

How to Enroll

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What Is Maryland PROMISE?

Maryland PROMISE (MD PROMISE) is a new state-wide program to assist children receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in transitioning successfully from school to adulthood.

MD PROMISE offers career-related services to help youth recipients achieve better outcomes, including graduating from high school ready for college and a career, completing post-secondary education and job training, and obtaining competitive employment in an integrated setting. Services also are offered to eligible family members.

Who Is Eligible?

Youth age 14 to 16 who are SSI recipients are eligible to participate in MD PROMISE.*

MD PROMISE is a research study which means youth who agree to participate will be selected at random to receive either MD PROMISE services or the services they usually receive from schools and other organizations. Youth who agree to participate have a **50/50 chance to receive services from MD PROMISE**. Those youth and their families who complete and return the signed consent and assent forms will receive two \$50 VISA gift cards – one for the youth and one for the family.

How Can I Help Enroll Someone?

If you know someone who might be eligible for PROMISE services there are couple of options to enroll them into services.

Contact the MD PROMISE Recruitment Team

You can contact the MD PROMISE at mdpromise@transcen.org or [888-232-8554](tel:888-232-8554) for additional information. The telephone is staffed from 9am to 6pm Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday.

Obtain a Copy of the Enrollment Packet

There are three ways you can obtain copies of the enrollment packet:

- 1) Download <http://mdpromise.org/how-to-join>
- 2) Call our toll-free number [888-232-8554](tel:888-232-8554)
- 3) Email mdpromise@transcen.org.

Complete the Enrollment Packet with Youth and Families

Once you obtain a copy of the enrollment packet you can assist the youth and family in completing the consent form (signed by a parent or legal guardian) and the assent form (signed by the youth). The completed forms can be mailed to:

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ATTN MD PROMISE Recruitment Manager
1600 Research Boulevard
Rockville MD 20850

Arrange an Onsite Visit

You can request a MD PROMISE Recruiter to visit the family and assist them to complete the forms in person. Call or email MD PROMISE to make this request and we will send someone in to your area.

Still Have Questions About MD PROMISE & Whether The Youth You Serve Are Eligible To Receive Services?

The MD PROMISE Team is available to come talk to you about this exciting new initiative and answer questions regarding the enrollment process. We also can determine eligibility of youth and families you may know. You may contact the MD PROMISE recruitment team by email mdpromise@transcen.org or toll-free phone at [888-232-8554](tel:888-232-8554). Our team will connect you with someone to come out to explain the study, share the necessary enrollment materials, and help you complete the forms.

Due to the need to protect the confidentiality of the youth, we are unable to provide you a list of eligible youth. Please encourage any youth that you serve to contact the MD PROMISE Team to determine their eligibility.

** NOTE: SSI is one type of cash benefit a person may receive from the Social Security Administration. It is different from Social Security child's benefits, which some dependent children may receive if they have a parent who receives Social Security Retirement or Disability benefits, or who is deceased. If you are unsure which type of benefit a child receives, it is best to refer him or her to the project. A team member can help determine which benefit the child receives*

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