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SOUTHERN 14 NEWSLETTER



SUCCESS STORY

There is a desire in all of us to attain success in our endeavors. That is what enables us to realize our dreams.

Raising her children and trying to work, Melissa Merideth had to put her career plans of becoming a nurse on hold for 19 years. She had taken some college courses through Shawnee Community College back in 2002, but being a mother was her career at the time.

After applying for and being accepted into the LPN program at SCC in April of 2021, a friend told Melissa about the WIOA program and how it could help her finish her nursing training. She was unemployed with a high school diploma and lived alone in Metropolis. Working with the WIOA program, a plan to successfully complete her training and becoming an RN was developed.

After receiving her LPN degree in November of 2022, Melissa accepted a job at Southgate Nursing & Rehab Center in Metropolis where she is still employed.

Melissa first had reservations about balancing both school and work, but with a lot of encouragement from her family, and the perseverance & determination to see it through, she graduated from the ADN program in July of 2023. She maintained A's and B's her entire time at SCC and also made the school's Vice President's list during the spring of 2023.

Melissa says that graduating with an ADN degree has only made life better for her. She was promoted to an RN at Southgate on October 25, 2023. She praises the WIOA program as well as Shawnee Development Council for all the assistance and pep talks that helped to keep her inspired!!

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

WADI has had 2 new CDL participants. One passed the course attaining his CDL is working at Baumgart Farms. The other started classes November 7th. They also have a new WEX participant in Wayne County. On September 14th, Lena and Ryan T. attended the White County Board Meeting and on the 26th Nelda attended the Wabash County Board Meeting. On October 5th, Bonnie and Ryan T. attended a rapid response workshop for Clearwave employees. WADI also all participated in Dairy Days, Mules Days, and Corn Days parades. On October 26th, staff attended the WIOA Retreat at FCC. Finally, on November 7th, Pam and Ryan T. attended the FCHS Career Days. Career Planners are doing continuing education which includes IEBS and IPATS, both are systems within Illinois WorkNet. Our quarterly monitoring was a success! Robin Kralman could not say enough positive things about how organized WADI files are now.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

SDC has a total of 4 participants on the IE Adult Work Experience program. Currently there is one in each of the following counties: Hardin, Pulaski, Alexander, and Massac. On October 6th Denna Williams attended a Community Regional Summit at Vienna High School representing the WIOA program. On October 16th the annual monitoring was performed at SDC. We had a few minor findings but overall, we were told our files looked very good and had no major problems. On October 16th our Career Planners, Work Experience Coordinator, and Executive Director attended the S014 annual retreat held at Frontier College. On November 9th Victor & SDC's CSBG Program Manager attended a presentation at Cairo High School where they presented about each program. Career Planners are doing continuing education which includes IEBS and IPATS, both are systems within Illinois WorkNet.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

Southern 14 hosted its annual retreat, but this year it was in collaboration with IECC's Business and Industry department. It was a great day of training which included Fraud, Abuse, and Waste, Adult Education Information, Ergonomics, De-escalation, Overview of the Quest Grant, Personal Pronouns, Team Building, and a Scavenger Hunt! We all had a wonderful day and want to personally thank KaRissa Miller for all her hard work!

Southern 14, along with our Service Providers, underwent fiscal and programmatic monitoring in October. We are happy to announce that this monitoring went well with ZERO fiscal findings and only two programmatic findings. This is a huge win for our area and we are so proud of the collective efforts of our Service Providers and the Board Staff. Congratulations on a job well done!



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!!

BUDGET OVERVIEW

PY23 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)			
	Total Budget	Expended 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	Remaining Budget
WADI			
In School Youth	52,042.04	7,231.88	44,810.16
Out of School Youth	149,658.44	22,140.81	127,517.63
Adult	361,421.99	70,551.42	290,870.57
Dislocated Worker	113,386.93	12,275.48	101,111.45
Total WADI	676,509.40	112,199.59	564,309.81
SDC			
In School Youth	77,097.01	1,920.71	75,176.30
Out of School Youth	125,478.00	13,063.84	112,414.16
Adult	385,480.61	10,871.44	374,609.17
Dislocated Worker	111,281.44	36,527.96	74,753.48
Total SDC	699,337.06	62,383.95	636,953.11
AREA			
Admin	188,361.38	46,350.56	142,010.82
In School Youth	131,543.05	9,419.81	122,123.24
Out of School Youth	282,348.44	36,123.20	246,225.24
Adult	762,935.60	81,422.86	681,512.74
Dislocated Worker	266,863.00	52,191.33	214,671.67
Total Area	1,632,051.47	225,507.76	1,406,543.71



- Release date of November 22, 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

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

Labor Market Area	Oct 2023	Oct 2022	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale-Marion MSA	4.4 %	3.8 %	0.6
Jackson County	4.4 %	3.8 %	0.6
Williamson County	4.3 %	3.9 %	0.4
Surrounding Counties			
Alexander County	6.4 %	5.8 %	0.6
Franklin County	5.6 %	4.9 %	0.7
Johnson County	5.5 %	4.8 %	0.7
Massac County	4.8 %	4.8 %	0.0
Perry County	5.3 %	4.5 %	0.8
Pulaski County	7.4 %	6.3 %	1.1
Randolph County	4.0 %	3.3 %	0.7
Union County	5.2 %	4.3 %	0.9
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	5.5 %	4.8 %	0.7
Hamilton County	3.8 %	3.0 %	0.8
Hardin County	5.0 %	4.4 %	0.6
Pope County	3.8 %	4.0 %	-0.2
Saline County	5.0 %	4.6 %	0.4
White County	4.0 %	3.7 %	0.3
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	5.3 %	4.0 %	1.3
Lawrence County	5.8 %	4.7 %	1.1
Richland County	4.2 %	3.5 %	0.7
Wabash County	3.4 %	3.0 %	0.4
Wayne County	4.5 %	3.5 %	1.0
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	4.1 %	3.5 %	0.6
LWIA 24	4.3 %	3.6 %	0.7
LWIA 25	4.7 %	4.1 %	0.6
LWIA 26	4.7 %	4.2 %	0.5
Southern EDR	4.7 %	4.1 %	0.6

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale – Marion Area

The October 2023 unemployment rate was 4.4 percent. This was a +0.6 percentage point increase from the October 2022 rate of 3.8 percent. Total nonfarm employment increased by +400 jobs in October 2023 compared to October a year ago. Government payrolls increased over-the-year (+200).

Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +350 jobs in October 2023 compared to a year ago.

Employment rose in Leisure and Hospitality (+250), Government (+200), Educational and Health Services (+75), Construction (+50) and Financial Activities (+25).

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

Payrolls declined in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-125), Professional and Business Services (-50), and Other Services (-25).

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +300 jobs in October 2023 compared to October 2022.

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

No change was recorded in Leisure and Hospitality or in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities payrolls.

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

Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

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

Payrolls increased in Government (+200), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+125), Educational and Health Services (+75), Leisure and Hospitality (+50), Other Services (+50) and Professional and Business Services (+25).

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