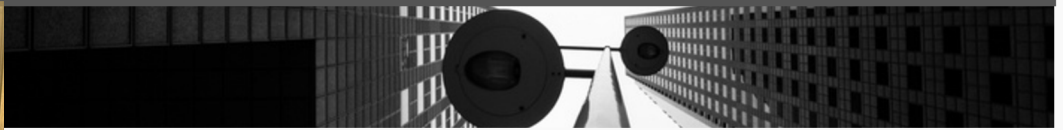


APRIL 2025

SOUTHERN 14

# NEWSLETTER



## Success Story

Kevin Shoemaker was referred to Wabash Area Development, Inc. office in Fairfield to inquire about their Work Experience Program.

Kevin was a recent graduate of Southwestern Illinois College receiving an Associate in Applied Science in Baking and Pastry. He had not found employment after graduation.

Kevin enrolled in the Work Experience Program through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant for him to gain meaningful work experience. He enjoyed learning the ins and outs of everyday inn-keeping tasks as well as doing the baking and pastry work. He learned how to schedule and prepare for teas that The Victorian on Main held for special events.

He successfully completed the Work Experience program, and he is currently employed there. He told me that the Work Experience opportunity has given him a better aspect for the future in having a place of his own to run and that the Work Experience program through WIOA was an incredible experience.

Submitted by Nelda Booker, Career Planner

## OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: June 10th
- 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 15 students on track to graduate this spring semester including 10 nursing students, 2 criminal justice students, 1 diesel tech student, 1 early childhood student, and 1 business management certificate student. One participant completed his CDL training this month and obtained his Class A licence. WADI began a WEX participant for Bryan Tomms Farms in Carmi, WADI Hamilton County, as well as WADI Wayne County. A new WEX will begin this week at MotoRad in Mt. Carmel. Ryan Douthitt attended the SIC Kids Fair on March 26th. The SIC Job Fair was also held on April 16<sup>th</sup> with Ryan Douthitt representing WIOA as well.

## SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

SDC has added three new truck drivers at Shawnee College.. Currently SDC has 1 WEX participant on the Quest grant in Pulaski and two WEX participants on the State grant with one in Pulaski and the other is Alexander. SDC also has four Youth WEX participants in Pope, Pulaski, Alexander, and Hardin. In March, SDC attended two IWDS 2.0 trainings. On March 27<sup>th</sup> the WIB office came and did their quarterly monitoring. In April, SDC attended four trainings for the new Service Matrix. They also attended the SCC job fair, the Southern 14 quarterly In-Service and the quarterly CDL updates. In May is the WIOA annual summit which will be in Peoria. SDC is currently down one career planner so they are working to hire temporary help until their return.

## SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

We received our official performance results for PY23. Performance results are based on 15 different measures which include Employment Rate 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter After Exit, Employment Rate 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter After Exit, Median Earnings 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter After Exit, Credential Attainment Rate, and Measurable Skill Gains for the Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Youth programs. LWIA 26 exceeded 12 and met 3 of the 15 measures, which is an amazing feat! Congratulation to the hard work of all our Title I staff for your continued efforts in getting participants back to work! We would also like to recognize that LWIA 26 was the TOP PERFORMER out of all 22 state workforce areas in the Employment Rate 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter after Exit measure. We also were the second place performer in the total Youth program and third place performer for the total Adult program for the entire state!

Several new programs are being requested to be added to the approved trainings list. This is also a Board Recertification Year! As board members, you will be receiving updated Appointment forms that require your signature so be on the lookout for those!



