



PROMISE TA Center Newsletter May 2018

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Dear Promise Grantees:

Below you will find the latest newsletter from the AUCD Promise TA Center. This newsletter highlights some resources that address how families can support the transition of youth with disabilities into successful employment opportunities. The resources in this newsletter and many more can be found at the [AUCD PROMISE TA Center](#). Please feel free to send us feedback or requests for specific information and assistance. And, of course, from all of us at the Promise TA Center, have a wonderful day.

## **Ellie's Updates: Wisconsin Promise Participants**

Wisconsin PROMISE's own Ellie Hartman recently shared a comprehensive overview of the current progress of their project in her [blog post](#). In it, she highlights PROMISE success stories, a summary of services provided, participation numbers by youth and their family members, enrollment numbers, and interesting information on the demographics of their PROMISE youth. One of the highlights from the comment section is: "On behalf of the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities, great job Ellie and the Promise Grant team! Thanks to the participants for signing up and good luck to all of you!"

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### **... More to Read**

#### [ASPIRE April Newsletter](#)

Catch up with Carol Ruddell, ASPIRE's Project Director, through her letter 'The Director's Corner' in ASPIRE's April Newsletter. She provides a brief ASPIRE update and shares her thoughts on summer work. You can also read a mix of project highlights and success stories for each of the six states that comprise ASPIRE, including a story about a youth who got to meet rock band Aerosmith's Steve Tyler!

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#### [NYS PROMISE Podcast](#)

The New York State (NYS) PROMISE podcasts cover a variety of topics, including the impact of PROMISE in NYS, the benefits of learning life skills and work experience for youth, and most recently a spotlight on Niagra Falls' case manager and parent coordinator, Mia Crumpton, who has referred 100% of her families to benefits counselors and either Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc. or Western New York Independent Living, Inc.

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#### [Upcoming Project Directors' Meeting](#)

Even though OSEP'S 2018 Project Directors' meeting is two months away, it's not too early to start getting excited - PROMISE will be hosting one of the breakout sessions. Directors from Maryland, CA, and ASPIRE PROMISE will be coming together to lead 'From Me to You: Engaging transition aged youth and their families.'

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