

# WISCONSIN POST HIGH SCHOOL OUTCOMES SURVEY

## Interview Questions for June – September 2011

### Respondents

Q.1 Who **responded** to the interview questions or check why the interview was not completed? *(Choose one)*

- Successfully Completed Interviews** – phone answered by:
  - Former student
  - Parent (*natural parent, step-parent, parent who is guardian ad litem*)
  - Guardian (*legal guardian other than student's parent e.g. custodial grandparent, foster care parent, custodial group home worker*)
  - Anyone else
- Unsuccessfully Completed Interviews** – reason interview was not completed
  - Contacted:** Declined to answer interview questions
  - Contacted:** Unresolved language or comprehension barrier
  - Contacted:** Former student was unavailable and no other responder was available (e.g. jail, military, work)
  - No Contact: Unable to find # / Lost # / No phone # / Moved and no forwarding #
  - No Contact: No answer (6 or more attempts)
  - Other
- Ineligible** to participate because former student:
  - Returned to the High School setting
  - Did not yet graduate or exit or is still in High School
  - Wrong exiting class (exited more than two years ago)
  - Deceased

### ADULT LIVING (Q.2 – Q. 8)

Q.2 Which of these best describes your **current living arrangement**? *(Choose one)*

- With **parent or custodial guardian**
- With **other family member** such as a grandparent, aunt or uncle, cousin, brother or sister
- With a **spouse or roommate** in a home, apartment, college dorm, sorority or fraternity housing or other campus housing
- Alone** in an apartment or a home
- Military Housing / Barracks
- Institutional residence, such as medical, correctional, convalescent, mental health
- Supervised living residence such as assisted living center, group home, adult foster care
- Other *(prompt and record response)*  
“Please describe your current living arrangements”
- Don't Know / Refused / No answer

### Community Participation & Social Activities

Q.3 In the past 6 months, have you participated in a **Leisure Activity**, such as going to a movie, concert, sporting event, or something you enjoy doing in your free time?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know / Refused / No answer

Q.4 Which of these best describes your possession of a **driver's license**? *(Choose one)*

- I have a valid license
- I have a license but it's suspended
- I don't have one but I plan to get one
- I don't have one and do not intend to get one
- I don't have one due to medical restrictions
- Don't Know / Refused / No answer

Q.5 Does a **lack of transportation** or ability to get a ride prevent you from doing things in the community, like going to the movies or getting together with friends?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know / Refused / No answer

### Adult Agencies and Community Supports

Q.6 Do you currently work with someone from an **Independent Living Center** or from **Health and Family/Human Services** to help you with things like shopping, transportation or scheduling appointments? *(This does not include family or friends.)*

- Yes *(prompt and record response)*  
“Please describe the services you are receiving”
- No

Don't Know / Refused / No answer

Q.7 Do you currently work with someone from an **Employment Agency**, such as DVR (the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation), the Job Center, Workforce Development Center or other employment agency on things like finding a job, helping you with transportation to work or college, driver's training, or paying for classes or books?

Yes *(prompt and record response)*

**"Please describe the services you are receiving"**

No

Don't Know / Refused / No answer

Q.8 What **problems or difficulties, if any**, have you had in areas of **adult living**, such as finding housing, getting together with friends, or doing things you enjoy since leaving high school? *(prompt and record response)*

### HIGHER EDUCATION and OTHER POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION or TRAINING (Q. 9 – Q. 21)

**"Higher Education"** = Completed at least one term at a technical or community college (2-year program), or a college or university (4-year program) at any time within the year of leaving high school.

**"Other Postsecondary Education or Training"** = Completed at least one term of an education or training program (e.g. Job Corps, adult education, humanitarian program, workforce development program, vocational technical school or technical college program that is less than a 2 year program within the year of leaving high school.

**"Enrolled"** means continuous attendance for at least one complete term.

**"One complete term"** includes attendance for a semester, quarter, summer, between semester, inter-terms, online courses, credit bearing independent study, short-term education and training programs, workforce development programs, e.g. month-long resume writing class or a 10-week welding class

**"Now I'd like to ask you some questions regarding continuing education or training since leaving high school. Thinking about the 12 months after you left high school, which of the following best describes your participation in continuing education or training? If you are now or have participated in more than one type of education or training, please answer the questions for the program you attended most recently or the one you attend the most hours per week."**

Q.9 Considering all the different kinds of further education and training, such as college, adult or community education, job training or vocational school, which of the following best describes your **current educational status**, keeping in mind that military service is considered employment? *(Choose one)*

I am or have participated **full-time** (12 or more credits) in an educational program or pursuing a degree *(Go to Q. 11)*

I am or have participated **part-time** (less than 12 credits) in an educational program or pursuing a degree *(Go to Q. 11)*

