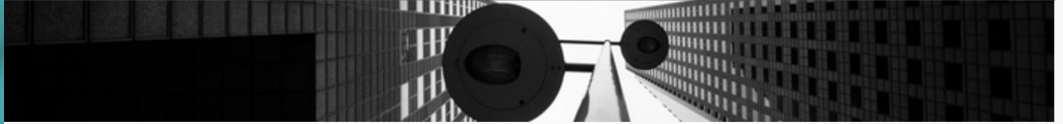


JUNE 2025

SOUTHERN 14

NEWSLETTER



Success Story

Rachel Kitzinger came into the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act office at Wabash Area Development, Inc. in July 2022. She was seeking assistance for the RN program offered at Wabash Valley College which she had been accepted into.

Rachel started the RN program in August 2022 and completed the program in May 2024. She passed the NCLEX exam for her RN license in June 2024. Rachel started her RN job at St. Mary's Warrick Hospital in July 2024.

Rachel is very appreciative of the assistance she received through the WIOA Program with the tuition, books, fees, uniforms and mileage assistance. She told me that she was looking forward to her new journey as an RN.

Submitted by: Nelda Booker, Career Planner WADI

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: September 9th
- 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

In Career Education, WADI currently has 3 in Nursing, 2 in CDL, 2 in Criminal Justice, 1 in Diesel Technology, 1 in Auto Technology, 1 in Early Childhood, and 1 in Cosmetology. There are 9 students that just graduated this semester with 6 new students beginning summer classes. In Work Experience, WADI has 2 in Crossville, 1 at White County Senior Center, 1 at Village of Enfield, 1 at Hubele-Tomm Farms, 1 at Little Sprouts Daycare, 1 at Mt Carmel High School, and 4 at various WADI outreach offices. On May 5th, Amy Seidel attended Hamilton County High School where she talked about WIOA services. On May 6th, Ryan Douthitt attended a nursing orientation at SIC. On May 27th, Amy Seidel attended the Crossville City Board Meeting to discuss summer Work Experience.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

The spring semester has ended and SDC is enrolling students for summer 2025 in Career Education and beginning several new Work Experience students as well. SDC is working to expend the last of the State funds, Quest funds, and are working through their list of participants who are interested in WIOA services. On May 8th and 9th SDC attended the WIOA annual summit virtually. On May 28th SDC staff met with potential OTA students at the SCC Anna Extension Center. SDC is looking to hire temporary help for the WIOA program. If you know of anyone interested in a temporary position please have them reach out to Victor Duckworth at 618-634-2201.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

Board Recertification has began and you should have received your Appointment/Reappointment form in the mail. Once you have signed those, please return them as soon as possible. Please reach out if you have not received yours.

We are still working with several companies to provide incumbent worker training and have requested an additional \$7,500 to increase the projects for Champ Labs. They are doing a module of lean manufacturing that is specifically to increase production on the line. We are also working with a Farm Tiling company in Metropolis to provide fast-track CDL training through SCC. All of our current projects will be completed by September 30, but we anticipate requesting a new 1E grant for future projects. The new request will include a small amount of administrative funding.

