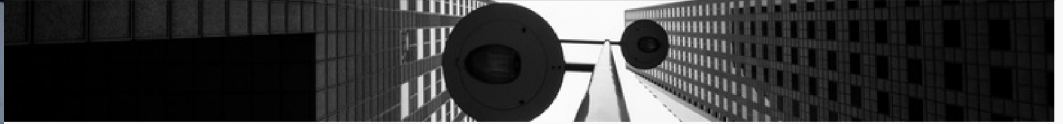


DECEMBER 2023

SOUTHERN 14 NEWSLETTER



SUCCESS STORY

Roderic Gatewood Sr., at the age of 43 lives in Mounds, IL and worked at the City of Mounds as a municipal water maintenance worker. He was working 55-60 hours a week and he did not have time or opportunity to get a CDL. The opportunity and time finally presented itself, so he applied and was approved for the WIOA Program.

He successfully completed the Truck Driving Program in the Fall 2022 semester at Shawnee Community College. In completing his occupational goal of being a Truck Driver, he can now focus on obtaining full-time permanent employment at a self-sufficient wage. Roderic states that "being in the WIOA Program helped him to focus on school and not worry about finances. He says that it is a fantastic program to say the least. The program leaves you with no excuse on why you can't attend college and learn a trade or acquire a degree."

Two months after completing this program Roderic was hired to drive a truck for Mounds Oil-Dri Production Company. Roderic says that "I have enjoyed every day since and I work with a great group of people in a great atmosphere. I haul clay from the ODC clay mine to the production plant in Mounds. It's a very safe environment and I am constantly learning daily. I love this job!"

Roderic had been drawing unemployment, but now due to receiving a good paying job he can support himself better. Roderic says that "because of the WIOA Program I now have a good career. I am grateful Shawnee College offers such a program along with several other trade profession courses, i.e., welding, HVAC and many more. I hope that the different programs continue to be available for the public benefit of the surrounding counties. A big thanks to Mr. Victor Duckworth and Ms. Sandy of Shawnee Development in Karnak for all of the assistance they offered, and Mrs. Leslie Weldon, Jaqueline Smith and Mr. Kelly Jennings of Shawnee College!"

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: March 12, 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 had 1 new CDL participant. He passed the course attaining his CDL and is working at Baumgart Farms. On November 7th, Pam and Ryan T. attended the FCHS Career Days. Career Planners are doing continuing education which includes IEBS and IPATS, both are systems within Illinois WorkNet. Our quarterly monitoring was a success! Robin Kralman could not say enough positive things about how organized WADI files are now. In September, the Illinois Workforce Partnership accepted nominations for several different statewide awards. Bonnie Glad, one of our career planners, wrote a nomination for Julie Duvall and the Southern 14 Board approved the submission. Julie was awarded the Individual Achievement Award and we are so proud of her! You may remember she was a success story in an earlier newsletter. Congratulations again, Julie!

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

The fall semester is ending. We are taking applications for the Spring 2024 semester beginning December 8th and rerouting the current students that will be attending. SDC still has 3 participants on the 1E Adult Work Experience program in the counties of Hardin, Pulaski, and Massac. We are awaiting the funding for the Quest Grant and the state grant that should happen at any time to put on more work experience as well as some in training. On November 9th we completed a WIOA presentation for the Cairo High School. On November 2st we attended the CDL Truck Driving Advisory Meeting at Massac County Extension Center. On November 29th we attended the Area Planning Council Meeting & Adult Education Meeting that followed. On November 30th monitoring was conducted by So14 LWIB. On December 14th attended the Regional Planning Meeting at Man-Tra-Con. January 8th the Spring 2024 semester will begin.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

Southern 14 has been working diligently on the new Local Plan. This plan includes: Direct investments in economic, education and workforce training programs to focus on providing relevant education and training to ensure that individuals, including youth and individuals with barriers to employment, have the skills to compete in the job market and that employers have a ready supply of skilled workers. This local plan applies job-driven strategies in the one-stop system. It enables economic, education and workforce partners to build a skilled workforce through innovation in, and alignment of, employment, training and education programs. On December 14, Southern 14 also worked on our regional plan which includes all required partners and LWIA 25 at Man-Tra-Con in Marion. Our office is working on several Incumbent Worker Projects which include MotoRad, City of Fairfield, and the City of Grayville.



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!!

Participant Overview

Participant Overview	
Active Participants	92
Exiters	103
Total Participants	195
Exit Information	
Exiters	103
Employed at Exit	55
Employed 2nd Quarter after Exit	14
Employed 4th Quarter after Exit	0
Employed in Training Related Job at Exit	39
Employed in Training Related Job 2nd Quarter after Exit	11
Employed in Training Related Job 4th Quarter after Exit	0
Not Employed at Exit - Entered Training Related Employment 2nd Quarter after Exit	3
Not Employed at Exit - Entered Training Related Employment 4th Quarter after Exit	3
Total	103



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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

Illinois Unemployment Rate by Local Workforce Innovation Area
November 2023 - Not Seasonally Adjusted
IL Dept. of Employment Security, Economic Information & Analysis Division

