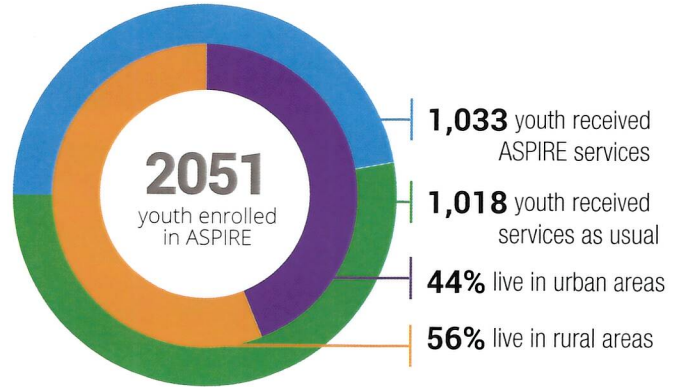


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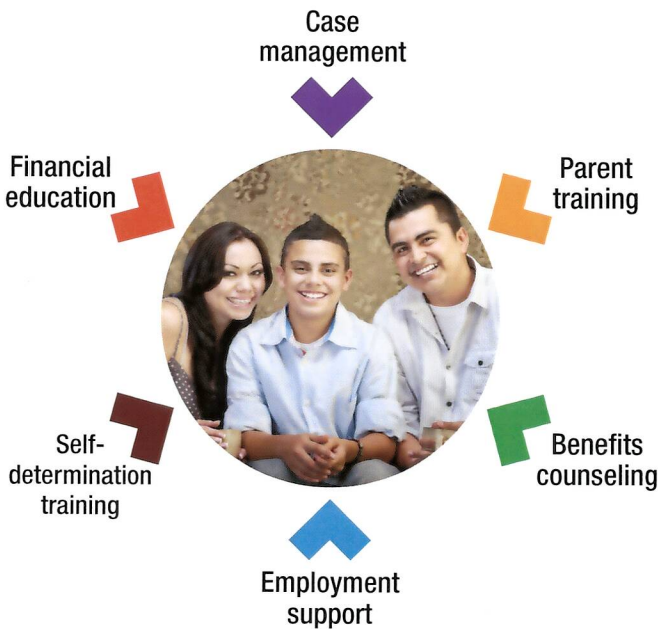
ASPIRE: Who is served?

The ASPIRE initiative awarded by the U.S. Department of Education is a five-year project of the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, on behalf of six western states: Arizona, Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Utah. ASPIRE aims to provide comprehensive support for youth ages 14 to 16 who receive Supplemental Security Income and their families. These youth have a disability which impacts life functioning, and these families have a household income less than 100% of the FPL (Federal Poverty Level).



ASPIRE: What are the goals?

ASPIRE aims to provide comprehensive support to the youth and their families to advance their education and employment. Additionally, ASPIRE aims to assist the youth and family to become self-sufficient, and contribute to their communities in meaningful ways. ASPIRE services include:

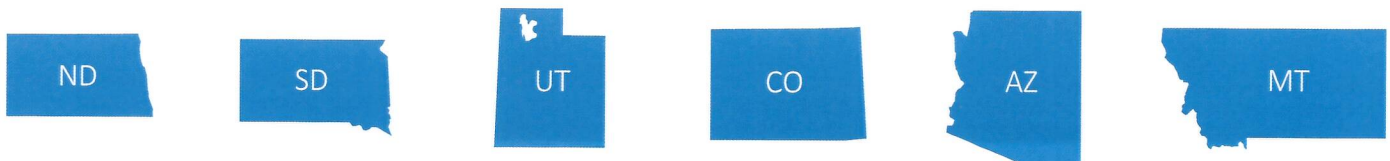
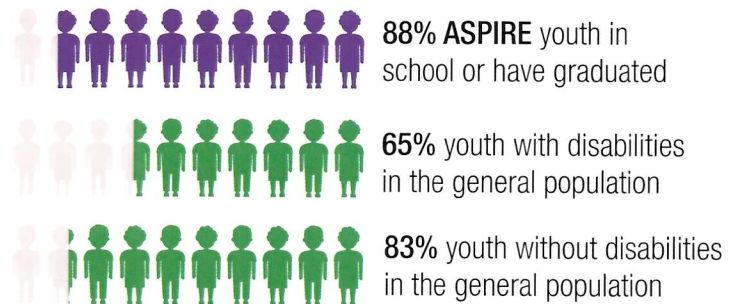


Preliminary outcomes

Employment



Graduation





Compared to the Usual-services group, youth in the ASPIRE services group:

- Are more likely to be looking for a job or have been employed in the past month
- Perceive greater support for employment by parents, school personnel, case managers, and others
- Report that parents talk with them more about employment and post-secondary education
- Are more likely to see themselves working at a paying job in the next year



ASPIRE Parents

Compared to their expectations at enrollment, parents of youth in the ASPIRE services group have greater expectations that their child will:

- Live independently
- Graduate with a regular diploma
- Attend post-secondary schooling
- Be employed

Compared to enrollment, parents also report they:

Know How to:

- Help their teen make informed decisions
- Teach their teen skills to live independently
- Support their teen to become self-sufficient

Understand:

- Employment options
- Their rights and responsibilities
- The change in services when exiting high school
- Disability laws, policies, and support systems

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