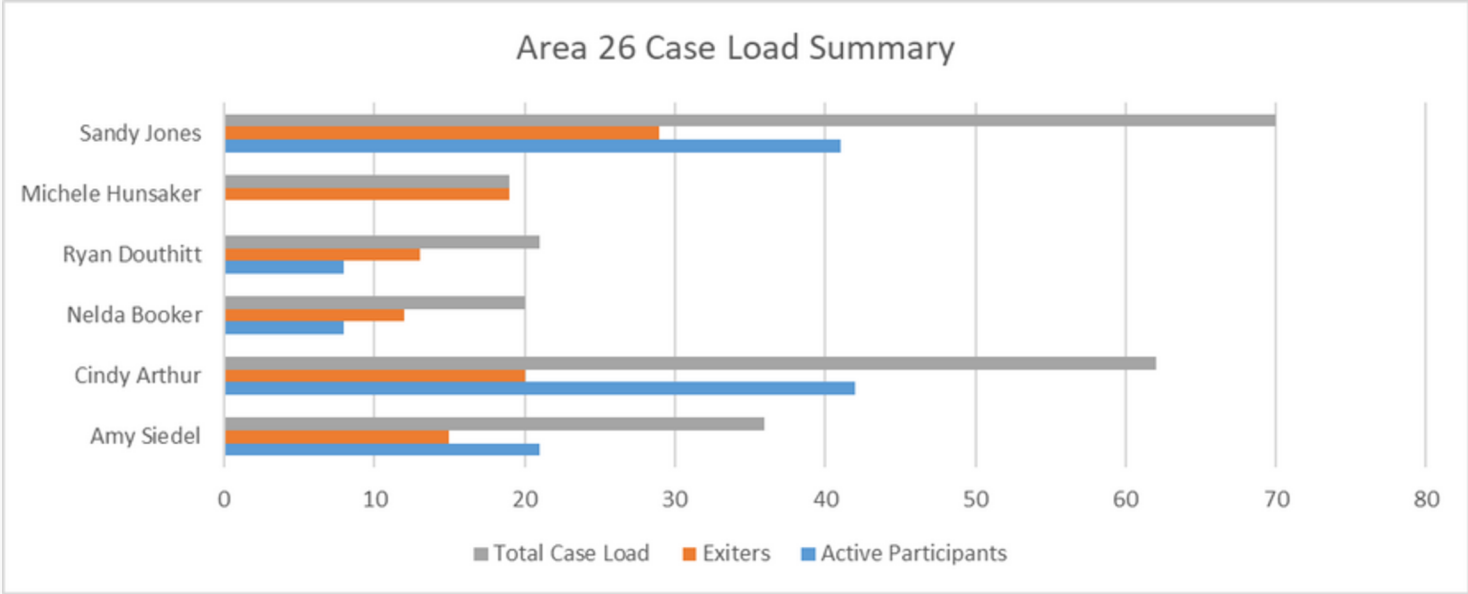
We were awarded an additional \$32,500 in the Quest grant. This funding will be used by SDC for Work Experience training and must be completed before September 30, 2025. Our goal for this grant is 32 individuals. As of the end of May, we have served 28, 9 with occupational skills training (CDL) and 19 with work experience.



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!!

Case Load Summary



- Release date of May 22, 2025
- 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

INFORMATION:

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

Labor Market Area	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale Area			
Jackson County	3.4%	4.4%	-1.0
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	3.5%	5.0%	-1.5
Hamilton County	3.3%	4.1%	-0.8
Hardin County	4.6%	4.9%	-0.3
Pope County	3.5%	4.7%	-1.2
Saline County	3.5%	4.1%	-0.6
White County	3.4%	4.2%	-0.8
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	2.8%	3.7%	-0.9
Lawrence County	3.2%	4.4%	-1.2
Richland County	2.7%	3.7%	-1.0
Wabash County	2.8%	3.3%	-0.5
Wayne County	2.9%	3.4%	-0.5
Regional Counties			
Alexander County	5.0%	6.0%	-1.0
Franklin County	3.8%	4.9%	-1.1
Jefferson County	3.6%	4.3%	-0.7
Johnson County	3.8%	5.1%	-1.3
Massac County	2.9%	4.0%	-1.1
Perry County	3.7%	4.5%	-0.8
Pulaski County	4.4%	7.2%	-2.8
Union County	3.3%	4.5%	-1.2
Williamson County	3.1%	4.3%	-1.2
Cities			
Carbondale City	3.8%	4.6%	-0.8
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	3.0%	4.0%	-1.0
LWIA 24	3.0%	4.0%	-1.0
LWIA 25	3.4%	4.4%	-1.0
LWIA 26	3.4%	4.2%	-0.8
Southern EDR	3.4%	4.4%	-1.0

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale Area

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +775 jobs in April 2025, compared to April 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Government (+375), Leisure-Hospitality (+175), Construction (+150), Private Education-Health Services (+150) and Other Services (+50).

Year-over-year, payroll totals were unchanged among employers in Financial Activities, Information, Manufacturing and Natural Resources-Mining.

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Professional-Business Services (-50) and Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-50) sectors.

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +25 jobs in April 2025, compared to April 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Private Education-Health Services (+200), Natural Resources-Mining (+50), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+50), Financial Activities (+25) and Professional-Business Services (+25).

Year-over-year, payroll totals were unchanged among employers in Construction and Information.

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Government (-125), Leisure-Hospitality (-100), Manufacturing (-25) and Other Services (-25) sectors.

Olney - Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -500 jobs in April 2025, compared to April 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Private Education-Health Services (+25).

Year-over-year, payroll totals were unchanged among employers in Information.

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Leisure-Hospitality (-125), Government (-100), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-100), Construction (-50), Manufacturing (-50), Other Services (-50), Financial Activities (-25), Natural Resources-Mining (-25) and Professional-Business Services (-25) sectors.