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

• Promising Practices
• Strategies
• Tools and Resources

Promising-Practices.com
Thank you!

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