

APRIL 2024

SOUTHERN 14

NEWSLETTER



Business Highlight

As a small business owner, the need for additional assistance is ever-present, but often the financial resources to support that need are limited. However, thanks to the WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) program, we found an invaluable solution to this challenge.

Enter Aleyna Bayat, an intern from Germany, provided through the WIOA program. Aleyna has been nothing short of a game-changer for our company. Her presence has not only allowed us to meet our day-to-day operational demands but has also significantly contributed to our marketing efforts for both our company and our clients.

One of the standout projects Aleyna undertook was her pivotal role in marketing the Total Solar Eclipse event in Fairfield scheduled for April 2024. She took charge of designing tickets, assisted in crafting marketing materials, and even coordinating special guests for our podcasts. Her dedication, creativity, and work ethic were instrumental in order to meet the vastly approaching deadline.

The impact of the WIOA Workforce Program on our business has been immeasurable. It has enabled us to thrive and grow in ways that would have been challenging otherwise. I am profoundly grateful for this program and for the flexibility it offers in allowing us to bring on interns like Aleyna, even when they are participating in study abroad programs.

Aleyna's contribution has not only helped our business flourish but has also provided her with invaluable real-world experience. It's a win-win situation that exemplifies the power and potential of programs like WIOA in fostering both individual and business success.

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: June 11, 2024
- Time: 7:00 pm
- Location: SIC Building G or Via Zoom

BOARD OFFICE:

- Open M-TR: 8-5
- PO BOX 186 Carmi, IL 62821
- Phone: 618-382-5024



WADI MONTHLY UPDATE

WADI has added a three new work experience participants with the need for more applicants. They are seeking out students who need temporary employment and want flexible scheduling to add to their work experience opportunities! Currently they have added new work sites as well, including Wabash Planning Commission and the Saline County WADI Office. On April 10th, Bonnie Glad and Ryan Douthitt attended SIC's Job Fair which had an excellent turnout. In March, WADI employees also attended the Harrisburg High School Job Fair, IECC Employment Workshop, APC meeting, Hamilton County pre-school night, and SIC Kid Fair. WADI is happy to announce they will have 15 graduates this semester as well!

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

SDC has enrolled 15 new participants for the spring semester and currently has a total of 36 enrolled in training services for the spring. They also have enrolled 4 at SCC and 4 at SIC in the March Truck Driving program. As of April 15th, SDC has 9 participants in Work Experience, 3 in Quest, and 2 in the Youth-In School Work Experience Program. On March 26th, SDC attended a webinar on WIOA policy. On March 27th, Victor and Pam attended a meeting at SCC regarding their CDL Internship. The SCC Job Fair was April 3rd and had a great turn out! On April 18th and 19th SDC attended both Re-Entry Summits at the Vienna and the Shawnee Correctional Centers. Coming up all WIOA staff will be attending the WIOA summit. The Southern 14 Quarterly In-Service will be held on May 2nd where all WIOA employees will attend via Zoom.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

Southern 14 has been very busy the last month! We submitted our Local Plan and its required documents. While this was a huge undertaking, we feel very confident in our plan! Our next large submittal comes with the MOU. It is complete, has been approved by the board, and we are awaiting all partner signatures. Submittal of this project will occur by May 31st. Pam has onboarded another Incumbent Worker project to upscale workers with OSHA certifications for the City of Grayville. Both Service Providers are adding Work Experience participants right and left! This means our office has a lot of monitoring to complete, which Rita has been diligently working on. Illinois WorkNet has a tool called Employment 101 and it has been a great tool for those enrolled in Youth, Work Experience, QUEST, and State grants. This program gives the participant the ability to take a look at their skills and abilities and apply that to their career plan. It also provides them with job search tools and a certificate of completion.



CHANGES?

- Have you moved?
- Changed phone number?
- New email?
- Please notify the board office at boffice@so14lwib.com with any changes
- It is extremely important to let us know because of travel and communication! Thanks!!

Board Office Budget Overview

Formula Funds	FY23 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)		
	Total Budget	Expended 7/1/23 - 6/30/24	Remaining Budget
Board Office			
Admin. Salary	65,889.31	53,604.60	12,284.71
Admin. Fringe	44,651.54	29,237.86	15,413.68
Admin. Other	77,820.53	37,409.37	40,411.16
Total Board Office	188,361.38	120,251.83	68,109.55

Participant Overview

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Active Participants	106
Exiters	74
Total Participants	180



Release date of
• March 28, 2024

INFORMATION:

- Each issue you will see rotating information and data to keep you all informed in different ways!
- Like to see something included in the monthly newsletter?
- Email boffice@so14lwib.com

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (percent) for Local Counties and Areas

Labor Market Area	Feb 2024	Feb 2023	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale - Marion MSA	4.9%	4.5%	0.4
Jackson County	4.7%	4.4%	0.3
Williamson County	5.0%	4.7%	0.3
Surrounding Counties			
Alexander County	6.4%	6.3%	0.1
Franklin County	6.1%	5.7%	0.4
Johnson County	6.5%	6.4%	0.1
Massac County	4.9%	4.8%	0.1
Perry County	5.7%	5.7%	0.0
Pulaski County	8.0%	7.3%	0.7
Randolph County	4.7%	4.1%	0.6
Union County	6.2%	6.3%	-0.1
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	5.2%	5.2%	0.0
Hamilton County	4.5%	4.1%	0.4
Hardin County	5.9%	5.0%	0.9
Pope County	3.8%	3.7%	0.1
Saline County	5.4%	5.0%	0.4
White County	4.7%	4.0%	0.7
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	4.6%	4.7%	-0.1
Lawrence County	6.0%	5.6%	0.4
Richland County	4.3%	4.1%	0.2
Wabash County	3.7%	3.3%	0.4
Wayne County	4.9%	4.3%	0.6
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	4.9%	4.5%	0.4
LWIA 24	4.5%	4.1%	0.4
LWIA 25	5.1%	4.9%	0.2
LWIA 26	5.2%	4.9%	0.3
Southern EDR	5.2%	4.9%	0.3

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale - Marion Area

The February 2024 unemployment rate was 4.9 percent. This was a +0.4 percentage point increase from the February 2023 rate of 4.5 percent. Total nonfarm employment increased by +700 jobs in February 2024 compared to February a year ago, including a rise in Government (+300) payrolls.

Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -175 jobs in February 2024 compared to a year ago.

Employment rose among Government (+50), Leisure-Hospitality (+50), Mining-Natural Resources (+50) and Other Services (+25) employers.

No change in employment was reported in the Information, Professional-Business Services or Trade-Transportation-Utilities sectors.

Payrolls declined among employers in Manufacturing (-125), Educational-Health Services (-125), Construction (-125) and Financial Activities (-25).

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +375 jobs in February 2024 compared to February 2023.

Employment gains were posted in Educational-Health Services (+225), Government (+175), Financial Activities (+100) and Mining-Natural Resources (+75).

No change was recorded in payrolls in the Professional-Business Services, Leisure-Hospitality, Information or Construction sectors.

Employment declined among employers in Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-100), Manufacturing (-25) and Other Services (-25).

Olney - Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm employment contracted by -125 jobs in February 2024 compared to February 2023.

Payrolls increased in the Educational-Health Services (+50), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+50), Other Services (+25), Information (+25), Mining-Natural Resources (+25) and Professional-Business Services (+25) sectors.

In the region, employers in the Manufacturing (-150), Financial Activities (-50), Construction (-50), Leisure-Hospitality (-25) and Government (-25) sectors are estimated to have decreased payrolls between February 2023 and February 2024.