

#### Evaluation of the Wisconsin Reemployment Connections Project: Strengthening Connections Between UI and One-Stop Delivery Systems

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#### WI Demonstration Project Objectives

- Better data-sharing between One-Stop Centers and UI components
- Connecting UI claimants to other programs and services for which they may be eligible
- Help unemployed workers more rapidly reconnect with employment and supportive services





# **WI Demonstration Project Evaluation**

- Process study documenting the linkages that develop between UI and Job Service
- Outcome study assessing the effectiveness of demonstration in decreasing participants' duration of benefits
- Outcome study uses matched comparison group from neighboring One-Stop Centers





# WI Demonstration Project Outcome Measures

- Entered Employment Rate
- Average Quarterly Earnings
- Average Benefit Duration
- Percent of Maximum UI Benefit Drawn





# **Preliminary WI Project Impacts**

- Created matched comparison group using propensity score based on personal characteristics such as employment history and worker profiling score
- Results of 2,183 participants and 5,581 comparison group members
- Three analysis models





# **Preliminary WI Project Impacts**

#### **Demonstration vs. Comparisons Who Received RES**

Program Outcomes	<b>Demonstration</b>	<u>Comparison</u>
Sample Size	1,185	1,563
Employed after First Claim Week <sup>a</sup>	76%***	59%
Employed 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter after New Claim <sup>a</sup>	53%***	41%
Average Quarterly Earnings	\$3,140	\$2,927
Average Benefit Duration <sup>b</sup>	14.7	14.4
Percent of Maximum Benefits Drawn <sup>b</sup>	64%**	62%

<sup>a</sup> Employment outcomes through March 2006
<sup>b</sup> Benefit drawdown through June 2006

July 11 - 13, 2006



\*\*\* .01 significance level





# **Preliminary WI Project Impacts**

- Results are preliminary
- Results are consistent across all 3 analysis models
- Other outcomes include increased collaboration between staff of UI and Division of Workforce Services at all levels, and better integration between the agencies' databases

