

Promise Newsletter December 2015

Enroll in Wisconsin Promise Today!

Enrollment is limited and ends April 30th, 2016. Find out how: Call 1-855-480-5618 or visit www.promisewi.com/enroll

Our Gift To YOU!

Families who participate will receive \$30 in gift cards and participants have a 50% chance to receive a computer tablet and additional services.

If you're a parent of a child who is 14, 15 or 16 and receives SSI benefits, Wisconsin Promise is a FREE program that can help your child and your family gain more independence and financial stability. [Share the Promise Holiday Postcard with Someone You know!](#)

Youth and Family Members Work Stories

Read stories from Wisconsin Promise youth and their families across Wisconsin. Promise Counselors meet with families where they're located. They talk to the youth and their families about what they want to do and how they want to get there, and then partner with them to help reach their goals. [Read their stories.](#)

Promise Presentation at the 2015 Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) Conference

In November Wisconsin Promise co-presented a poster with ASPIRE, Maryland Promise, and New York Promise at the 2015 Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) Conference in Portland, Oregon. The poster illustrates Wisconsin Promise demographics, its connection with WIOA, and unique findings. You can download a copy of the poster [here](#).

Dr. Ellie Hartman, Wisconsin Promise Grant Manager, and Dr. Audrey Trainor, New York University, also presented on how Wisconsin Promise DVR Counselors are using Motivational Interviewing to engage youth and families in Wisconsin Promise. Visit [Wisconsin Promise's website](#) to learn more about motivational interviewing and how Promise uses it to help youth and their families identify school and work goals, and the path to achieving those goals.

Save the DATE!

Participate in a conversation about how your community can increase employment for youth who face barriers because of disability, lack of job experience, and other challenges. Attend one of the upcoming January Promise Community Conversations in Lacrosse (January 12) and Racine (January 14)! Learn [more](#)...

Self-Advocacy Training

Contact your [Promise DVR Counselor](#) to participate in this self-guided, online training. You'll learn how to:

- Use disability-related terminology
- Self-assess disability and accommodation needs
- Identify possible careers of interest
- Understand laws and legal rights
- Set goals for the short-term and long-term
- Plan for education

Discover your potential with Wisconsin Promise!

Financial Independence

Wisconsin Promise can help youth ages 14-16 who receive SSI develop the skills and knowledge needed to achieve financial independence.

[Watch here.](#)

Meet the Promise Recruiters

"I believe Wisconsin Promise has the potential to be a life-changing experience for youth and their families."

Jennifer Gundlach Klatt is a Promise recruiter working out of Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute in Menomonie, Wisconsin. She also makes sure we all stay connected and learn about current happenings with Promise Wisconsin through all the Promise social media outlets. Send her a text @ 715-308-2660 and she will help get you signed up. To connect directly with a recruiter, call 1-855-480-5618 or [send an email](#).

Meet the Promise DVR Counselors

"...unconditional positive regard, hope and respect are paramount to helping clients be successful."

Annie Mesich obtained her Masters in Rehabilitation Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2004. Her first job in the field was a Limited Term Employee with DVR in 2005. Annie has now been with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for 10 years and holds a professional counselor license. Annie is really excited about the opportunity to work with the PROMISE program and to serve transitioning youth and their families. Annie believes that unconditional positive regard, hope and respect are paramount to helping her clients be successful.

To meet more Promise DVR Counselors, visit <https://promisewi.com/counselors/>

Partner with Promise

Promise helps teens and families achieve their goals and move forward with a stronger financial future. We are partnering with state agencies, legislators, schools, community organizations, and individuals to help get the word out about Promise. Learn the variety of ways you can help us share information about Promise with youth and families.

[Spread the word](#)

Community Events

Wisconsin Promise had a presence at these November events.

November 2 - MATC Looking Forward

November 3 - Your Child Can Work

November 9 - Your Child Can Work: Employability and College Readiness

November 10-11 - Children Come First - 26th Annual Conference

November 10-11 - Self Determination Conference

November 13 - Care Integration Summit

November 16-17 - Special Education Technology Conference

November 21 - Promise Wisconsin Community Event in Milwaukee, WI

PROMISE Intake Coordinators (PIC) Update

As of November 23rd, **751** youth and families have worked with a Promise Intake Coordinator (PIC) to navigate the enrollment process or receive their gift cards. If you know of a family who would like to work with a Promise Intake Coordinator to complete enrollment, please have them call Erin at 855-480-5618.

Don't forget: Erin can work with families over the phone to complete the intake form and help facilitate the enrollment process. Encourage parents with eligible children to take advantage of this new option and call today!

Need Promise Promotional Items for an Upcoming Event?

We have a variety of items promoting Promise including pens, pads, decals, lip balm, pencils, highlighters, etc. which you can now order online. Although we can't guarantee requests for specific items, we'll do our best to accommodate you! Order Promise promotional items for your next event online at <http://promisewi.com/materials/>.

Include Us in Your Newsletter!

Do you connect with youth and their families through a newsletter, or know of an agency that does? Let us know if you'd like information about Promise to include in your newsletter - we'll gladly provide a brief article and graphics. Simply contact us at <http://promisewi.com/contact/> or 1-855-480-5618.

Testimonial

"I think Wisconsin Promise will help my son become a productive member of society, feel good about himself, and set goals and fulfill them."

Enrollment Update

Program	Usual Services	Total	%of target achieved
678	688	1366	68%

Calendar of Events

[Click Here for Calendar](#)

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