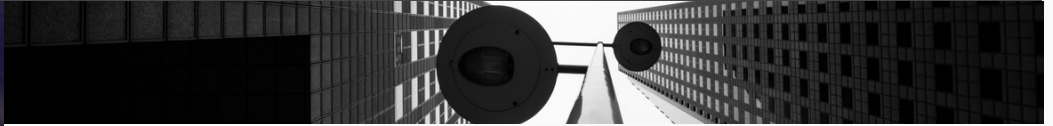


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# SOUTHERN 14 NEWSLETTER



## SUCCESS STORY

Jordan Lay, a single mom, wanted to broaden her education. Residing in Ozark, Illinois, she worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant for five years but was burnt out from working 3-4 days of 12-hour shifts at Union County Hospital. Jordan wanted to do more in the medical field. Due to personal reasons and the pandemic, she felt that an LPN/RN was not a good fit for her. Jordan was approved for the WIOA Program to pursue a certificate in the Certified Medical Assistant Program (CMA) in Fall 2021 at Shawnee Community College. Because of WIOA, she now has her dream job and can focus on supporting her family.

While the journey was never easy, Jordan achieved her goals. A month before graduating from the CMA program Jordan secured a job at Shawnee Health Services. Jordan says, "Working for Shawnee Health Services has given me a lot of hands-on experience with not just family medicine, but also suboxone therapy, pediatrics, and even gynecology work. I work alongside many other CMAs, LPNs, and even RNs. I'm giving shots, sending in medications, assisting with house procedures, and so much more. I now work Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm, and I'm blessed to be able to take and pick up my son from school every day instead of relying on others to do it for me. Being able to come home and have dinner with him every night and getting to plan fun and exciting weekends together is something I have always dreamed of. Becoming a CMA has been one of my best decisions for my son and myself."

Jordan says, "The SDC WIOA Program gave me peace of mind financially while in the CMA program. As a single mom attending school and working full-time, that was a huge relief. I didn't have to worry about if I needed to make a tuition payment or buy groceries or if buying my books meant I would have to borrow money from my parents. Aside from the financial part of the WIOA program giving me confidence. Sandy, was there any time I had a question or concern throughout the year. The WIOA program was one of the many learning posts during my time in the Certified Medical Assistant program. It's a hidden gem that needs more awareness." Jordan also wanted to extend her appreciation to the SDC WIOA Program by saying, "Thank you."

## OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: June 13, 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

Ryan Trueblood and Ryan Douthitt both attended the Area Planning Council Meeting at OCC on March 28th where they learned about IECC's Adult Education and new CDL Program. Sandra Sanders is gearing up for the Family of Distinction Ceremony in Springfield. Bonnie Glad has recently visited and taken brochures to the High Schools in Saline and Gallatin Counties, Southeastern Illinois College, the local DHS Office, and spoken to the Head Start Visitors about WIOA. Bonnie will be participating in the SIC Kid's Fair as well as a Job Fair later this month. All of the career planners are gathering information from potential participants in hopes of serving them in the near future as funding becomes available!

## SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

Our Career Planners continue to work with their students enrolled for the Spring semester. The Summer semester will begin on June 5th at Shawnee College. We had 8 participants that started the March CDL class. SDC has 1 youth work experience employee in Union County. We plan to add a couple of Adult Work experience participants in the near future. DCEO monitoring was completed November 16th. SDC is working with SO14 to comply with the results and the corrective action plans. WIOA personnel attended Shawnee Community College's Job Fair on March 15th. Our WIOA staff will be attending the WIOA Summit in May either virtually or in person. SDC has also hired a new Work Experience/Billing Coordinator. Her name is Caitlyn McGill who started on April 10th and is doing very well.



## CHANGES?

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

## SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

The Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission (GWRPC) hosted their annual dinner meeting to celebrate the past year and the year ahead. The dinner took place on March 23rd at Coco's Win Bar and Cafe in Lawrenceville. Not only was the food delicious, but Pam Barbee, our Executive Director was the guest speaker.

Pam informed the group about how the Labor Workforce Investment Board seeks to aid in workforce development in investing in workers and businesses.

Southern 14 serves Southern Illinois by providing employable individuals. Pam discussed her experience in the organization and how it serves the Greater Wabash region.



