

MAY 2024

SOUTHERN 14

# NEWSLETTER



## Success Story

Madison Sturgeon, at the age of 20, is graduating from Shawnee Community College as an Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA). She had a family member experience an accident which resulted in a spinal cord injury. Occupational therapy helped that family member gain a lot of ability to complete daily tasks many people take for granted such as bathing, toileting, dressing etc. Madison states that the WIOA program helped her tremendously.

During the program I was going to clinicals or classes 40/hrs. per week which made it hard to work. WIOA allowed me to focus on school by taking off some financial stress as they assisted me with books, fees, tuition, travel expenses and clinical equipment.

Madison says that at her current job she works with individuals who have a variety of diagnoses in the geriatric population. Part of her job duties are to help these individuals regain strength and help restore their profile levels of function to the best of her ability while working with the rehab team. Many people think Occupational Therapy is something to do with people who get hurt on the job, while this is true, they do work with that population they also work with a variety of people. According to the Occupational Therapy field, occupation is a term used for daily activities such as bathing, dressing, eating, etc. Occupational Therapists work to promote health, well-being, and your ability to participate in the important activities in your life.

Madison feels that the WIOA program helped her achieve her goal of becoming an OTA by motivating her to stay on track. WIOA assisted her with financial stress, so she was able to maintain focus on school work. Madison also wants to extend her appreciation to the SDC WIOA program in saying, "Thank You."

## OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: June 11, 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

WADI has added two new work experience participants with the need for more applicants. They are seeking out students who need temporary employment and want flexible scheduling to add to their work experience opportunities! WADI has one participant that is switching from CSBG to WIOA in Hamilton County. They also have 4 Head Start workers starting online Early Childhood classes at John A Logan this summer. WADI will also have one participant starting welding and one RN student starting this summer. WADI career planners attended the Southern 14 Quarterly In-Service on May 2nd. Southern 14 will also be completing their quarterly fiscal and programmatic monitoring on May 23rd.

## SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

Spring classes ended for Shawnee Community College on May 10th. The next CDL classes start on May 28th and the regular classes start on June 3rd. SCC has informed us they will be closed on Fridays starting in June and going through the summer. That means classes are at most 4 days per week. We have been busy enrolling new students for the summer semester, so our numbers for classroom training are not set as of today. SDC currently has the following Work Experience totals which includes 6 Youth In-School, 5 State, and 3 Quest. On April 25th-26th all WIOA staff attended the WIOA Summit via Zoom. On May Southern 14 completed their Quarterly In-Service Training via Zoom where all SDC WIOA staff attended and participated.

## SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

Our MOU negotiations have come to a close and we are awaiting final signatures for its submittal. Jessica has completed the required list for submittal including all partner service delivery direct linkage forms. The completed project will be submitted on or before May 31st. Southern 14 completed its quarterly in-service for our service providers. We provided training in the following areas: adding local services in IWDS, reviewed our recent bi-monthly reports, provided more training on the Assessment Summary screen, talked about how to gain more MSG's for our youth work experience clients, reviewing IWDS client screens before exit, case note reviewal, and also reviewed our Service Matrix provided by the state. We have also created a Policy Review Taskforce to review all local polices in the months of June, July, and August with hopes of bringing any and all revisions and additions to our September board meeting. This task force plans to review our local policies with an equity lens and develop new local policies that are required by the state.



