



# Wisconsin Promising Practices & Resources

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what we learned...

# Wisconsin Promise

Enrolled 2,024 youth ages 14, 15, and 16 receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and their families

- Half received services as usual
- Half received Wisconsin Promise Services through **DVR** with interagency Resource Teams for at least 2.5 years



# Wisconsin Promise Services

- Employment Services (at least one paid job)
- Work Incentives Benefits Counseling
- Financial Coaching
- On the Job Social Skills – Workplace Readiness Training
- Family and self-advocacy training
- Health Promotion



# Interagency Resource Teams

Included collaboration between:

- Youth
- Family
- DVR
- School
- long term care
- mental health
- foster care
- juvenile justice, etc.
- community service providers
- Independent Living Centers



# Additional Services and Supports

The types of services offered evolved to meet the needs of youth and families

- Trauma Informed Practice
- Motivational Interviewing Strategies
- Customized Employment
- Connecting to Community Resources
- Communication – post cards and text messages
- Training – how to best provide training (theory vs. hands on/practical instruction)

**Goal:** Meeting youth/family where they are at



# Employment Outcomes



## Percent employed during the PROMISE service period:

April 2014 to September 2018

- Youth Receiving Promise Services (Treatment Group) - **67%**
- Youth Receiving Usual Services (Control Group) - **57%**
- Youth Receiving Usual Services with no DVR case (Control Group) - **51%**

## Percent enrolled in Long Term Care (LTC) 2 Years after PROMISE Enrollment

- Youth Receiving Promise Services (Treatment): 74/141 = **52%**
- Youth Receiving Usual Services (Control): 38/114 = **33%**



# The Resources what we learned...





[BeforeAge18.org](http://BeforeAge18.org)



Get ready to consider choices, explore the possibilities, and take action now to prepare for age 18 and becoming an adult!

# Topics to Explore

- Action Steps for Teens and Families
- Benefits and Working
- Community Involvement
- Education
- Employment
- Health
- Self-Advocacy
- Rights and Responsibilities





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a website for professionals working to improve employment outcomes for people with disabilities.

# Topics



- Promising Practices
- Strategies
- Tools and Resources



Thank you!

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