

NOVEMBER 2024

SOUTHERN 14

NEWSLETTER



Success Story: RESPECT

Debra came to Shawnee Development Council in the spring of 2021 asking about the WIOA program & how it could help her **Reach** her personal & academic goal of becoming a nurse. She started her LPN training that summer and completed it the following July. At the time, she was living with her parents in Ullin. Debra had an **Enthusiastic** personality that made her easy to work with. I saw the potential from the first time I met her. She maintained A's & B's throughout her LPN training at Shawnee Community College. Debra was a **Serious** student with an unwavering determination to be a success.

Her transition into the ADN program during the fall 2022 semester was seamless. Moving forward with a **Polished** and positive attitude, she not only continued to maintain **Exceptional** grades but also started working part-time at area nursing home facilities. During ADN training, Debra did her clinicals at Choate in Anna, Lourdes & Baptist Hospitals in Paducah, KY & St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO. At that time, Debra moved out on her own to an apartment in Carbondale, supporting herself & continuing to **Care** about her grades & willing to work hard to stay in the upper ranking of her class.

Since completing her ADN training in July of this year, Debra has told me that when she came to SDC WIOA that she developed a plan for training for success & taking responsibility for her own future. She has accomplished just that by being **Tenacious** and staying committed to her principles & passion to be the very best at what she does. Debra currently works as an LPN with SIH (Southern Illinois Healthcare) out of Carbondale. She was scheduled to take her NCLEX exam in September & will be promoted to the position of registered nurse. With Debra's earnest conviction & ability to adapt, she will be an asset wherever she goes.

Submitted by: Cynthia L. Arthur, Shawnee Development Council

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: December 10, 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

On October 29th, Ryan Trueblood attended the FCHS career fair and gave a WIOA presentation. He was also available for several different sessions in the gymnasium where students could ask questions. On October 31st, the WIOA staff participated in the annual retreat at Bob Boyles Hall at Frontier Community College. During the retreat, WIOA staff learned about ergonomics, the American Disability Act, and good self-esteem practices. WADI continues to serve around 76 participants in our area through various services such as traditional classroom trainings, work experiences, and on the job trainings. One of those students is finishing up their welding program in the coming week!

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

The Fall 2024 semester is almost complete! SDC enrolled a few students in the CDL truck driving class as well as added a few phlebotomy students at SCC. Currently, SDC has 2 participants on the QUEST WEX grant with one in each of the following counties: Union and Massac. SDC also has one participant still in an OJT as well. In October, WIOA employees participated in several training opportunities including the Shawnee Regional Summit, Quarterly In-Service by Southern 14, and the WIOA retreat. In November, WIOA employees have several upcoming advisory meetings, the DCEO monitoring, a presentation at SCC, a roundtable with Vocational Rehab, and the Fall Summit at Shawnee and Vienna Correctional Centers.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

The Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board remains certified by the State of Illinois and eligible to receive Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds to help the residents of LWIA #26. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requires that the local workforce board maintain a majority of their membership from the private business community. Our area has several open seats in multiple counties. Our office is working with these counties to fill those private business seats. If you live or work in one of our 14 counties and have any ideas on business leads please call our office! We completed our annual retreat at the end of October! It was a great day to recharge and learn about important topics that have come up in 2024. We would like to thank KaRissa Miller with Frontier's Business and Industry for planning such a wonderful day. Pam is working on completing the last 3 county board meetings for our area. Our annual monitoring occurred last week and we are awaiting those results. We feel confident that our office has upheld the standards set forth for us! Up next is MOU planning!



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!!

Participant Information

Exit Information	
Exiters ⓘ	99
✔ Employed at Exit ⓘ	19
✔ Employed 2nd Quarter after Exit ⓘ	3
✔ Employed 4th Quarter after Exit ⓘ	0
✔ Employed in Training Related Job at Exit ⓘ	11
✔ Employed in Training Related Job 2nd Quarter after Exit ⓘ	2
✔ Employed in Training Related Job 4th Quarter after Exit ⓘ	0
Not Employed at Exit - Entered Training Related Employment 2nd Quarter after Exit ⓘ	10
Not Employed at Exit - Entered Training Related Employment 4th Quarter after Exit ⓘ	10
Total ⓘ	99



- Release date of October 24, 2024

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	Sep 2024	Sep 2023	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale MSA	4.5 %	4.5 %	0.0
Jackson County	4.6 %	4.6 %	0.0
Williamson County	4.4 %	4.5 %	-0.1
Surrounding Counties			
Alexander County	5.9 %	6.2 %	-0.3
Franklin County	5.5 %	5.4 %	0.1
Johnson County	5.6 %	5.9 %	-0.3
Massac County	4.9 %	5.0 %	-0.1
Perry County	5.4 %	5.3 %	0.1
Pulaski County	7.1 %	7.8 %	-0.7
Randolph County	4.1 %	4.0 %	0.1
Union County	4.6 %	5.1 %	-0.5
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	4.9 %	5.4 %	-0.5
Hamilton County	3.5 %	3.8 %	-0.3
Hardin County	5.6 %	5.6 %	0.0
Pope County	4.1 %	4.2 %	-0.1
Saline County	4.9 %	5.0 %	-0.1
White County	4.3 %	4.4 %	-0.1
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	4.8 %	5.0 %	-0.2
Lawrence County	9.0 %	5.5 %	3.5
Richland County	4.8 %	4.6 %	0.2
Wabash County	4.0 %	3.8 %	0.2
Wayne County	4.6 %	4.7 %	-0.1
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	4.5 %	4.3 %	0.2
LWIA 24	4.2 %	4.4 %	-0.2
LWIA 25	4.8 %	4.8 %	0.0
LWIA 26	4.7 %	4.9 %	-0.2
Southern EDR	4.8 %	4.8 %	0.0

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale – Marion Area

The September 2024 unemployment rate was 4.5 percent. This was the same unemployment rate as in September 2023. Employers in the region added +1,100 jobs year-over-year, including an increase in Government (+200) payrolls.

Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm employment decreased by -50 jobs in September 2024 from a year earlier.

Employers in the Leisure-Hospitality (+75), Government (+50), Information (+25), Other Services (+25) and Natural Resources-Mining (+25) sectors added jobs during the year.

No change in total employment was reported by employers in the Manufacturing sector year-over-year. Payrolls decreased year-over-year in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-100), Private Education-Health Services (-50), Financial Activities (-25), Professional-Business Services (-25) and Construction (-25) sectors.

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +350 jobs in September 2024 compared to September 2023.

Employment gains were posted by employers in the Private Education-Health Services (+175), Government (+175), Natural Resources-Mining (+50), Financial Activities (+50) and Information (+50) sectors.

No change was recorded in payrolls in the Other Services, Manufacturing or Professional-Business Services sectors. Employment declined among employers in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-100), Construction (-50) and Leisure-Hospitality (-25) sectors.

Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -150 positions between September 2023 and September 2024.

Payrolls increased among employers in the Private Education-Health Services (+75), Other Services (+50), Government (+50) and Natural Resources-Mining (+25) sectors.

Payroll employment was unchanged for employers in the Professional-Business Services, Financial Activities, Information, Trade-Transportation-Utilities and Leisure-Hospitality sectors. Employers in the Manufacturing (-325) and Construction (-25) sectors shed jobs between September 2023 and September 2024.