

JUNE 2023

SOUTHERN 14 NEWSLETTER



SUCCESS STORY

Julie Duvall is originally from Central Illinois and in 1993 moved to Southern Illinois. She has taken on the role of providing for her family as her son and husband are both disabled and not working. She currently works two jobs as well as just completing her Pharmacy Technician Program.

Julie started working at O'Gara House through Coleman Tri-County Services as a Direct Support Professional in 2016. She realized that she could not do this type of strenuous work much longer. She looked at what college classes were available and decided that becoming a Pharmacy Technician would be interesting. She registered for the class and applied for the Fresh Start Scholarship and was granted it. This Scholarship paid a good part of her tuition but not all. Her college advisor suggested that she contact the WADI WIOA program. The WIOA Program was able to pay the remainder of her tuition as well as her textbook which was necessary for her class. She worked with her Career Planner throughout the process and always provided updates on her progress. She said, "I thoroughly enjoyed Pharmacy Tech Class! The math was the most difficult for me, as I only had one year of high school math. I finished with an "A" and got a perfect score on my final." A requirement of the class was 40 hours of internship at a local Pharmacy of her choice. She was accepted at Walgreens in Harrisburg, Illinois. She said, "I enjoyed observing the pharmacy operations and gaining more hands-on experience to help me when I applied for and received my Pharmacy Technician License."

At the end of her Internship, Julie was approached by the store manager and was offered a leadership position at the store, which required a Pharmacy Technician License and Certification within two years. She took the position and is pursuing her Pharmacy Certification. She stated that, "It's a very interesting job. I love it and the people I work with!" She will receive a \$1.00 per hour raise as soon as she receives her Certification. She also continues to work at O'Gara House as her Walgreen's schedule permits.

Julie is rightfully very proud of her accomplishments. She has had a full plate working two jobs and completing the program. Julie does not drive so she depends on her husband to get her to work and class. I feel that this shows even more determination on her part as she has managed to find a way to reach her goals. She is successful at anything that she puts her mind to and has become more confident over the last few months. It has been a pleasure working with her and watching the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program play an important role in helping her reach her goals and find employment that she loves.

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: September 12, 2023
- 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 had 13 graduating participants and have eight new summer participants. They are working to get two Work Experience in Eldorado. WADI currently has a CDL participant. There is a wait list of 30 participants for the fall semester with priority given to current participants. All but two IT participants have graduated. WADI has one participant in WEX at IECC. July 6th and 11th WADI will have a file in service and workday with the board office. Ryan and Lena both attended the WIOA Summit. Ryan is participating in the IDES Employer Seminar on June 20th at SIC.



SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

Victor Duckworth stated SDC currently has three in Truck Driving school which started on May 30th and runs four days a week through the summer. SDC has four participants in Work Experience. Victor stated their goal was to have 1-2 worksites in each county. Victor attended the WIOA Summit while the career planners attended virtually. Caitlyn McGill is the new Work Experience Coordinator as SDC. Victor plans to attend the Innovative Readiness Training at Anna-Jonesboro High School where he will promote the WIOA program. The IRT is a great resource for many families with no residency requirements. SDC will attend the Jim Potts training at SIC at the end of the month.

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!!

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

We have been awarded a 1E grant which will add an additional \$3,726 of Board Administrative funds. It will also give the service providers an additional \$74,124 of dislocated worker programmatic funding. In the PY22 Allocated grant (22-681026) we are transferring \$75,000 of the dislocated funding stream to the adult funding stream. This will give each provider an additional \$35,000 to spend in the adult funding stream and allow for a small work experience project this summer/fall. We were awarded a Trade Administrative grant which added \$12,830 of Board Administrative funding. This funding was PY22 and is included in the carry forward on the PY23 budget. We have submitted a proposal for a QUEST grant that if awarded will allow the area to serve 28 individuals (24 with work experience and 4 with short-term certificate program) who have been deemed long term unemployed or never been employed. The total requested was \$253,860 – this includes \$12,000 administrative budget for board staff and \$34,900 of programmatic administrative budget for service provider staff as well as, supportive service, work experience wages and classroom training.

PARTICIPANT OVERVIEW

Participant Overview	
Active Participants	102
Exiters	103
Total Participants	205
Exit Information	
Exiters	103
Employed at Exit	44
Employed 2nd Quarter after Exit	2
Employed 4th Quarter after Exit	0
Employed in Training Related Job at Exit	33
Employed in Training Related Job 2nd Quarter after Exit	2
Employed in Training Related Job 4th Quarter after Exit	0



- News Release
- May 25, 2023

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	Apr 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Year Change
Carbondale-Marion MSA	3.9 %	4.1 %	-0.2
Jackson County	3.8 %	4.1 %	-0.3
Williamson County	3.9 %	4.2 %	-0.3
Surrounding Counties			
Alexander County	5.1 %	6.1 %	-1.0
Franklin County	4.8 %	5.0 %	-0.2
Johnson County	4.8 %	5.3 %	-0.5
Massac County	4.4 %	4.6 %	-0.2
Perry County	4.6 %	4.7 %	-0.1
Pulaski County	6.5 %	6.5 %	0.0
Randolph County	3.4 %	3.5 %	-0.1
Union County	4.7 %	5.3 %	-0.6
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	4.5 %	5.0 %	-0.5
Hamilton County	3.1 %	3.4 %	-0.3
Hardin County	4.7 %	4.7 %	0.0
Pope County	3.6 %	4.4 %	-0.8
Saline County	4.4 %	5.1 %	-0.7
White County	3.9 %	3.8 %	0.1
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	4.6 %	4.3 %	0.3
Lawrence County	4.5 %	5.7 %	-1.2
Richland County	3.5 %	3.8 %	-0.3
Wabash County	2.9 %	3.5 %	-0.6
Wayne County	3.6 %	3.7 %	-0.1
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	3.6 %	3.9 %	-0.3
LWIA 24	3.7 %	3.8 %	-0.1
LWIA 25	4.1 %	4.4 %	-0.3
LWIA 26	4.2 %	4.5 %	-0.3
Southern EDR	4.1 %	4.4 %	-0.3

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale – Marion Area

The April 2023 unemployment rate was 3.9 percent. This was a decrease of -0.2 percentage point from the April 2022 rate of 4.1 percent. Total nonfarm employment in April 2023 was unchanged compared to April a year ago. Government payrolls increased over-the-year (+200).

Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +300 jobs in April 2023 compared to a year ago.

Employment gains were posted in Government (+250), Construction (+125), Educational and Health Services (+75), Leisure and Hospitality (+75), Manufacturing (+50), and Natural Resources and Mining (+25).

No change was reported in Other Services and Information.

April payrolls declined in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-275), Professional and Business Services (-50), and Financial Activities (-25).

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +725 jobs in April 2023 compared to April 2022.

Employment gains were posted in Government (+350), Educational and Health Services (+150), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+125), Information (+50), Natural Resources and Mining (+50), Construction (+25), and Manufacturing (+25).

Other Services and Financial Activities payrolls were unchanged in April 2023.

Employment declined over-the-year in Professional and Business Services (-75) and Leisure and Hospitality (-25).

Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +475 jobs in April 2023 compared to April 2022.

Payrolls increased in Government (+325), Educational and Health Services (+75), Other Services (+50), Leisure and Hospitality (+25), and Information (+25).

Professional and Business Services, Natural Resources and Mining, Construction, and Financial Activities payrolls were unchanged.

Payrolls decreased in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-25) and Manufacturing (-25).