

It Pays to Work!

Maryland PROMISE is looking for 2,000 Maryland youth between the ages 14 -16 receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits interested in enrolling in a program designed to improve their education and future career opportunities. Young people successfully enrolled in the program, as well as their families, will receive enhanced services and supports designed to help them meet their individual school and work goals, ultimately allowing them to become better off financially and achieve brighter futures. Maryland is one of six sites selected to participate in the U.S. Department of Education's PROMISE initiative.

Eligible youth and their families who wish to participate will be randomly assigned by a computer to one of two groups: 1) enhanced services group and 2) usual services group. Participants will receive two \$50 VISA gift cards, one for the youth and one for the family, as a thank you for participating in MD PROMISE. Gift cards will be mailed after the consent form is signed and returned by the youth and parent/guardian.

- 1,000 youth and their families will be randomly assigned to the enhanced services group and have the opportunity to work closely with a case manager and a family employment specialist to plan for employment and education services. These enhanced services and supports will help participants explore education and training opportunities, find a work experience or paid job of their choice, and access other community resources needed to reach their goals.
- 1,000 youth and their families will be randomly assigned to the usual service group. Participants in this group will be provided information about other community services. However, these services will not be delivered by the MD PROMISE team.

No matter what group youth are assigned their benefits will not be negatively impacted.

All eligible youth and families will be sent a letter to invite them to participate in MD PROMISE. A recruitment specialist will follow-up to answer questions and assist youth and families complete the enrollment process.

Enrollment is Open

Call: 888-232-8554

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To see if you are eligible

