

Promise Newsletter January 2017

Thank You to All Participants Who Completed Their Promise Survey!

This survey was essential in telling us what Promise services will best help you and your family. We'll use this information to better serve you and others in the future.

[Find out how many gift cards where won.](#)

Ellie's Updates: Wisconsin Promise Participants

As more Promise kids and families take advantage of opportunities and access to Promise services, we're beginning to hear more feedback from participants whose lives are changing as a result. [Here are a couple more stories that we've received this month.](#)

[#PromiseWIStrories](#)

Discovering Ourselves

We make discoveries about ourselves throughout our lives... This is true during different periods of our lives, like college for example. We are constantly learning new things about ourselves. This is especially true when you are given more responsibility as a college student. Up until this point other people, our parents, grandparents, or other caretakers have been the ones guiding us. [Read More](#)

Promise for Parents and Family

Promise Youth Could Benefit from Section 301!

Promise for Parents and Family:)Promise Youth Could Benefit from Section 301! We're excited to share information about a little known work incentive that's becoming much more common in Wisconsin: Section 301. Social Security conducts medical reviews for everyone who receives a Social Security disability benefit. When someone loses their disability status during this process, they might be eligible for this work incentive. Could you be eligible? [Read More](#)

Promise for Teen Participants

Teens – Have You Made a New Year's Resolution?

Your Promise Counselor may be able to help you meet your goals for 2017. Contact your Counselor today to learn how Promise can help! <https://promisewi.com/counselor/>

Promise Family Advocates

As a Promise participant, you have access to a family advocate in your region of the state. Your family advocate will...

- Connect with you in your home or in your community to share information about the transition process and employment planning

- Assist you in navigating service systems as needed
- Strive to organize small, local learning communities to help you meet and share your experiences with other families

Family Advocate Services

Steering Committee Profile Members and Emails

Project Director

Meredith Dressel

meredith.dressel@dwd.wisconsin.gov

Project Manager

Ellie Hartman

ellie2hartman@dwd.wisconsin.gov

Members

Cayte Anderson

andersoncay@uwstout.edu

Suzan VanBeaver

suzan.vanbeaver@dpi.state.wi.us

Meredith Dressel

meredith.dressel@dwd.wisconsin.gov

Janet Estervig

janet.estervig@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Allison Gordon

allison.gordon@dwd.wisconsin.gov

Wendy Henderson

wendy.henderson@wisconsin.gov

Aimee Jahnke

aimee.jahnke@dwd.wisconsin.gov

Suzanne Lee

suzanne.lee@dwd.wisconsin.gov

Jessica Thompson

jessica.thompson@dhs.wisconsin.gov

The contents of this website were developed under a grant from the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Cooperative Agreement H418P130004. However, the contents do not necessarily represent the policy of the US Department of Education and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government.