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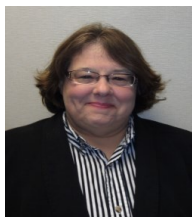


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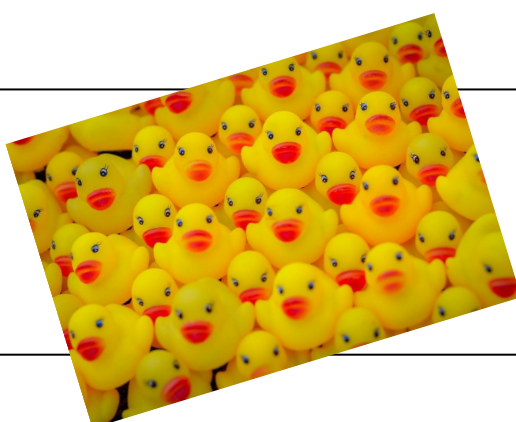
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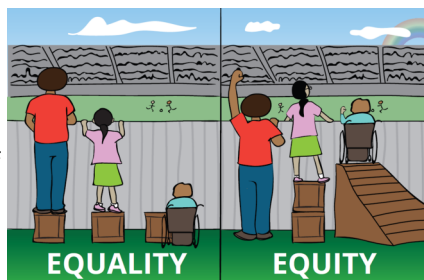
SOUTHERN 14 RETREAT



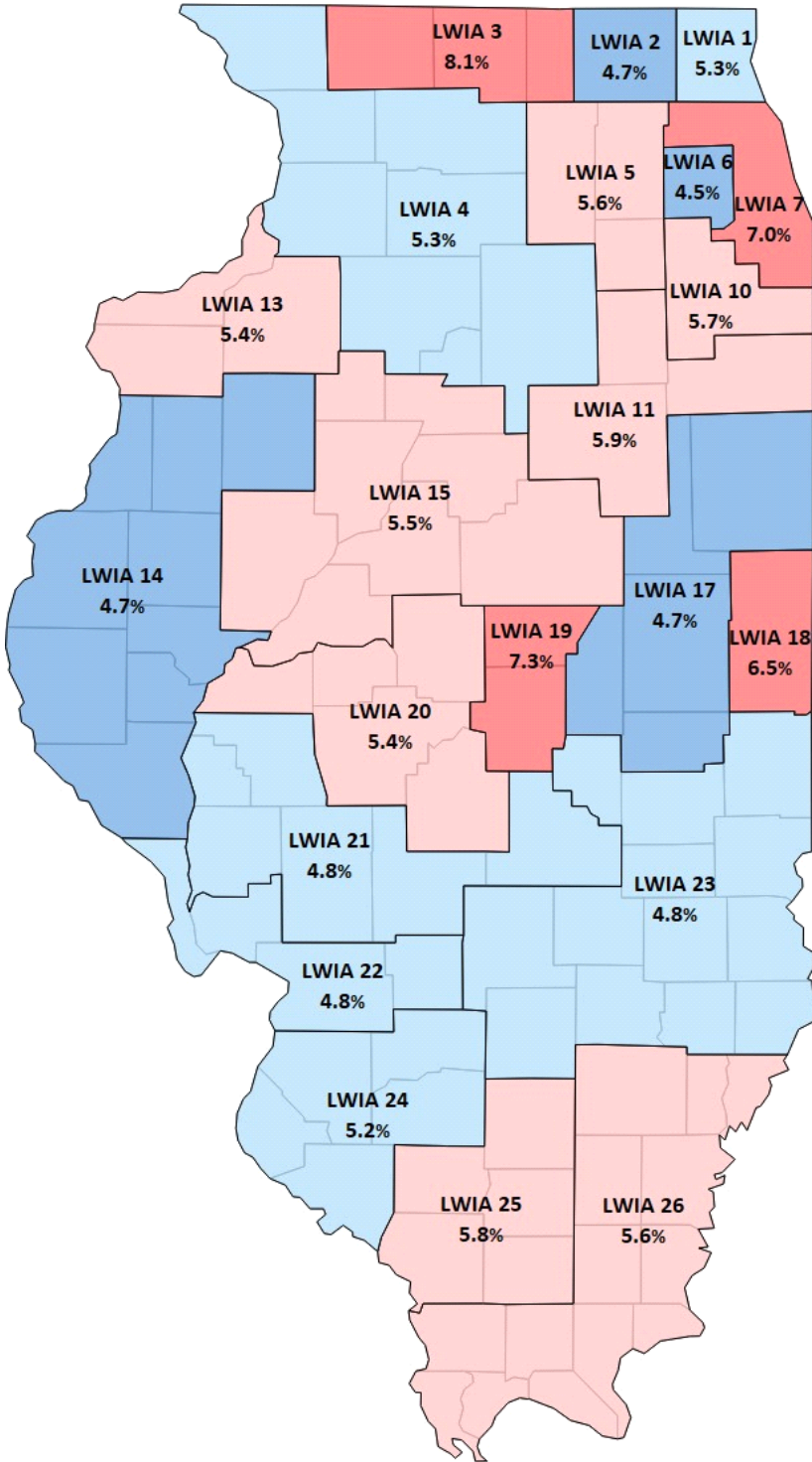
On June 28th Southern 14 held its annual retreat entitled “Back to the Basics.” There were twenty-six in attendance, including WADI officials, Shawnee Development Council officials, and Southern 14 Board office staff.