I am or have **completed** an educational program, training or degree *(Go to Q. 11)*

I attended within 12 months of leaving high school **but discontinued** before completing the program *(Go to Q. 10)*

You have **not attended** any further educational or training program *(Go to Q. 21)*

Don't know/ Refused / No answer *(Go to Q. 22)*

Q.10 What is the **main** reason you **discontinued** your postsecondary education or training program? *(Choose one)*

Did not want to continue my education/training / Wanted to discontinue

Can't afford to continue my education / Not enough financial aid to continue

Plan to go in the future / Plan to return after earning enough money to go / Working full-time / Doing something else first

No postsecondary opportunities / None close to home

Don't have the necessary skills/qualifications to continue postsecondary education

Unable to find transportation to school / No car / Can't get to campus

Have not received necessary services from community agencies / on waiting list for services

Homemaker / Family obligations

Health or disability-related problems prevented me from continuing my education

Other *(prompt and record response)*

**"Please describe the reason you discontinued your educational program"**

Don't know /Refused / No answer

### Higher Education

**Thinking about the 12 months after you left high school and including programs within and outside of Wisconsin:**

Q.11 Have you enrolled in a **2-year college or community college**, for example a 2-year college like UW-Marathon College, UW-Fond du Lac, or UW-Barron County at any time within the year since leaving high school?

Yes, and I **completed at least one term**

Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**

No, I have not attended this type of program

Don't know/Refused / No answer

Q.12 Have you enrolled in a **4-year college or university** at any time within the year since leaving high school including (e.g. Wisconsin Independent and Private Colleges, Viterbo, or programs in other states)?

- Yes, and I **completed at least one term**
- Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
- No, I have not attended this type of program
- Don't know/Refused / No answer

Q.13 Have you enrolled in a 2-year degree program at a **Technical College**, such as the Wisconsin Technical College System (e.g. WITC, CVTC, WCTC) (two-year program) at any time within the year since leaving high school?

- Yes, and I **completed at least one term**
- Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
- No, I have not attended this type of program
- Don't know/Refused / No answer

### Other Postsecondary Education or Training

Q.14 Have you enrolled in a program to earn your **High School Completion document or certificate** such as Adult Basic Education or General Education Development (GED/HSED or GEDO2) at any time within the year since leaving high school?

- Yes, and I **completed at least one term**
- Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
- No, I have not attended this type of program
- Don't know/Refused / No answer

Q.15 Have you attended a private **Vocational School or short-term education program**, (less than two years) at any time within the year since leaving high school (e.g. truck-driving school, barber, or cosmetology)?

- Yes, and I **completed at least one term**
- Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
- No, I have not attended this type of program
- Don't know/Refused / No answer

Q.16 Have you participated in **any** type of, **job training program or short-term job training or apprenticeship program** like Job Corps, Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Job Center, or workforce development program at any time within the year since leaving high school?

- Yes, and I **completed at least one term**
- Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
- No, I have not attended this type of program
- Don't know/Refused / No answer

Q.17 Have you participated in a formal **Humanitarian Program** such as the **Peace Corps, Vista, AmeriCorps** or a **Church Mission**, at any time within the year since leaving high school?

- Yes and I **completed at least one term**
- Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
- No, I have not attended this type of program
- Don't know/Refused / No answer

Q.18 Have you participated in **any other** type of postsecondary school or program at any time within the year since leaving high school (i.e. on-line courses or education) not associated with another type of program listed above?

- Yes and I **completed at least one term** *(prompt and record response)*  
**"Please describe the type of program you were or are in"**
- Yes, but I **did not complete at least one term**
- No, I have not attended any other type of postsecondary school
- Don't know/Refused / No answer

### Disability Disclosure

Q.19 Who, if anyone, is the **main person** who helps you with classroom issues related to your learning difference, disability or other special need at your **place of postsecondary education or training**? *(Choose one)*

- Counselor-Advisor** or **Disability Specialist on-campus**
- Classroom Teacher on-campus**
- Disability specialist off-campus**, someone from a community agency such as DVR (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation)
- No one on-campus**
- Don't Know / Refused / No answer

### Accommodations and Assistive Technology

Q.20 Are you currently using **accommodations or assistive technology**, such as computers, spelling, magnifier, calculator, shortened assignments or extended work time at your place of postsecondary education or training?