## 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!!

# Performance Overview

## Preliminary Outcomes

LWA: 26 - Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board Inc

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Overall Outcome: **MEET**

Program Year: 2023

through

Program Quarter: 4

Performance Measurement	Negotiated Goal	90% Threshold	Actual Outcome	% of Negotiated Goal	% of Threshold Goal	Status
<a href="#">Youth Employment Rate Q2 (YER2):</a>	64.0%	57.6%	80.36%	125.56%	139.51%	EXCEED
<a href="#">Youth Employment Rate Q4 (YER4):</a>	65.0%	58.5%	77.27%	118.88%	132.09%	EXCEED
<a href="#">Youth Median Earnings Rate Q2 (YMER):</a>	\$3,900.00	\$3,510.00	\$7,566.64	194.02%	215.57%	EXCEED
<a href="#">Youth Credential Attainment Rate (YCAR):</a>	52.0%	46.8%	58.62%	112.73%	125.26%	EXCEED
<a href="#">Youth Measurable Skills Gain (YMSG):</a>	55.0%	49.5%	57.69%	104.89%	116.55%	EXCEED
<a href="#">Adult Employment Rate Q2 (AER2):</a>	72.0%	64.8%	79.71%	110.71%	123.01%	EXCEED
<a href="#">Adult Employment Rate Q4 (AER4):</a>	70.0%	63.0%	70.69%	100.99%	112.21%	EXCEED
<a href="#">Adult Median Earnings Rate Q2 (AMER):</a>	\$6,500.00	\$5,850.00	\$8,951.40	137.71%	153.02%	EXCEED
<a href="#">Adult Credential Attainment Rate (ACAR):</a>	66.0%	59.4%	82.61%	125.17%	139.07%	EXCEED
<a href="#">Adult Measurable Skills Gain (AMSG):</a>	64.0%	57.6%	75.47%	117.92%	131.02%	EXCEED
<a href="#">DW Employment Rate Q2 (DER2):</a>	71.0%	63.9%	84.62%	119.18%	132.43%	EXCEED
<a href="#">DW Employment Rate Q4 (DER4):</a>	72.0%	64.8%	66.67%	92.6%	102.89%	MEET
<a href="#">DW Median Earnings Rate Q2 (DMER):</a>	\$9,900.00	\$8,910.00	\$9,621.03	97.18%	107.98%	MEET
<a href="#">DW Credential Attainment Rate (DCAR):</a>	70.0%	63.0%	64.71%	92.44%	102.71%	MEET
<a href="#">DW Measurable Skills Gain (DMSG):</a>	54.0%	48.6%	66.67%	123.46%	137.18%	EXCEED



- Release date of April 25, 2024

### INFORMATION:

- Each issue you will see rotating information and data to keep you all informed in different ways!
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### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (percent) for Local Counties and Areas

Labor Market Area	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Over-the-Year Change
<b>Carbondale-Marion MSA</b>	<b>4.6 %</b>	<b>4.2 %</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Jackson County	4.4 %	4.0 %	0.4
Williamson County	4.8 %	4.4 %	0.4
<b>Surrounding Counties</b>			
Alexander County	6.0 %	5.8 %	0.2
Franklin County	5.8 %	5.2 %	0.6
Johnson County	6.1 %	5.9 %	0.2
Massac County	4.8 %	4.6 %	0.2
Perry County	5.4 %	5.1 %	0.3
Pulaski County	6.9 %	7.0 %	-0.1
Randolph County	4.2 %	3.6 %	0.6
Union County	5.7 %	5.9 %	-0.2
<b>Harrisburg Area</b>			
Gallatin County	4.8 %	4.8 %	0.0
Hamilton County	4.2 %	3.6 %	0.6
Hardin County	5.4 %	4.8 %	0.6
Popo County	3.9 %	3.2 %	0.7
Saline County	4.9 %	4.6 %	0.3
White County	4.6 %	3.9 %	0.7
<b>Olney - Mt. Carmel Area</b>			
Edwards County	4.5 %	4.3 %	0.2
Lawrence County	6.0 %	5.0 %	1.0
Richland County	4.4 %	3.8 %	0.6
Wabash County	3.5 %	3.0 %	0.5
Wayne County	4.5 %	3.8 %	0.7
<b>Other Areas</b>			
LWIA 23	4.5 %	3.9 %	0.6
LWIA 24	4.3 %	3.9 %	0.4
LWIA 25	4.9 %	4.5 %	0.4
LWIA 26	4.9 %	4.5 %	0.4
Southern EDR	4.9 %	4.5 %	0.4

### Southern Illinois Highlights

#### Carbondale – Marion Area

The March 2024 unemployment rate was 4.6 percent. This was a +0.4 percentage point increase from the March 2023 rate of 4.2 percent. Total nonfarm employment was unchanged from a year ago.

#### Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -125 jobs in March 2024 compared to a year ago.

Employment rose among Leisure-Hospitality (+50), Mining-Natural Resources (+50), Other Services (+50) and Information (+25) employers.

No change in employment was reported in the Professional-Business Services or Government sectors.

Payrolls declined among employers in Private Education-Health Services (-100), Manufacturing (-75), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-50), Construction (-50) and Financial Activities (-25).

#### Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +450 jobs in March 2024 compared to March 2023.

Employment gains were posted in Private Education-Health Services (+225), Government (+150), Financial Activities (+125), Mining-Natural Resources (+75) and Leisure-Hospitality (+25).

No change was recorded in payrolls in the Other Services sector.

Employment declined among employers in Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-50), Manufacturing (-25), Information (-25), Construction (-25) and Professional-Business Services (-25).

#### Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm employment contracted by -150 jobs in March 2024 compared to March 2023.

Payrolls increased in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+25), Other Services (+25), Information (+25) and Professional-Business Services (+25) sectors.

In the region, employers in the Manufacturing (-100), Government (-50), Financial Activities (-25), Construction (-25) and Leisure-Hospitality (-25) sectors are estimated to have decreased payrolls between March 2023 and March 2024.