Everyone enjoyed conversing and meeting one another as we started the day. Once breakfast was completed, we began with a fun game we named “Ducks in a Row.” Participants were placed on teams where they had clues to the location of their ducks, which were actually their students or clients. Everyone enjoyed playing and learning about who their ducks were and what their career plans were. Once inside, Pam Barbee brought the program. She guided each team through the career planning steps which included IWDS hands on training. Participants looked at their duck’s profiles and used that information to take the steps really needed to help their duck succeed. Pam really focused on important concepts such as searching for correct ONET codes and proper case note procedures.

Following Pam’s presentation regarding career planning. She also wanted the participants to take away some key concepts about equity and equality. This was done by way of explanation, visuals, and also a short video. You will see the visual placed to the right to help you better understand this important concept in the workplace. Participants were also trained on fraud awareness and prevention.



We finished the day with some team building activities which included “Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader” and creating a human hamster wheel. Everyone enjoyed their time together and gained important knowledge for their workplace!



ILLINOIS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA

ANNUAL AVERAGE 2021– NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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National Safety Month 2022



National Safety Month focuses on reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road, and in our homes and communities. Observed annually in June, the National Safety Council provides downloadable resources highlighting different safety topics such as:

- Week 1: Musculoskeletal Disorders
 - Week 2: Workplace Impairment
 - Week 3: Injury Prevention
 - Week 4: Slips, Trips, and Falls
- Below is a list of resources Illinois workNet has that can help workers avoid injuries regardless of where they are:

National Safety Month – The National Safety Council provides several resources for you to help raise awareness about safety during the month of June. Read this Illinois workNet article on how you and others can remain safe and engaged.

Be Safe in Your New Job – When starting a new job, it's important to be aware and cautious of equipment you have not previously used. From operating workplace equipment to preparation and clean-up of your workspace, this article covers important safety precautions to keep in mind when on the job.

Stay Safe and Productive at Work – Following your company's safety guidelines is the best way to avoid getting hurt on the job. This article covers safety tips for the workplace so that you and your team can be safe while working on construction projects.

Technical Skills – Read up on the different skills required in the industry and how you can keep your skills and performance up to date.

Do You Need a Work Permit? – For younger members of the workforce, this article provides information on what jobs require work permits, rules for youths in the workplace, and how to apply for the work permit you will need.

Why Personal Health and Safety Matter – From avoiding injuries and illness to staying in shape and managing stress, read up on why it's important to maintain good health.

For more information, go to the National Safety Council's page on National Safety Month to gather safety materials and learn how to spread the word to your coworkers, families, and communities.

So. 14 Office Notes:

Up coming Board Meeting date:

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

Every year a select number of board members need their Board appointment/reappointment forms re-certified by the State. All board member will have their re-appointment forms mailed to them by mid-August, please review for accuracy, note any corrections, sign, and return to the board office no later than September 13th, 2022. Thank you!

ANY RECENT CHANGES?

- HAVE YOU MOVED?
- CHANGED PHONE NUMBER?
- NEW EMAIL ADDRESS?

Please notify the board office at boffice@so14lwib.com with the new changes.

BOARD OFFICE INFO

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