## 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!!

# Service Provider Budget

	PY24	PY23			
WADI	Allocated	Allocated	Quest	State	Total
Budget / Carry Forward	686,096.00	208,686.80	62,870.91	53,034.00	1,010,687.71
Admin/Operations Expense	58,289.56	93,438.71	12,550.02	3,021.88	167,300.17
Occupational Skills Training	62,657.49	22,480.73	14,007.00	0.00	99,145.22
Supportive Services	10,988.68	12,975.19	1,201.77	0.00	25,165.64
Work-Based Training	7,541.90	35,468.78	30,437.89	5,140.00	78,588.57
Total Direct Training	81,188.07	70,924.70	45,646.66	5,140.00	202,899.43
Total Expenses	139,477.63	164,363.41	58,196.68	8,161.88	370,199.60
Remaining Budget	546,618.37	44,323.39	4,674.23	44,872.12	640,488.11
SDC	Allocated	Allocated	Quest	State	Total
Budget / Carry Forward	647,102.00	232,753.44	67,091.67	53,034.00	999,981.11
Admin/Operations Expense	119,301.94	96,315.50	10,275.59		225,893.03
Occupational Skills Training	62,296.75	29,105.24	0.00		91,401.99
Supportive Services	73,559.90	43,082.16	1,420.97		118,063.03
Work-Based Training	0.00	43,089.34	38,177.59		81,266.93
Total Direct Training	135,856.65	115,276.74	39,598.56	0.00	290,731.95
Total Expenses	255,158.59	211,592.24	49,874.15	0.00	516,624.98
Remaining Budget	391,943.41	21,161.20	17,217.52	53,034.00	483,356.13



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## 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](mailto:boffice@so14lwib.com)

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

Labor Market Area	Feb 2025	Feb 2024	Over-the-Year Change
<b>Carbondale Area</b>			
Jackson County	4.7%	5.3%	-0.6
<b>Harrisburg Area</b>			
Gallatin County	4.7%	5.3%	-0.6
Hamilton County	4.5%	5.3%	-0.8
Hardin County	5.2%	5.7%	-0.5
Pope County	4.4%	5.3%	-0.9
Saline County	4.5%	5.1%	-0.6
White County	4.4%	4.8%	-0.4
<b>Olney - Mt. Carmel Area</b>			
Edwards County	4.0%	4.3%	-0.3
Lawrence County	4.1%	5.3%	-1.2
Richland County	3.5%	4.1%	-0.6
Wabash County	3.7%	3.9%	-0.2
Wayne County	4.0%	4.4%	-0.4
<b>Regional Counties</b>			
Alexander County	6.5%	6.7%	-0.2
Franklin County	5.3%	5.9%	-0.6
Jefferson County	4.7%	5.0%	-0.3
Johnson County	5.4%	6.4%	-1.0
Massac County	3.8%	4.3%	-0.5
Perry County	5.0%	5.5%	-0.5
Pulaski County	6.5%	7.7%	-1.2
Union County	5.1%	5.9%	-0.8
Williamson County	4.2%	5.2%	-1.0
<b>Cities</b>			
Carbondale City	5.2%	5.3%	-0.1
<b>Other Areas</b>			
LWIA 23	4.1%	4.9%	-0.8
LWIA 24	3.9%	4.7%	-0.8
LWIA 25	4.6%	5.3%	-0.7
LWIA 26	4.5%	5.1%	-0.6
Southern EDR	4.6%	5.2%	-0.6

### Southern Illinois Highlights

#### Carbondale Area

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +1,325 jobs in February 2025, compared to February 2024.

Employment rose among Private Education-Health Services (+575), Government (+425), Leisure-Hospitality (+225), Construction (+125) and Natural Resources-Mining (+25) employers.

No change was recorded in payrolls in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities, Information, Manufacturing and Professional-Business Services sectors year-over-year.

Employment declined among employers in Other Services (-25) and Financial Activities (-25).

#### Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -250 jobs in February 2025, compared to February 2024.

Employment rose among Private Education-Health Services (+125), Natural Resources-Mining (+50), Professional-Business Services (+25), Construction (+25) and Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+25) employers.

Employment declined among employers in Government (-200), Leisure-Hospitality (-125), Other Services (-75), Manufacturing (-25), Information (-25) and Financial Activities (-25).

#### Olney - Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -350 jobs in February 2025, compared to February 2024.

Employment rose among Private Education-Health Services (+75) and Manufacturing (+25) employers.

No change was recorded in payrolls in the Information sector.

Employment declined among employers in Leisure-Hospitality (-125), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-75), Financial Activities (-50), Construction (-50), Natural Resources-Mining (-50), Other Services (-50), Government (-50) and Professional-Business Services (-25).