- Yes *(prompt and record response)*  
**"Please describe the type of accommodation or assistive technology you are using"**
- No
- Don't Know / Refused / No answer

- Q.21 What is the **main** reason you have not attended a postsecondary education or training program? *(Choose one)*
- Did not plan to go on to postsecondary education / Don't want to continue my education
  - Can't afford to go to school / Not enough financial aid
  - Plan to go in the future / Plan to return after earning enough money to go / Working full-time / Doing something else first
  - No postsecondary opportunities / None close to home
  - Don't have the necessary skills/qualifications to enter postsecondary education
  - Unable to find transportation to school / No car / Can't get to campus
  - Have not received necessary services from community agencies / On waiting list for services
  - Homemaker / Family obligations
  - Health or disability-related problems prevent me from going to postsecondary school
  - Other *(prompt and record response)*
- "Please describe the main reason you have not attended any type of postsecondary school"**
- Don't know /Refused / No answer

### **COMPETITIVE or OTHER EMPLOYMENT (Q. 22 – Q. 34)**

**"Competitive Employment"** = Work for pay at or above minimum wage in a setting with others who are nondisabled for a period of 20 hours per week for at least 90 days at any time in the year since leaving high school. This includes military employment, and supported employment or a family business if all other criteria of 'competitive employment' are met.

**"Some Other Employment"** = Percentage of youth who have worked for pay or been self-employed for a period of at least 90 days at any time in the year since leaving high school. This includes working in a family business (e.g. farm, store, fishing, ranching catering, etc.).

**"90 days"** (means the same as 3 months) of continuous or cumulative employment in one or multiple jobs, at any time s within the year of leaving high school; a youth who was employed but out on paid sick leave (e.g. worker's comp, health insurance) counts as paid employment; unpaid leave or a short-term lay-off is not included.

**"20 hours per week"** can be: (a) at least 20 hours per week for 90 cumulative days,(b) 20 hours or more per week for 90 cumulative days, or (c) an average of 20 hours per week 90 cumulative days; these hours can include all the jobs the youth works during the week.

**"Minimum wage"** calculation can include tips.

**"Thinking about the 12 months after you left high school, please answer the following questions, and include all of the places you have worked within the 12 months since leaving high school. Answer the questions thinking about your current or most recent job. If you work more than one job, you can combine the hours and salary."**

- Q.22 Which of these **best** describes your **employment status in the 12 months after leaving high school**? *(Choose one)*
- I have been employed for pay for 3 months (about 90 days total) at any time within the year since leaving high school. The days can be either in a row or added up, and can include paid leave, like sick days or vacation. *(Go to Q. 24)*
  - I have worked within the year since leaving high school, but it has been for less than for 90 days total. *(Go to Q. 23)*
  - I am not currently employed and I have not worked for pay since leaving high school *(Go to Q. 33)*
  - Don't know/ Refused / No answer *(Go to Q. 34)*
- Q.23 What is the **primary** reason you have worked less than 90 days within the year of leaving high school? *(Choose one)*
- Did not plan to work after high school / not looking / Volunteering / don't want to work at this time
  - Full-time student / Going to school
  - Unable to find work / Lack of employment opportunities
  - Don't have the necessary skills or qualifications to work /Disability prevents working
  - Unable to find transportation to work / No car / Can't get to work
  - Have not received necessary services from community agencies / On waiting list for services
  - Homemaker / Family obligations
  - Health or disability-related problems prevent me from working more, or working as much as I would like
  - Would lose benefits SSI benefits if I worked more or worked as much as I would like
  - Laid off / Recently dismissed / Fired
  - Other *(prompt and record response)*
- "Please describe the reason you have worked fewer than 90 days within the year of leaving high school"**
- Don't Know / Refused / No answer
- Q.24 Which of these describes your present or previous **job setting or location**? **Is or was your employment:** *(Choose one)*
- For a company, business or service In the **community**, like a department store or restaurant, where there are employees with and without disabilities
  - In the **Military** / Service
  - In a **Supported Employment** setting (paid work in the community, but can also include on-the-job training or assistance at work (e.g. a job coach, transportation, assistive technology, specialized job training or other individually tailored supervision) to help with their job)

