

PROMISE INITIATIVE: Early Findings

PURPOSE Improve education and employment outcomes of youth and families, increased self sufficiency of youth and family, resulting in less dependency on public benefits

RESEARCH DESIGN Youth ages 14 to 16, receiving SSI (Supplemental Security Income)
Randomly assigned to treatment or control group | Target enrollment 2,000 per initiative

KEY INTERVENTIONS Benefits Counseling, Parent Education, Financial Literacy, Case Management, Self Determination, Employment - including paid work, and exploration opportunities

MARYLAND

Enrolled Youth: 1,521

Male 67%
Female 33%

Living Situation

Urban 37%

Disability Prevalence

Learning Disabilities
Mental Health

Year 2 Targets

	Targeted	Reported
Family Plans	90%	90%
Positive Personal Profile	50%	57%
Individual Job Development Plan	50%	55%
Referred to Benefits Counseling	-	66%
Receiving Financial Education upon request	-	100%
Paid Employment	20%	27%



Maryland PROMISE collaborated with Maryland Departments of Education and Vocational Rehabilitation to establish a systemic process for identifying, referring and "staffing" in-school youth so they gain the per employment training services and leave school with at least one paid work experience.



Trauma training and learning how to establish healthy boundaries has become a necessity for Maryland PROMISE as many of our participating families are dealing with violent situations at a higher rate than expected (e.g., Baltimore City riots).

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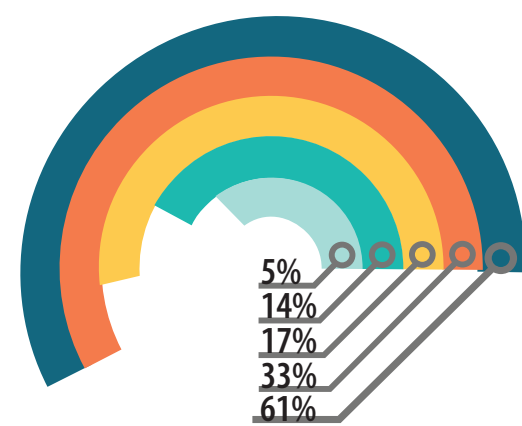
Arizona, Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota & Utah

Enrolled Youth: 1,205

includes urban, rural, frontier & tribal areas

Male 65%
Female 35%

Youth Employed
44 of 599 or 7.3
(Goal 30%)



Race and ethnicity are representative of the general population of the states. Less than 1% of youth report as 'dropped out'



All youth are encouraged to apply to Vocational Rehabilitation and access services at the labor/workforce agency. Some VR agencies using ASPIRE youth as pilot for PETS (Pre Employment Transition Services)

ASPIRE staff connect at each youth's school, participating in IEP, 504 and other planning meetings.



Youth and families report that they are not connected to available state or community resources. Monthly in-person meetings allow ASPIRE staff to provide direct services, as well as inform the youth/families of services to meet their needs and expand opportunities for education and employment.

ASPIRE

WISCONSIN

Enrolled Youth: 1,235

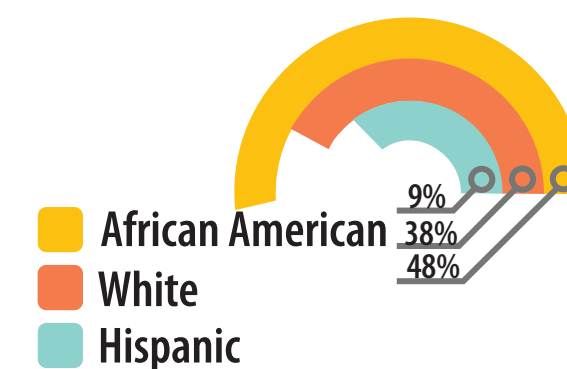
Female 33%
Male 67%

Living Situation

Urban Milwaukee 41%
Urban Racine, Kenosha 11%

Disability Prevalence

Developmental 32%
Mental Health 35%
Other 20%



Employment During Grant

Youth 84 of 612
17 Hours a week average
\$8.63 per hour average
Families 163
32 Hours a week average
\$11.68 per hour average



Wisconsin Promise Services are coordinated through a Wisconsin Promise Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Counselor. Wisconsin DVR is using Wisconsin Promise as a model for WIOA implementation in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Promise has found many youth disengaged with schools due to truancy, suspensions, expulsions, limited time IEPs, families disengaged from the youth's IEP, youth have small number of credits in high school. Wisconsin Promise has used Promise collaboration/partnerships and Motivational Interviewing to help increase youth involvement in schools.



Youth/families are not connected to available services and supports. Wisconsin Promise has been able to engage youth/families through active recruitment strategies, not giving up on families (no way to get "kicked" out), meeting families where they are at, connect with all families at least once every 30 days, and by using trauma informed care, active engagement, and motivational interviewing.

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