

Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income (PROMISE) (CFDA 84.418P)

Agency: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education

Letter of Intent Due: June 20

Application Due: August 19

Consortium of State Partners: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and Maine

Range of Awards: \$22,500, 000 - \$50,000,000

Purpose: PROMISE is a joint initiative of the US Department of Education, Social Security Administration, US Department of Health and Human Services and US Department of Labor. Under PROMISE, states will be funded to develop and implement model demonstration projects that promote positive outcomes for children who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and their families. PROMISE will improve the provision and coordination of services and supports for child SSI recipients and their families to enable them to achieve improved outcomes. Outcomes include: graduating from high school ready for college and a career, completing postsecondary education and job training, and obtaining competitive employment in an integrated setting and, as a result, achieving long-term reductions in the child recipients' reliance on SSI.

Priorities:

- Develop and implement interventions for child SSI recipients between the ages of 14 and 16 and their families
- Establish partnerships between state and local agencies and others to improve interagency collaboration
- Participate in national project evaluation

Requirements:

- Develop partnerships with mandated partners: VR, Special Education, WIA, Medicaid, TANF, Developmental/Intellectual Disability services, Mental Health services
- Consortium must enroll minimum of 2000 child SSI recipients between the ages of 14-16. 1000 for control group and 1000 for treatment group.
- Application must be signed by the Governor of each participating state
- Development of model set of coordinated services – including case management, benefits counseling, work experience and parent training