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## Wisconsin Promise

Wisconsin is one of six sites participating in the US Department of Education's demonstration of a promising path to success for youth receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI). **Wisconsin Promise will help youth and their families meet their school and work goals in order to better their income and financial stability reducing poverty.**

Wisconsin Promise will enroll 2,000 youth (between the ages of 14-16) receiving SSI and their families. Families who participate in the study will receive \$30 in gift cards. A computer program will assign participants to one of two groups based on chance, like a lottery.

- o **Program Group:** 1,000 youth and their families will be randomly assigned to the “program group,” enrolled in Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) services, and offered a variety of activities including **exploring career and education opportunities, help finding a job that matches their interests and abilities, help achieving education goals, and counseling on benefits and personal finances.** Youth and their families in the program group will receive a computer tablet (a choice between two options) and data plan. Supports and services will also be available to family members.
- o **Usual Services Group:** 1,000 youth and their families will be in the “usual services group” and continue to access the typically available services and supports. They will not receive any extra benefits.

Eligible youth and families will receive letters notifying of grant eligibility and enrollment information. Wisconsin Promise Intake Coordinators (PICs) located around the state will be available to assist youth and families with the enrollment process.

The **PROMISE** initiative is intended to improve services for youth SSI recipients and their families. Services provided through Promise can help youth participants achieve better education and career outcomes, including:

- graduating from high school college and career ready
- completing postsecondary education and job training, and
- obtaining competitive employment in an integrated setting.

As a result, youth participants can achieve their goals and move toward a stronger financial future.

## Enrollment

Youth age 14 to 16 who are SSI recipients are encouraged to participate.

Youth and their parents or guardians may complete the enrollment materials at home by downloading them from the Wisconsin Promise website or in person at a Promise office or community event.

Online Enrollment Materials: [www.promisewi.com/enroll](http://www.promisewi.com/enroll)

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the enrollment materials, contact us:  
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## Working with Schools

Promise case management will be led by a DVR case manager and activities related to Promise will take place outside of the school setting. Schools are encouraged to assist in sharing information about Promise with students and families. General information can be found at [www.promisewi.com](http://www.promisewi.com).

\*It is important to note that schools will not be notified if a student is eligible to participate in Promise enrolls in Promise or of their assigned group. If the student is assigned to the 'program group,' the student/family will be encouraged to notify the school. Parent/Guardian will be required to sign a written release of information with both DVR and the school so that school staff can collaborate with the student's Promise support team. Teachers and other appropriate school staff are encouraged to participate in their student's Promise support team meetings whenever applicable.

For questions related to school district involvement with Promise, please feel free to contact:

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**Enrollment is now open.**  
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