

Pathways to Success



**Take the first step to a
brighter future for you
and your children!**

**For more information
and to apply for
services call:**

1-855-418-9332

"After leaving an abusive relationship, I found myself homeless, jobless and raising two kids on my own. The W-2 program made it possible for me to become a productive member of society. With the help of my worker I was able to overcome obstacles standing in my way and was given the tools I needed to achieve goals and beyond."

—A W-2 Participant

Service Provided in the Following Counties:

- Buffalo
- Crawford
- Jackson
- La Crosse
- Monroe
- Pepin
- Trempeleau
- Vernon



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Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.



Wisconsin Works (W-2)

What is Wisconsin Works (W-2)?

Wisconsin Works (W-2) assists individuals in meeting his/her employment & career goals. Individualized services are provided to each participant through Workforce Connections staff, partner agencies, and Wisconsin Job Centers. Each participant receives the help he/she needs to develop clear employment goals and the guidance and support needed to experience employment success.



Who is eligible for W-2?

This program is available to parents (both custodial and non-custodial) with minor children, who meet the financial and non-financial criteria.

A Resource Specialist will guide you through the eligibility process of the W-2 program. In general, participants need to have minor children, need help with his/her employment goals, and need to be within financial guidelines.

How does W-2 work?

The primary goal of the W-2 program is for you to gain and keep employment. There are different levels of placements within W-2. Each is tied to your current ability for work and retaining employment. Based on your situation, skills, resources, and eligibility, you will be offered a specific placement in W-2. You may be eligible for cash assistance based on participation.

You will be assigned to an Employment Coordinator who will work with you to:

- Enhance your skills in finding employment leads, including establishing networks for your employment search.
- Learn and master the application and interviewing processes. Your Employment Coordinator will help you with tips for answering tough questions and how to follow-up after the interview.
- Develop personal budgets and financial plans that are real to your situation.
- Determine necessary referrals to other services.
- Connect to the workforce
- Retain your job and identify opportunities for advancement.
- **Lead you on a path for success!**

W-2 Support Services

Wisconsin Works (W-2) provides support services to families and individuals who need assistance in rejoining the workforce. The following support services are available:

- **Child Care** - Families may apply for help with establishing and paying for child care.
- **Transportation** - W-2 participants may receive help in finding and paying for transportation to and from work.
- **Job Access Loans (JAL)** - Short term, no interest loans may be available to assist workers in obtaining or retaining employment.
- **Other miscellaneous services** based on your needs and eligibility.

"My experience with the W-2 program was/is very rewarding. The workers are very helpful, informative and know their resources."

—A W-2 Participant