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**Innovation, Collaboration
and Independence**

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Department of Workforce Development  Wisconsin
Department of Health Services  WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  WISCONSIN
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

What Is PROMISE?

- Program to improve the education and career outcomes of low income children with disabilities receiving SSI
 - advances goal of fostering interagency collaboration at the Federal and State levels to improve services and drive innovation
- \$32.5 million grant for 5 year demonstration





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The Problem

A significant number of child SSI recipients do not become independent, self-sufficient tax paying members of the community.

Parents and families of many SSI recipients are not self-sufficient & face many problems:



- Low educational attainment and employment rates
- Low postsecondary and/or vocational rehabilitation enrollment rates



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The Collaboration



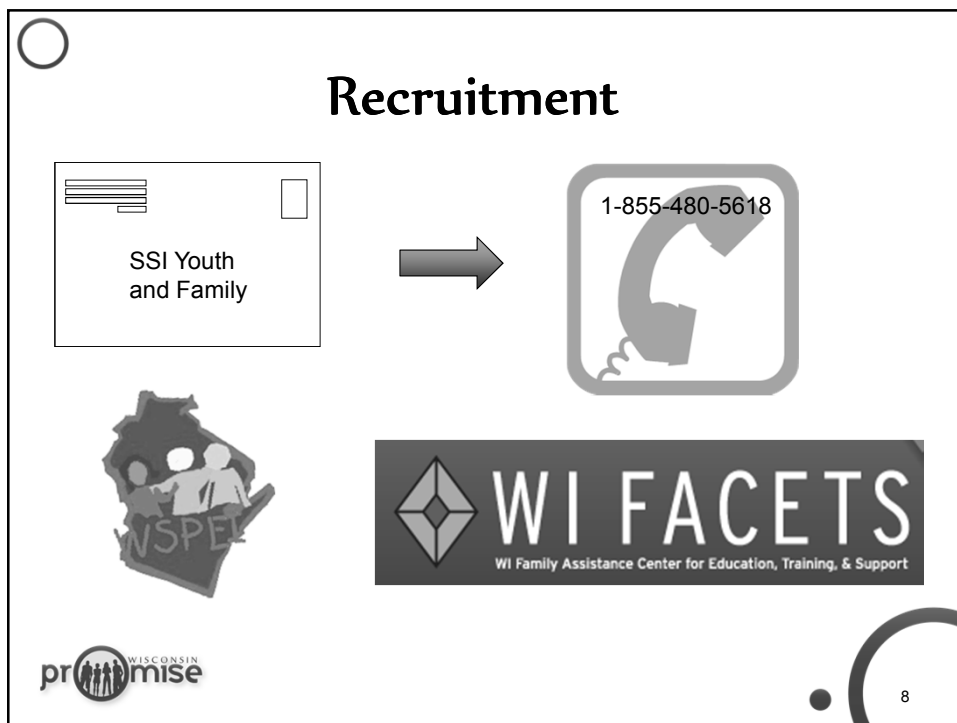
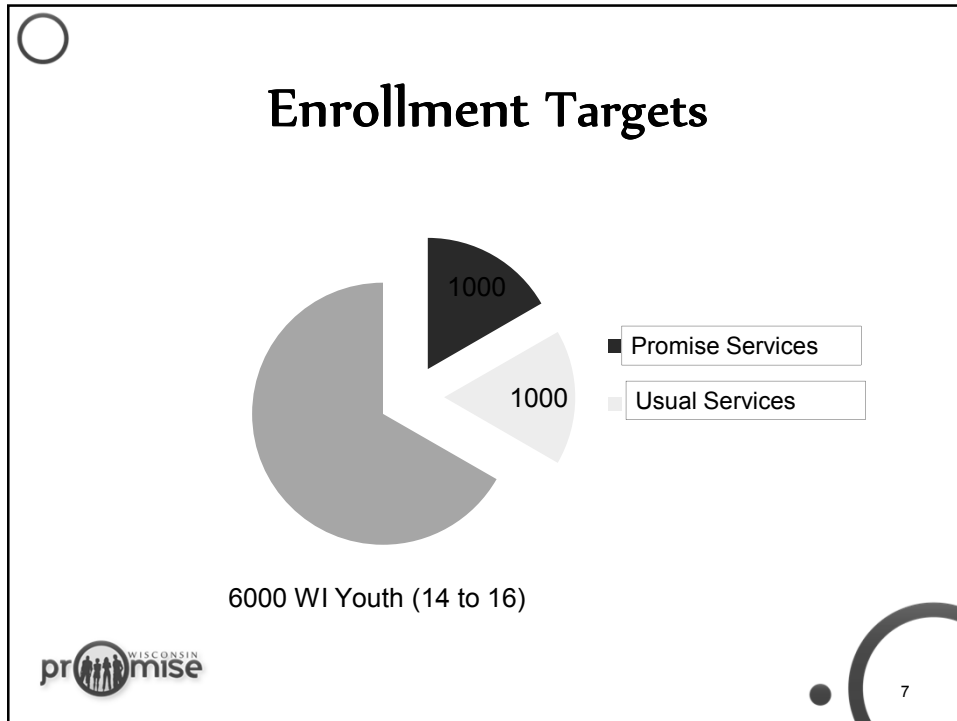
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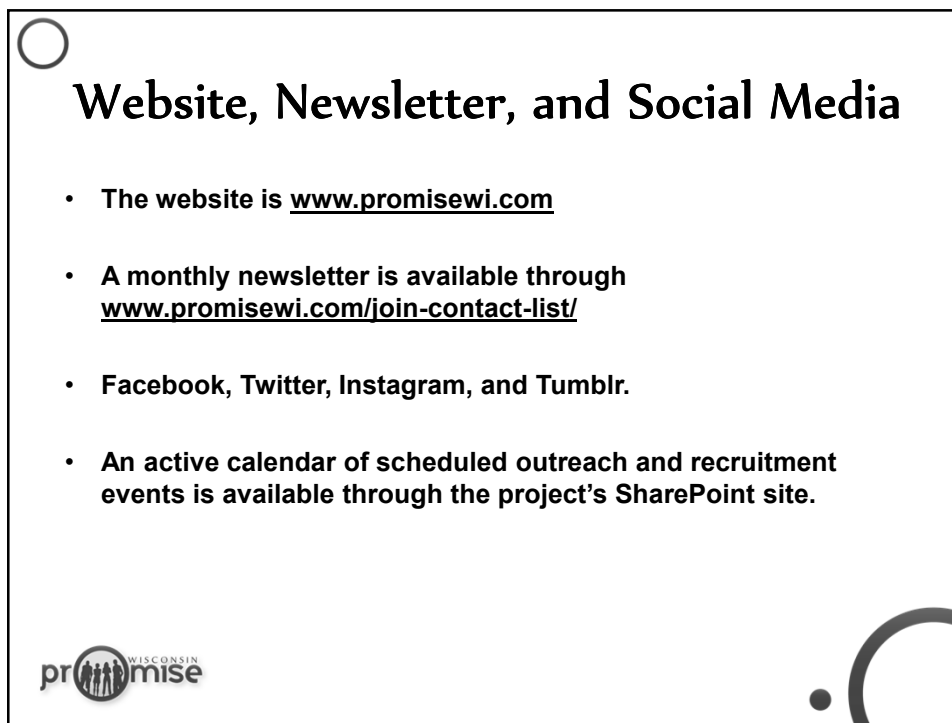
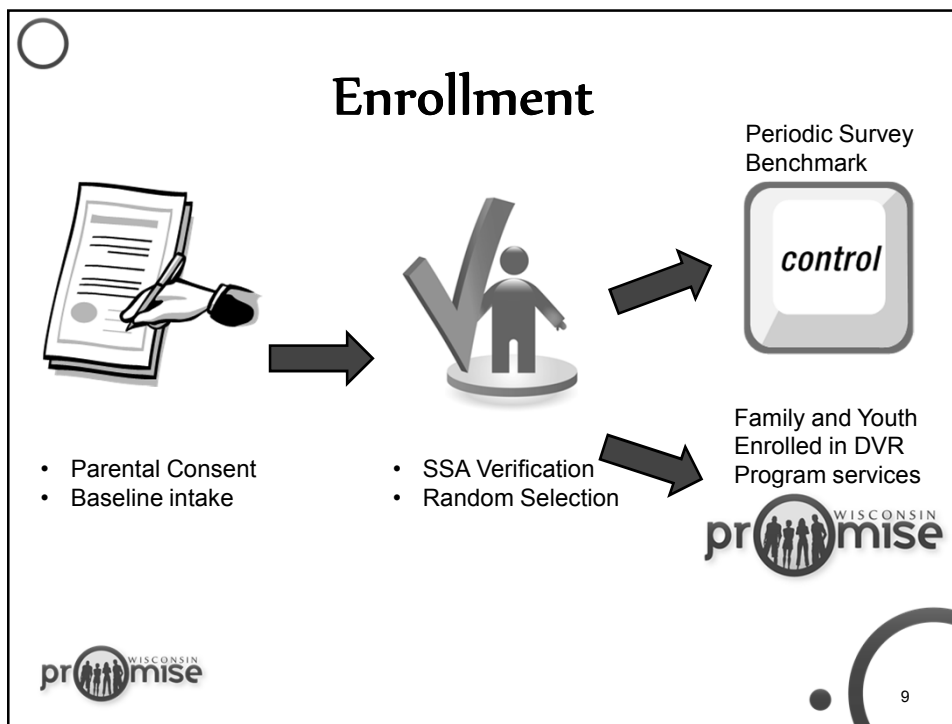
The collage includes logos for: University of Wisconsin Stout, Wisconsin CESA, FamilyVoices of Wisconsin, Wisconsin DWD (Department of Workforce Development), Wisconsin BPDD, Waisman Center, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, WWDA (Wisconsin Workforce Development Association), University of Wisconsin Law School, and Whitewater Center for Students with Disabilities. There is also a '25 YEARS' anniversary logo.

