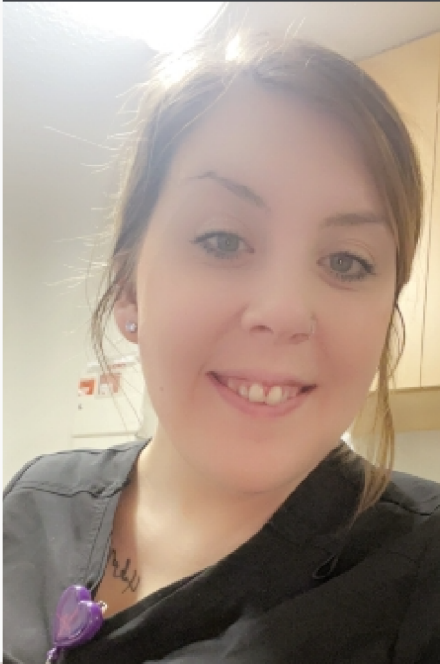


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SOUTHERN 14 NEWSLETTER



SUCCESS STORY

Zoe Dismore worked part-time as a waitress for \$7 an hour & lived at home with her single mother in Dongola. To prepare for her future career as a nurse, she started taking pre-req classes for the nursing program through Shawnee Community College after graduating from high school in the spring of 2015 and continued to do so through the fall of the following year. She applied for and was accepted into the college's LPN program during the summer of 2020. That fall she came to Shawnee Development Council to apply for the WIOA program. She had Associate degrees in General Studies, Arts, & Science at the time.

When initially talking with Zoe, she expressed a sincere interest in the field of nursing saying she has always admired nurses for making their patients a top priority and that she believed nursing is not only challenging but also rewarding in so many ways. They are trained to care for total strangers who are sick or injured at all hours of the day and night with a wealth of compassion & patience that is born out of genuine care & sensitivity.

Maintaining A's & B's throughout her LPN training, Zoe was accepted into the ADN program in April of 2021, still keeping her A's & B's status & making the college's President's list the following spring. She faced obstacles along the way and also had to work part-time while attending training, but was determined to reach her goal. The WIOA program was there to help her with the purchase of nursing uniforms & supplies, testing fees, and new tires.

Zoe has worked both as an LPN and an RN in a hospital, a detention center, a nursing home, and is currently with Rural Health in Anna. She has recently purchased a home & is expecting her first child. She says she tries to be the nurse that she herself would want to work with & strives to show care, compassion, commitment & courage with each individual. She believes from caring comes courage to do your best and make a difference in someone's life.

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: December 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

This month all career planners have been diligently working on organizing files and applying updated checklists to ensure that all needed documents are included in the client files in preparation for the yearly state monitoring. Bonnie says she has been building solid relationships with her new registrants. They are all gaining an understanding of WIOA policies and their responsibilities to the WIOA program. Nelda, along with Pam, attended the Edwards County Board meeting. She also is working closely with several businesses regarding Work Experience Contracts. WADI is working hard to build better relationships with their training providers by touring campuses and speaking with area partners. October 26th WADI will be attending the WIOA Retreat learning about fraud, ergonomics, Adult Education, and team building

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

SDC has enrolled 8 new participants in the October 16th CDL classes. They also enrolled one in the Cosmetology class that started on the same date. SDC has a total of 4 participants on the 1E Adult Work Experience program. Currently there is one in each of the following counties: Hardin, Pulaski, Alexander, and Massac. September 13th SDC attended a Re-Entry Summit at Shawnee Correctional Center. On September 14th SDC also attended the Re-Entry Summit at Vienna Correctional Center. SDC presented at a continuing Education class at Shawnee College for Cosmetology/Nail Technology. September 27th Southern 14 held a quarterly In-Service training via Zoom for both service providers. On October 5th SDC attended the Career Expo at Shawnee Community College and will attend the SO 14 retreat on the 26th.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

We have been awarded a QUEST grant. With this grant we will have access to \$200,000 in additional dislocated worker funding, with an additional eligibility specific to this grant of over 18 and never employed. Our proposal focuses on providing a work experience training to those individuals who meet the additional eligibility. Our projection is to serve 15 individuals with work experience and 5 individuals with a short-term training. All of the participants will be co-enrolled in regular WIOA so we will have the ability to braid the funding available and continue to serve the individuals beyond the special grant. We are working on grant specific outreach currently and already have several individuals who qualify!

We did complete the Rapid Response for Clearwave Fiber where 38 or 54 of their employees were layed off. It was held at SIC on October 5th.



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

Active Participants ⓘ	101
Exiters ⓘ	90
Total Participants ⓘ	191
Exiters ⓘ	90
Employed at Exit ⓘ	51
Employed 2nd Quarter after Exit ⓘ	0
Employed 4th Quarter after Exit ⓘ	0
Employed in Training Related Job at Exit ⓘ	36
Employed in Training Related Job 2nd Quarter after Exit ⓘ	0
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 ⓘ	90



- Quarterly update from the IDES Workforce Analysis & Dissemination

Industry Employment:

In August, 131,460 nonfarm payroll jobs were recorded in the Southern Region. This was 781 fewer than for the same month in 2019, prior to the start of the 2020 recession.

Losses  Gains

Industry Share:

Key industries in the Southern Region are not identical to key industries in the state. Industry shares are highlighted in bold when the industry sectors reflect large differences from the state average. For instance, Local Government accounts for 13.9% of the Region's payroll jobs but 9.3% of the state's jobs.

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

EDR 8: Southern	Industry Employment		Industry Share		Difference from 2019		
	<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>	Aug-19	Aug-23	Region	State of IL	Region	State of IL
Total Nonfarm		132,241	131,460	100%	100%	-0.6%	0.1%
Total Private		99,379	97,361	74.1%	87.3%	-2.0%	0.2%
Goods Producing		20,085	19,368	14.7%	13.4%	-3.6%	-1.8%
Construction and Mining		7,570	7,014	5.3%	4.2%	-7.3%	2.1%
Manufacturing		12,515	12,353	9.4%	9.2%	-1.3%	-3.4%
Durables		6,748	5,982	4.6%	5.3%	-11.4%	-4.5%
Nondurables		5,767	6,371	4.8%	3.9%	10.5%	-2.0%
Service-Providing		112,156	112,092	85.3%	86.6%	-0.1%	0.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities		24,450	24,396	18.6%	19.8%	-0.2%	1.6%
Wholesale Trade		3,322	3,325	2.5%	4.9%	0.1%	0.5%
Retail Trade		15,056	14,904	11.3%	9.3%	-1.0%	-1.2%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities		6,073	6,167	4.7%	5.7%	1.5%	7.8%
Information		1,158	1,125	0.9%	1.5%	-2.8%	-3.9%
Financial Activities		5,542	6,538	5.0%	6.8%	18.0%	0.1%
Professional and Business Services		7,470	6,011	4.6%	15.8%	-19.5%	0.4%
Educational and Health Services		22,525	22,724	17.3%	15.7%	0.9%	3.4%
Leisure and Hospitality		13,418	13,134	10.0%	10.2%	-2.1%	-3.7%
Other Services		4,732	4,065	3.1%	4.1%	-14.1%	-1.8%
Government		32,862	34,099	25.9%	12.7%	3.8%	-0.2%
Federal Government		2,780	2,724	2.1%	1.3%	-2.0%	2.1%
State Government		13,316	13,159	10.0%	2.1%	-1.2%	-5.1%
Local Government		16,766	18,216	13.9%	9.3%	8.6%	0.6%

Source: EI&A-IDES, 2019 reference to pre-pandemic levels