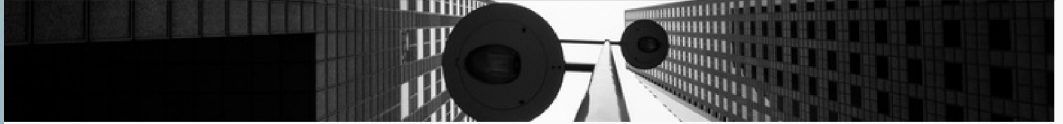


JANURARY 2024

SOUTHERN 14

NEWSLETTER



SUCCESS STORY

Andrea Stricklin graduated from Galatia High School and came to WIOA in hopes of obtaining a Cosmetology license. When asked why she chose Cosmetology Andrea said, "I knew early on that I wanted to be a Cosmetologist. Throughout high school everyone always talked about college and where they wanted to go and how it was such a big decision. But for me, I always knew what I wanted to do."

Andrea found out about WIOA through her guidance counselor and decided to check it out. After contacting WIOA, she said, "I found out very quickly that everyone there just wants to help." Andrea found out last minute that she would have to find somewhere else to attend classes as the SIC Cosmetology classes were not available due to staffing issues. She was able to get into classes at Rend Lake Community College and WIOA was able to work with her in providing tuition, books, fees, mileage to and from Rend Lake College, as well as paid for an extra Hair Extension class to enrich her skills. Andrea said, "They have helped me in so many different ways from helping with tuition to giving advice and everything in between. I am so thankful to have been a part of this program and I would recommend it to anyone!"

Andrea successfully completed her Cosmetology program in July of last year. She has shown great dedication in achieving her dream of becoming a Cosmetologist. Andrea currently works at Stephanie's Hair Salon in Harrisburg, Illinois. She has her own booth and is building a clientele. She has an exceptional attitude and is always very courteous. She has shown a great enthusiasm in learning the Cosmetology trade and says that she loves her new career.

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

In the fall semester WADI had 1 student attain a welding certificate, 1 attain a diesel tech certificate, 1 attain an IT certificate, and 1 attain a CDL license. This spring WADI will have three RN students taking state boards, two LPN students taking state boards, and two taking radiography state boards. WADI also has 3 participants in the Quest Grant, 1 in Work Experience and 2 in CDL classes. New this spring, WADI has 3 participants enrolled in the state supplemental grant. Also, WADI has new participants this spring semester which include 3 in CDL training, 2 in LPN training, 1 in welding and 1 in pharmacy tech.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

SDC has enrolled 13 new participants in the Spring 2024 semester at Shawnee Community College for a total of 34. They also enrolled 2 participants at Southeastern Illinois College for this semester. SDC has 1 participant on the IE Adult Work Experience program who works in Hardin County. SDC is also currently working on adding work experience participants on the new State and Quest grants that have been approved recently. Their plan is to employ 1-2 work experience participants in each of our counties for a total of 9. For the Quest grant, they will be adding 1-2 in each county as well with a total of 8. On December 14th SDC WIOA attended the Regional Planning meeting at Mantracon. On January 25th is the quarterly Business Services Team Zoom meeting. In April there is a Job Fair at Shawnee Community College that we plan to attend.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

Happy New Year from the Board Office! We have all been extremely busy but 2024 is off to a great start. In January each year we have to complete the CEO Agreement with all 14 counties. That process is underway. We received the fully executed State Grant which totals \$234,480.39. This grant will be utilized for Work Experience and Classroom Training. We have begun MOU negotiations with our partners and expect to submit the information at our next board meeting. We are also in the midst of the Regional and Local Plans that must be submitted every 4 years. This process has several steps but again we are working with our partners and will be submitting information regarding our Local Plan at the next board meeting. Our Business Services Team is back in action for this quarter. It meets on January 25th. I hope that we can continue to foster great relationships during the coming year through the BST.



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!!