- Self-employment** or working in a **Family Business**. This includes being a homemaker or day care provider, or a business such as a farm, store, fishing, ranching, or catering service.
- In an **Institutional or Residential** setting, such as a medical, correctional/jail, convalescent, or mental health facility
- In a **Sheltered Employment** (a setting where most workers have disabilities)
- Other *(prompt and record response)*  
**“Please describe your current job setting”**
- Don’t Know / Refused / No answer
- Q.25 On an average, how many **hours** do you or did you work per week? *(Choose one)*
- 35 or more hours per week
- 20 – 34 hours per week
- 16 – 19 hours per week
- Less than 16 hours per week
- Don’t know/ Refused / No answer
- Q.26 Which of the following best describes your usual **hourly wage, including tips**? *(Choose one)*
- Less than the current minimum wage *(prompt and record response)*  
**“Please describe your current employment and wage/how much you make”**
- Current minimum wage
- More than the current minimum wage but less than \$10.00
- Between \$10.00 and \$15.00
- Above \$15.00
- Don’t know/ Refused / No answer
- Q.27 How **long** have you been working at your current job, or at your most recent job if you are not currently working? *(Choose one)*
- Less than one month
- 1 – 6 months
- 7 – 12 months
- More than one year
- Don’t know/ Refused / No answer
- Q.28 Have you received a **raise in pay** since beginning your present job, or during your most recent employment?
- Yes
- No
- Don’t know/ Refused / No answer
- Q.29 Do you or did you receive **benefits** from your employer such as sick leave, paid vacation, health insurance, or retirement?
- Yes
- No
- Don’t know/ Refused / No answer
- Q.30 Who **primarily** helped you find your **current or most recent job**? *(Choose one)*
- I found it on my own
- Family Member, friend, or someone my family knows
- Someone from the community such as a job placement person from DVR, Human Services, Job Center or a recruiter
- Someone from my former high school, such as a teacher, guidance counselor or transition coordinator
- Other
- Don’t know/ Refused / No answer
- Q.31 Have you asked for any **accommodations or other help** from your current employer because you have any kind of learning difference, disability or other special need?
- Yes
- No *(Go to Q. 34)*
- Don’t know/ Refused / No answer *(Go to Q. 34)*
- Q.32 Did you **receive** the accommodations or other help you requested from your current employer?
- Yes *(prompt and record response in drop-down text box):*  
**“Please describe the type of accommodation or assistive technology you use”** *(Go to Q. 32)*
- No *(Go to Q. 34)*
- Don’t know/ Refused / No answer *(Go to Q. 34)*
- Q.33 What is the **primary** reason you have not worked since leaving high school? *(Choose one)*
- Did not plan to go work after high school / not looking / Volunteering / Don’t want to work at this time
- Full-time student / Going to school
- Unable to find work / Lack of employment opportunities
- Don’t have the necessary skills or qualifications to work / Disability prevents working

- Unable to find transportation to work / No car / Can't get to work
- Have not received necessary services from community agencies / On waiting list for services
- Homemaker / Family obligations
- Health or disability-related problems prevent me from working
- Would lose benefits SSI benefits if I worked
- Laid off / Recently dismissed / Fired
- Other *(prompt and record response)*

**"Please describe the reason you have not worked within the year of leaving high school"**

- Don't Know / Refused / No answer

Q.34 Other than a family member or friend, who have you **actually talked to** about job opportunities since leaving high school? *(Choose all that apply)* ***(Be sure to read the entire list to identify all the agencies the respondent has talked to)***

- An employment agency such as a job service, workforce or economic development center, or the Job Center
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- Health and Family / Human Services / Social Services
- Someone from your former high school, such as a teacher, guidance counselor or transition coordinator
- No one
- Don't know/ Refused / No answer

*The rest of the interview is only for first time participants or those out of school less than three years)*

### **High School Experiences** (Q. 35 – Q.43)

Q.35 Did you have a **paying job in the community** when you left high school?

- Yes
- No *(Go to Q.37)*
- Don't know/ Refused / No answer *(Go to Q.37)*

Q.36 How **long** after high school did you stay at that job? *(Choose one)*

- Less than one month
- 1 – 6 months
- 7 – 12 months
- More than one year
- Don't know/ Refused / No answer

Q.37 **During your last year** of high school, did you plan to live **independently** from your parents **within a year**?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/ Refused / No answer

Q.38 Are you **currently living** as you **planned to live** after leaving high school?

- Yes
- No *(prompt and record response)*

**"Please explain why not/tell me what happen"**

- Don't know/ Refused / No answer

Q.39 **During your last year** of high school, was it your **main goal** to begin **postsecondary education or training** after leaving high school?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/ Refused / No answer

Q.40. Have you or are you **participating in postsecondary education or training** as you **planned** while you were in high school?

- Yes
- No *(prompt and record response)*

**"Please explain why not/tell me what happen"**

- Don't know/ Refused / No answer

Q.41 **During your last year** of high school, was it your **main goal** to **work full-time** after leaving high school?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/ Refused / No answer

Q.42 Are you **currently working** as you **planned** while you were in high school?

- Yes
- No *(prompt and record response)*

**"Please explain why not/tell me what happen"**

Don't know/ Refused / No answer

Q.43 Thinking about the things you are doing now, what is something positive that happened while you were in high school to help you reach your goals? *(prompt and record response)*

**"Thank you very much for participating in this survey. Your answers will help in improving future programs and services for students as they pursue their post high school interests and goals, and be shared with agencies that assist youth as they begin adult living."**

**"For any other information: Send an email that includes your phone number to Mary Kampa, the Statewide Outcomes Project Director. Her email address is [maryk@cesa11.k12.wi.us](mailto:maryk@cesa11.k12.wi.us) or call 715-986-2020. You can also find more information on the Wisconsin Post High School Outcomes Survey at [www.posthighsurvey.org](http://www.posthighsurvey.org)**

**Thank you. Good-bye**