# GRANT INFORMATION

Grants	21-681026					22-681026				
	Revised Budget	Expended as of 6/30/21	Carry Forward Budget	Expended 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	Remaining Budget	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Expended 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	Remaining Budget	
<b>Board Office</b>										
Total Board Office	157,789.00	73,342.80	84,446.20	84,446.20	0.00	136,599.00	136,599.00	52,320.48	84,278.52	
<b>OneStop Staff</b>										
Total OneStop Staff	58,279.00	46,623.20	11,655.80	11,655.80	0.00	32,909.00	55,309.00	17,785.44	37,523.56	
<b>WADI</b>										
Total WADI	601,282.00	447,836.59	153,445.41	153,445.41	0.00	635,978.00	635,978.00	549,234.23	86,743.77	
<b>SDC</b>										
Total SDC	760,559.00	428,829.43	331,729.57	305,637.03	26,092.54	560,511.00	538,111.00	203,088.02	335,022.98	
<b>AREA</b>										
Total Area	1,577,909.00	996,632.02	581,276.98	555,184.44	26,092.54	1,365,997.00	1,365,997.00	822,428.17	543,568.83	

# PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Participant Overview	
Active Participants	122
Exiters	78
Total Participants	200



- News Release
- March 30, 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](mailto:boffice@so14lwib.com)

### Southern Illinois Highlights

#### Carbondale – Marion Area

The February 2023 unemployment rate was 4.5 percent. This was a decrease of -0.2 percentage point from the February 2022 rate of 4.7 percent. Total nonfarm employment in February 2023 increased by +1,300 jobs compared to February a year ago. Government payrolls increased over-the-year (+100).

#### Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +50 jobs in February 2023 compared to a year ago.

Employment gains were posted in Government (+200), Construction (+150), Educational and Health Services (+25), Information (+25), Manufacturing (+25) and Natural Resources and Mining (+25).

February payrolls declined in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-275), Leisure and Hospitality (-75), Professional and Business Services (-25), Financial Activities (-25) and Other Services (-25).

#### Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +850 jobs in February 2023 compared to February 2022.

Employment gains were posted in Government (+325), Educational and Health Services (+250), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+100), Construction (+50), Information (+50), Manufacturing (+50), Natural Resources and Mining (+50) and Other Services (+25).

Employment declined over-the-year in Professional and Business Services (-50) and Leisure and Hospitality (-50).

Financial Activities payrolls were unchanged in February 2023.

#### Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +400 jobs in February 2023 compared to February 2022.

Payrolls increased in Government (+300), Educational and Health Services (+100), Information (+25), Other Services (+25), Financial Activities (+25) and Construction (+25).

Payrolls decreased in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-50).

No changes were reported in Manufacturing, Professional and Business Services, Natural Resources and Mining, or Leisure and Hospitality.

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

Labor Market Area	Feb 2023	Feb 2022	Over the Year Change
<b>Carbondale-Marion MSA</b>	4.5 %	4.7 %	-0.2
Jackson County	4.4 %	4.6 %	-0.2
Williamson County	4.7 %	4.9 %	-0.2
<b>Surrounding Counties</b>			
Alexander County	6.3 %	6.6 %	-0.3
Franklin County	5.8 %	5.7 %	0.1
Johnson County	6.3 %	6.3 %	0.0
Massac County	4.9 %	4.7 %	0.2
Perry County	5.6 %	5.4 %	0.2
Pulaski County	7.2 %	8.1 %	-0.9
Randolph County	4.1 %	4.0 %	0.1
Union County	6.4 %	6.2 %	0.2
<b>Harrisburg Area</b>			
Gallatin County	5.3 %	5.2 %	0.1
Hamilton County	4.0 %	4.2 %	-0.2
Hardin County	4.8 %	5.9 %	-1.1
Pope County	3.7 %	4.9 %	-1.2
Saline County	5.2 %	5.6 %	-0.4
White County	4.0 %	4.2 %	-0.2
<b>Olney - Mt. Carmel Area</b>			
Edwards County	5.1 %	4.6 %	0.5
Lawrence County	5.6 %	6.4 %	-0.8
Richland County	4.1 %	3.9 %	0.2
Wabash County	3.2 %	3.8 %	-0.6
Wayne County	4.2 %	4.5 %	-0.3
<b>Other Areas</b>			
LWIA 23	4.5 %	4.7 %	-0.2
LWIA 24	4.1 %	4.3 %	-0.2
LWIA 25	4.9 %	5.0 %	-0.1
LWIA 26	4.9 %	5.1 %	-0.2
Southern EDR	4.9 %	5.1 %	-0.2