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Recruitment and Enrollment
Of 2,000 Youth

The slide features the text 'Recruitment and Enrollment Of 2,000 Youth' in a large, bold font. At the bottom left is the 'promise' logo, which includes the word 'promise' and a circular icon with silhouettes of people. A large decorative circle is on the right side.





Grant Population Targets


Region	Population %
Racine, Kenosha & Walworth Counties	10.1%
Milwaukee Co	41.7%
Waukesha, Ozaukee & Washington Counties	2.7%
Fox Valley	6.8%
Green Bay & NE WI	8.5%
Wausau & NC WI	4.4%
Superior & NW WI	1.5%
Eau Claire & West Central WI	4.5%
LaCrosse & Western WI	3.5 %
Madison & SC WI	9.5%
Janesville, Beloit & SW WI	5%



Enrollment as of September 18, 2014

WDA	Promise Services	Usual Services	Total
1 - Southeast	21	26	46
2 - Milwaukee	72	58	130
3 - WOW	6	1	7
4 - Fox Valley	13	22	35
5 - Bay Area	19	20	39
6 - North Central	1	3	4
7 - Northwest	2	2	4
8 - West Central	7	6	13
9 - Western	4	3	7
10 - South Central	21	31	52
11 - Southwest	7	7	14
Total	173	178	351








Reasons for Enrollment

(Reported by Promise DVR Counselors)

- Youth think Promise is a really good thing
- Parents have said they don't want kids or themselves to rely on SSI
- One youth said he/she wants to get a job and needs help
- Dad happy to have a resource (youth does not have IEP or 504)
- iPad
- Youth wants to be in a leadership position in his/her future career
- Parent couldn't believe this was available to the family
- Looking forward for help with navigating different benefit systems and programs
- Something available for this age cohort (most transition services are for older youth)









Wisconsin Promise Services


Collaboration Across Agencies and Programs





Promise Collaboration: Resource Team


- Every youth enrolled in PROMISE will have a Resource Team comprised of at minimum: the youth, their family members, their PROMISE Coordinator (special DVR Counselor), and someone from their school.
- Youth and families will help to identify important team members to help support them in their educational and career planning.
- Youth involved in long-term care or mental health programs will likely include their case managers on the team. Work Incentives Benefits Specialists will also likely be team members.
- Team members do not need to be paid or professionals and can be part of formal or informal supports.
- Teams may have joint meetings or may communicate through other venues to align all plans and respective activities in support of the youth's goals.




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17 Promise DVR Counselors and 5 Case Coordinators

Youth Individual Plan for Employment (IPE) & Family Services Plan



Required		Sample of Additional Optional Resources Available
Local	Promise Coordinated Statewide	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid Engagement Alliance • At Least Monthly Contact • Resource Team • Paid Integrated Work Experiences • Educational Attainment • Participation in Savings Account Activity • Health Literacy Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Incentives Benefits Counseling (ERI) • Financial Capability Building (Make Your Money Talk) (WWBIC) • Financial Coaching (WWBIC) • Parent Training (aimed to improve Parental expectations, knowledge, and their participation in the transition process) (BPDD) • Community Conversations (BPDD) • Social Skills Training (Skills to Pay the Bills) (SVRI) • Youth and Family Learning Communities (SVRI) • Case Manager Learning Community • Self-Advocacy (Online Modules) (UW-Madison) • Computer Tablets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivational Interviewing • Trauma Informed Care • Drop Out Prevention • Family Career Supports (e.g. GED completion) • Skill Development • Literacy Training • Educational Liaisons to connect family members to a wide array of supports (e.g. financial aid, child care, transportation) • Connecting Families to Adult Training through Job Centers • Transportation • Independent Living • Accommodation Supports • Technology Supports • Business Service Consultants • Family Members with Disabilities become DVR Consumers





Wisconsin PROMISE Service Outcomes

- ✓ Lifelong wage earners
- ✓ Less reliance on public benefits
- ✓ Increased household income, including family members
- ✓ Higher educational attainment for youth and family

If 100 Wisconsin youth no longer use SSI cash benefits, those public savings will have funded the entire 5-year Wisconsin PROMISE grant.

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 - Learning communities for professionals and families
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