

OCTOBER 2024

SOUTHERN 14

NEWSLETTER



Success Story

Anthony Jones lives in Grand Chain with his wife and teenage son. He had worked as a mechanic welder at Electric Energy, Inc. (EEI) in Joppa for 14 years when the plant shut down and laid off its employees in September of 2022. He needed a fresh start in his career and decided to contact Shawnee Development Council's WIOA program to see what was available.

When he came into the office, he said he was interested in the truck driving training course through Shawnee Community College in Ullin. After some discussion, testing, and paperwork, he began that journey in the fall of 2022. He obtained his Certified Drivers License in December 2022.

Anthony looked at this accomplishment as preparation for his future with the IUOE Local 318 Union in Marion and applied for their heavy equipment operator apprenticeship program in May of 2023.

As a member of the union and part of his apprenticeship, Anthony is sent to work sites until he either gets laid off or the job ends. The union then sends him to another location. He has worked with E.T. Simonds, C.J. Mayhan Construction, Aldridge Electric, and is currently employed with Cupertino Electric helping to install electricity for a solar plant around Carmi, IL. Along the way, he has honed his skills and gained useful experience from each job. He said the apprenticeship program lasts 4 years and that he has insurance and a pension plan through the union.

Anthony's advice for anyone who gets laid off from their job is to not give up. Push yourself towards achieving your goals and believe in yourself.

"The best way to predict your future is to create it." – Abraham Lincoln

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

WADI is doing a lot of outreach this month! Nelda attended the Mt. Carmel High School job fair on October 17th. She also attended the IECC job fair at WVC on October 18th. At the end of the month Nelda will attend the Edwards County High School job fair on the 29th. During this same time, Ryan will be attending the Fairfield Community High School job fair. In WEX, WADI has two youth starting at their WADI offices in Hamilton and Wayne Counties. In Career Education, WADI had one youth start his CDL training this month. Career planners and well as all WIOA staff attended the quarterly in-service through the board office as well as plan to attend the annual retreat on the 31st.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

The Fall 2024 semester is about halfway through and SDC is enrolling a few student in the CDL truck driving class that starts on October 21st as well as adding a few phlebotomy students on October 15th. Currently, SDC has 4 participants on the QUEST WEX grant with one in each of the following counties, Johnson, Hardin, Union, and Massac. SDC also has one participant in an OJT as well. In September WIOA employees participated in several training opportunities including the LIHEAP annual training and the interagency meeting. In October, WIOA employees attended the Vienna High School Regional Summit, the Southern 14 quarterly in-service, the Business Services Team Meeting, as well as the annual fall retreat.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

In 2025 IWDS will be replaced with IWDS 2.0 in Illinois WorkNet. Jessica has been working with the IWDS Transition Discovery Team on the Referral System section of IWDS 2.0. She says this work group is collaborating and giving great input to make the product something the career planners will find very user friendly. This month we held our quarterly in-service for both service providers with topics on monitoring, follow up, exit, service lines, and performance. We also will host our annual retreat. This year it will be held at Frontier Community College with the help of Business and Industry representatives. We have scheduled sessions that include ergonomics, ADA compliance, performance, Excel, and of course a fun activity that includes an escape room! This month Pam has completed an additional three county board meetings as well. The IWP had their annual training. Our office was able to attend the Zoom version where we discussed the importance of our state association and how we would like to move forward in workforce development through 2025.



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!!

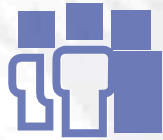


WIOA Impact Report

Southern14 Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

Unique Count of Title I and Title III Customers for Rolling 4 Quarters Ending March 31, 2024

Program Completers Served



295

Staff-Assisted Program Completers Served 4/1/22 - 3/31/23

Employment Success

Employment and Earnings in the 2nd Quarter after Exiting the Program | Cohort 4/1/22-3/31/23



72.50%

Percent Employed 2nd Quarter



\$8,887

Average Earnings 2nd Quarter

Economic Impact



\$7,607,188

Total Estimated Annual Earnings for those Employed in 2nd Quarter

Source: FutureWorks BI; Data derived from the PIRL; Program Year 2023 Data



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