



Wisconsin Works (W-2)

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(414) 227-2009 or (866) 864-4585 TTY (Toll Free).

Helpful Information About Your Wisconsin Works (W-2)

Are you having trouble doing your W-2 activities? If your answer is yes, then you may want to ask your worker about the Barrier Screening Tool (BST).

What is the Barrier Screening Tool (BST)?

The BST is a list of questions that will help you and your worker find out about any problems that make it hard for you to work or do your W-2 activities. Your answers to the BST questions could be used to change your W-2 activities. Your answers could also change *how* you do your activities. The BST is a free service and it is voluntary. Your answers will be kept private.

Why ask for the BST?

You may want to ask for the BST if you have experienced violence in your home or if you have a physical, mental, emotional, learning disability, or other condition that makes it hard to do your W-2 activities. The BST also asks questions about family members in your household who may have these problems.

You may also want to ask for the BST if you are having trouble coping with the stress in your life.

How will the BST help me?

Your answers to the BST questions will help your W-2 worker understand your problems. Your answers will also help you decide whether to get more information about your problems by getting an assessment from a doctor, counselor, or other professional.

If you agree to get an assessment, the information from the assessment will help you and your worker make any needed changes to your W-2 activities. The information will also help you and your W-2 worker decide if you need any special services or accommodations.

What are accommodations?

Accommodations are changes that make it easier for you to do your W-2 activities. Here are some examples of accommodations and why the accommodation is needed:

- Giving you extra help understanding directions if you have a learning disability;
- Changing your start time if you are taking medicine for a health problem that makes you sleepy in the morning;
- Giving you a quiet workspace to reduce noise if you have a mental disability; and
- Assigning you to a dust-free work area if you have asthma or are allergic to dust.

How do I take the BST?

If you want to take the BST, ask your W-2 worker. A worker at your W-2 agency will meet with you to ask you the BST questions. The appointment takes thirty to sixty minutes. Your worker will discuss your BST results with you.

If you have questions about the BST, please contact your W-2 worker.

