



# Wisconsin Promise Grant Funded Services End in September 2018

## What does that mean for you?

You can continue services with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)!

- Your Promise Counselor will help you.
- You still get to work with DVR on your employment goals.
- You get to have a more active role in reaching your goals and finding a job.

**DVR is all about employment.** If you want to work, DVR wants to help you! Here are some ways you can do your part to be successful:

- 1 Keep in touch >>** Contact your DVR counselor at least once a month to help keep on track with your employment plan.
- 2 Speak up >>** Share your interests, skills, strengths, challenges, and concerns so your DVR counselor can help you.
- 3 Do your part >>** You and your DVR counselor will talk about responsibilities, things you will do to help reach your employment goals. Follow through on the responsibilities you and your DVR counselor agree to.
- 4 Keep your appointments >>** Can't make an appointment? That happens. Just be sure to contact DVR to let them know you can't make it.

**Wondering what DVR can help you with?** Check out some of the services DVR can provide:

**Career Guidance and Counseling >>** Find your job path(s) with us.

**Job Search and Placement Assistance >>** Find a job you want.

**Supported and Customized Employment Services >>** Find the perfect job fit with the supports you need.

**Vocational and Post-Secondary Training and Education >>** Training you need to get a job.

**Transportation Planning and Supports >>** Develop a plan to get to a job.

**Post-employment services >>** Keep your job.



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# Frequently Asked Questions

- **When does Wisconsin Promise end?** Wisconsin Promise ends in September 2018, but you can continue services with DVR.
- **Will I need to reapply for DVR services?** No.
- **Who will help me in the transition?** Your Promise Counselor will introduce you to your new DVR Counselor. Your Promise Counselor will make sure you and your new DVR Counselor work together on your plan for employment. (Please note: Your Promise Counselor *may* continue to work with you as your DVR Counselor.)
- **Who do I talk to if I have questions or concerns?** Talk to your Promise Counselor or new DVR Counselor about your questions and concerns. If you cannot reach your new DVR Counselor:
  - Contact your local DVR office <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/locations/>
  - Call the Promise Toll Free Number: 1-855-480-5618
  - Call the DVR Toll Free Number: 800-442-3477
- **What do I do if I, or other people in my family, still have needs that Promise was helping with?** Before Promise is over, please talk to your Promise Counselor and Promise Family Advocate about how to connect to needed services. Your Promise Counselor will also give you a resource guide you can use.
- **What is the difference between Wisconsin Promise and DVR services?**
  - Both Wisconsin Promise and DVR help people with disabilities find a job and keep a job.
  - Wisconsin Promise is a time-limited project (10/1/13 to 9/30/18). DVR is ongoing and continues until you reach your employment goal in your Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).
  - Wisconsin Promise youth have been receiving both Promise and DVR services.



## Differences between Wisconsin Promise and DVR Services

### Promise Services

**Temporary Program >>** Ends September 30, 2018.

**Enrollment >>** You enrolled between the age of 14-16 years old.

**Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) >>** You worked with your Promise Counselor to write a job goal and plan to reach this goal, or an IPE.

**Family Members >>** Can also get help from Promise to reach career goals.

**Counselors >>** Promise Counselors reach out to you at least once a month no matter what.

**Services >>** Include all DVR services *plus*:

- family advocacy training
- financial coaching with matched savings accounts
- health literacy training

### DVR Services

**State of Wisconsin Program >>** Services continues until you reach your employment goal in your Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).

**Enrollment >>** You enrolled in DVR when you enrolled in Wisconsin Promise.

**Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) >>** You can continue the IPE you wrote with your Promise Counselor and update it as needed.

**Family Members >>** Can receive DVR services if they have a disability, apply for services, and are found eligible.

**Counselors >>** DVR Counselors will ask you to take the lead on contacting them:

- follow through on things you agree to do
- contact them regularly
- ask for help when you need it
- let them know the best way to reach you
- let them know when your contact information changes

**Services >>** may include:

- career guidance and counseling
- vocational and post-secondary training and education
- assistive technologies
- transportation planning and support
- job search and placement assistance
- supported and customized employment services
- benefits counseling based on your individual needs
- self-advocacy and job social skills training