Board Office Budget Overview

Board Office Budget (Total Funding)				
	Budget	Expended	% Expended	Remaining Budget
PY23 Approved Budget	246,258.00			
Adjustment for PY22 Carry Forward	13,961.60			
Additional Funding/New Grants	32,510.55			
Revised PY23 Admin Budget	292,730.15			
SALARIES & BENEFITS	162,761.51	78,014.92	47.9%	84,746.59
RENT/UTILITIES/PHONE	9,700.00	4,739.44	48.9%	4,960.56
OFFICE	27,400.00	15,911.80	58.1%	11,488.20
BOARD TRAVEL/TRAINING	4,000.00	718.02	18.0%	3,281.98
STAFF TRAVEL/TRAINING	8,800.00	5,890.51	66.9%	2,909.49
LEGAL/ACCOUNTING	7,500.00	0.00	0.0%	7,500.00
ADVERTISING/MARKETING	1,500.00	304.82	20.3%	1,195.18
EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	0.00	0.0%	1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	33,076.63	609.37	1.8%	32,467.26
WORKNET CENTER	17,172.00	2,066.09	12.0%	15,105.91
INCUMBENT WORKER PROJECTS	19,820.00	1,275.00	6.4%	18,545.00
	292,730.14	109,529.97	37.4%	183,200.17



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

Labor Market Area	Nov 2023	Nov 2022	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale-Marion MSA	3.7 %	3.8 %	-0.1
Jackson County	3.6 %	3.7 %	-0.1
Williamson County	3.7 %	3.8 %	-0.1
Surrounding Counties			
Alexander County	5.2 %	5.7 %	-0.5
Franklin County	4.7 %	4.9 %	-0.2
Johnson County	4.7 %	4.6 %	0.1
Massac County	4.0 %	4.6 %	-0.6
Perry County	4.4 %	4.5 %	-0.1
Pulaski County	6.3 %	6.8 %	-0.5
Randolph County	3.2 %	3.2 %	0.0
Union County	4.6 %	4.7 %	-0.1
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	4.5 %	5.0 %	-0.5
Hamilton County	3.2 %	3.1 %	0.1
Hardin County	4.7 %	4.7 %	0.0
Pope County	3.2 %	3.7 %	-0.5
Saline County	4.3 %	4.6 %	-0.3
White County	3.5 %	3.8 %	-0.3
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	4.4 %	3.9 %	0.5
Lawrence County	4.6 %	4.8 %	-0.2
Richland County	3.8 %	3.5 %	0.3
Wabash County	2.9 %	3.0 %	-0.1
Wayne County	4.1 %	3.7 %	0.4
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	3.6 %	3.5 %	0.1
LWIA 24	3.6 %	3.5 %	0.1
LWIA 25	3.9 %	4.1 %	-0.2
LWIA 26	4.1 %	4.2 %	-0.1
Southern EDR	4.0 %	4.1 %	-0.1

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale – Marion Area

The November 2023 unemployment rate was 3.7 percent. This was a -0.1 percentage point decrease from the November 2022 rate of 3.8 percent. Total nonfarm employment increased by +900 jobs in November 2023 compared to November a year ago. Government payrolls increased over-the-year (+200).

Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +375 jobs in November 2023 compared to a year ago.

Employment rose in Leisure and Hospitality (+275), Government (+175), Educational and Health Services (+75), Construction (+25), Financial Activities (+25) and Manufacturing (+25).

No change in employment was reported in the Information, Natural Resources and Mining or Other Services industries.

Payrolls declined in both Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-125) and Professional and Business Services (-50).

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +350 jobs in November 2023 compared to November 2022.

Employment gains were posted in Government (+175), Financial Activities (+75), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+50), Natural Resources and Mining (+50), Information (+50), Manufacturing (+25) and Educational and Health Services (+25).

No change was recorded in Leisure and Hospitality or in Other Services payrolls.

Employment declined over-the-year in Construction (-50) and Professional and Business Services (-25).

Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +325 jobs in November 2023 compared to November 2022.

Payrolls increased in Government (+175), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+125), Educational and Health Services (+75), Leisure and Hospitality (+50), Other Services (+25) and Professional and Business Services (+25).

Payrolls were unchanged in Information and Natural Resources and Mining over-the-year. Payroll employment decreased in the Manufacturing (-125), Financial Activities (-25) and Construction (-25) industries.

- Release date of December 29, 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