

SEPTEMBER 2023

SOUTHERN 14 NEWSLETTER



SUCCESS STORY

Jontay Blankenship was a 21-year old high school graduate from Metropolis when he first came into the WIOA office at Shawnee Development Council in Karnak. He told his career planner that he wanted to go to truck driving training at Shawnee Community College to better himself & be able to support his young son. He was eager to make it through the program & find employment right away.

At the time of his application, Jontay was living with his grandmother in Metropolis with not a lot of opportunities to change his situation due to a lack of work experience & only a high school diploma. He knew he wanted a better life & that he had to take that first step.

With determination on his side, he completed the CDL program at SCC in the fall of 2022, making the President's list at the school and not missing a day of class. He obtained his first job as a truck driver with U.S. Express in November of 2022 but transferred to his current employment with Schneider Trucking the following month.

Jontay says the last 9 months have been a period of self realization & a lot of learning about who he is and what he's capable of accomplishing. He said by getting rid of the distractions & obstacles he faced daily before he started this journey that he stays committed to what matters most & is happy to say he is seeing real results as he continues to reach his fullest potential. Jontay says he is able to spend quality time with his family, son, & give his son things he never had growing up. He wants to be an example to his son that anything is possible if you want it bad enough & are willing to work for it.

He gives credit to the WIOA program for helping him make his dream a reality and for helping him get his life on the right track. When on the highway of life, we all are on a different road. There will always be something ahead & something behind you. The key to success is shifting to drive & not looking back.

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 is excited to announce that the monthly Technical Assistance and quarterly monitoring by the WIB office were both positive. Corrective actions are being taken and documented for both. All career planners have been diligently working to organize the current student files, 99 to be exact. These files have a checklist and separate sections for easier readability. Over the summer three students graduated from cosmetology school. Two students are on track to graduate in December, with 10 graduating in May. This fall WADI has 8 students in nursing, 2 in welding, 2 in cdl, 2 in radiology, 1 in IT, 1 in diesel tech, 1 in criminal justice, 1 in early childhood, and 1 in medical assisting. WADI, in conjunction with the WIB office, have been working on new work experience sites. This fall WADI currently has 1 adult at Bailey's Bistro, 1 YOS at WADI Wayne County office, 2-YIS with 1 at the Wayne County Courthouse and 1 at the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

SDC WIOA has enrolled 17 new participants for Fall 2023, which includes those in truck driving, nursing, basic electrical, business management, as well as other programs of study. SDC has also hired a total of 7 participants on the 1E Adult Work Experience program. Currently there is one in Hardin, Pulaski, Alexander, Massac and Union Counties. One additional Work Experience is expected to begin soon in Massac County. September has been a busy month for SDC. On September 6th there was a career expo being held at Vienna High School, September 13th and 14th there were re-entry summits at Shawnee Correctional Center and Vienna Correctional Center, and finally on September 18th SDC attended a continuing education class at Shawnee College.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

The Executive Committee authorized the rehire of Rita Steele. She will be working 12 to 15 hours per week providing WIOA coverage at the One Stop Center. We are all excited that she is back with us.

Everyone has signed and returned their re-appointment forms and the Board Office was able to complete the Board re-certification process. The due date for the project was October 1, but thanks to each of you we had it submitted just after the 1st of September.

We do have a business majority, but still need representation from Massac and Union Counties. Pam continues to attend all 14 county board meetings by the end of the year.

We are hopeful to attain a QUEST grant for dislocated worker funding and an additional state grant for workforce development.



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

WADI	Total Budget	Expended 7/1/22-6/30/23	Remaining
In School Youth	52,042.04	301.03	51,741.01
Out of School Youth	149,658.44	3,063.33	146,595.11
Adult	361,421.99	11,934.47	349,487.52
Dislocated Worker	113,386.93	11,150.06	102,236.87
Total WADI	676,509.40	26,448.89	650,060.51
SDC			
In School Youth	77,097.01	2,498.15	74,598.86
Out of School Youth	125,478.00	(0.00)	125,478.00
Adult	385,480.61	10,871.44	374,609.17
Dislocated Worker	111,281.44	10,871.44	100,410.00
Total SDC	699,337.06	24,241.03	675,096.03
AREA			
Admin	188,361.38	32,591.07	155,770.31
In School Youth	131,543.05	2,938.52	128,604.53
Out of School Youth	282,348.44	3,492.31	278,856.13
Adult	762,935.60	25,734.32	737,201.28
Dislocated Worker	266,863.00	24,544.65	242,318.35
Total Area	1,632,051.47	89,300.87	1,542,750.60



- News Release
- September 21, 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	Aug 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Year Change
Carbondale-Marion MSA	5.4 %	4.3 %	1.1
Jackson County	5.6 %	4.4 %	1.2
Williamson County	5.1 %	4.2 %	0.9
Surrounding Counties			
Alexander County	7.9 %	6.6 %	1.3
Franklin County	6.4 %	5.2 %	1.2
Johnson County	6.8 %	5.4 %	1.4
Massac County	6.6 %	5.0 %	1.6
Perry County	6.2 %	4.9 %	1.3
Pulaski County	9.5 %	7.3 %	2.2
Randolph County	4.9 %	3.6 %	1.3
Union County	6.0 %	4.7 %	1.3
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	7.3 %	5.5 %	1.8
Hamilton County	4.2 %	3.4 %	0.8
Hardin County	7.0 %	5.5 %	1.5
Pope County	4.8 %	5.0 %	-0.2
Saline County	6.2 %	5.2 %	1.0
White County	5.1 %	4.1 %	1.0
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	5.9 %	4.5 %	1.4
Lawrence County	6.7 %	5.7 %	1.0
Richland County	5.1 %	4.0 %	1.1
Wabash County	4.1 %	3.4 %	0.7
Wayne County	5.6 %	4.0 %	1.6
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	5.1 %	4.0 %	1.1
LWIA 24	5.2 %	4.0 %	1.2
LWIA 25	5.7 %	4.6 %	1.1
LWIA 26	5.9 %	4.7 %	1.2
Southern EDR	5.7 %	4.6 %	1.1

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale – Marion Area

The August 2023 unemployment rate was 5.4 percent. This was a 1.1 percentage points increase from the August 2022 rate of 4.3 percent. Total nonfarm employment increased by +600 jobs in August 2023 compared to August a year ago. Government payrolls increased over-the-year (+200).

Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +300 jobs in August 2023 compared to a year ago.

Employment rose in Government (+325), Construction (+100), Leisure and Hospitality (+75), Educational and Health Services (+75) and Financial Activities (+25).

No change was reported in Manufacturing, Natural Resources and Mining, Other Services or Information Services.

August Payrolls declined in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-175) and Professional and Business Services (-50).

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +475 jobs in August 2023 compared to August 2022.

Employment gains were posted in Government (+200), Financial Activities (+75), Educational and Health Services (+50), Natural Resources and Mining (+50), Information (+50), Construction (+25), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+25) and Other Services (+25).

Manufacturing payrolls were unchanged in August 2023.

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

Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +425 jobs in August 2023 compared to August 2022.

Payrolls increased in Government (+300), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+75), Leisure and Hospitality (+50), Educational and Health Services (+50), Other Services (+50), Professional and Business Services (+25) and Information (+25).

Payrolls were unchanged in Construction over-the-year. Payroll employment decreased in Manufacturing (-75), Natural Resources and Mining (-25), and Financial Activities (-25).