering interagency collaboration at the Federal and State levels to improve services and drive innovation*

● $32.5 million grant for 5 year demonstration

● **PROMISE is a federal and state partnership**
Wisconsin State Partners: and workgroup members... And the list goes on....
Demonstration Grant

- **Wisconsin Promise** Enrolled 2,024 14, 15, and 16 year olds receiving 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.

- More information about Wisconsin Promise
  - [http://promisewi.com/](http://promisewi.com/)
• Wisconsin Promise Services:
  • 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

• Collaboration
  • Statewide: Executive and Steering Committees
  • Local: Youth/Family Resource Teams

• More information about Wisconsin Promise: promisewi.com
Wisconsin Promise: Connecting to Services via Engagement

• Engaging youth/families at least every 30 days; at least 2.5 years
• Meet youth/families where they are at, Individualized Services and Supports
• Increasing family engagement through
  o Trauma Informed Care
  o Rapid Engagement
  o Motivational Interviewing
• Requirements to engage with everyone enrolled (and by everyone we mean everyone)
  o No way to get “kicked” out of Wisconsin Promise

• FOCUS ON EMPLOYMENT
Wisconsin Promise Dashboard Service Summary:

- 95% With Promise DVR activity or contact within the last 30 days
- 80% with at least one face to face meeting
- 816 Individual Plans for Employment (IPE) Written
- 780 Family Resource Teams Identified
- 246 Family Services Plans; 65 family members with own DVR case
- 276 Wisconsin Promise youth and 451 family members already have/had paid work.
  - Youth: 398 total jobs; 134 current jobs average 17 hours per week at an average of $8.29/hr
  - Family members: 542 total jobs; 422 current jobs average 31 hours per week at an average of $11.38/hr
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