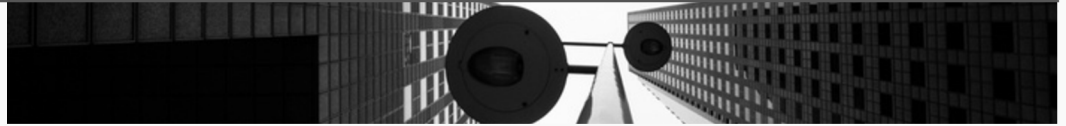


MAY 2025

SOUTHERN 14

NEWSLETTER



Success Story

Success begins with someone's efforts and hard work. To achieve your goal, you need to chase after it, & you must be dedicated. You have to believe that you can reach that goal. Patricia Porter believed she could, so she did.

Patricia became one of my WIOA clients in May of 2024 when she came into the office asking about help with going to CNA training through Shawnee Community College. She was a 54-year old widow who needed to work to support herself after losing her husband's income. She said she had considered other options, but thought working in the medical field would lead to job satisfaction & give her a feeling of purpose.

Her training began in June of 2024 with Patricia completing the program in July. She received A's in both her CPR & Basic Nursing Assistant courses. Before finishing, she was already shopping around for possible work sites.

She needed to be a part of something that made her feel like she was making a difference; somewhere she could express her values & the passion she felt about helping others. She needed job satisfaction that lead to a feeling of fulfillment & significance.

After checking out different nursing homes & hospitals, Patricia decided Hillview Nursing Home in Vienna was where she needed to be. Her first day was January 15, 2025. She told me that she feels like she is acquiring new knowledge & enhancing the skills she learned in training since she started there. The residents she works with lift her spirits & give her a sense of assurance that she made the right decision a year ago. Patricia said that she is so very grateful for all the assistance and encouragement she received during her involvement with the WIOA program through Shawnee Development Council. She said it has opened doors to new opportunities & experiences for her. When she looks in the mirror now, she sees the person she thinks she was meant to be.

Submitted by Cynthia L. Arthur

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 eight nursing students on track to graduate in the next semester! Currently, WADI has started two new Work Experience or WEX participants this month at Little Sprouts and at Mount Carmel High School. They also started a new CDL student on the State Grant. Ryan Douthitt attended the Southeastern Illinois College nursing orientation on May 7th. On May 14th, Amy Seidel attended the Crossville town hall meeting to present the WIOA program. She also attended Hamilton County High School to discuss the Work Experience program on May 13th.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

With classes almost over, students are currently working on finals with graduation will be held the 30th. SDC is working on enrolling students for the summer semester beginning on June 2nd. They are also working on spending the last of the State Work Experience Grant. They received some additional Quest funding for potentially 4-5 more adults. SDC does have a waiting list they are working through. Currently SDC has 9 WEX participants. These participants include 4 in Pulaski, 3 in Massac, 1 in Alexander, and 1 in Hardin. On April 2nd WIOA staff attended the Shawnee Community College Annual Job Fair. An updated Service Matrix was also released last month with WIOA staff attending four trainings via Zoom. On April 17th, WIOA staff attended the quarterly training offered by Southern 14. Finally, May 8th and 9th WIOA staff attended virtually the WIOA Summit.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

Two new programs through Shawnee Community College were approved via the Executive Committee this month. Those programs include Nail Technology and Patient Care Tech. Both are short term certificates.

The WIOA Summit was held May 8th and 9th. Our office attended virtually and our very own Ginger Harner was a speaker for several sessions. Her session highlighted successful accelerated programs that allow for flexible, individualized methods of training. She also shared her experience with Entrepreneurship ICAPS, Google IT-E Commerce & Marketing, and Early Childhood Education. Finally, she shared how Title I and Title II have increased their communication and created a process to collaborate to increase opportunities for training programs for their shared customers/learners. The benefits are improved outcomes, and a community better served through creating and implementing flexible, customer-centered training programs that work.

Board Recertification has begun and you should have received your Appointment/Reappointment form in the mail. Please reach out if you have not.



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!!

Board Office Budget

	Budget	Expended	% Expended	Remaining Budget
SALARIES & BENEFITS	169,252.54	135,585.99	80.1%	33,666.55
RENT/UTILITIES/PHONE	9,700.00	8,499.98	87.6%	1,200.02
OFFICE	27,400.00	21,214.95	77.4%	6,185.05
BOARD TRAVEL/TRAINING	2,500.00	1,360.43	54.4%	1,139.57
STAFF TRAVEL/TRAINING	8,800.00	4,467.66	50.8%	4,332.34
LEGAL/ACCOUNTING	7,500.00	(233.13)	-3.1%	7,733.13
ADVERTISING/MARKETING	1,000.00	459.42	45.9%	540.58
EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	549.99	55.0%	450.01
MISCELLANEOUS	22,111.32	1,431.51	6.5%	20,679.81
WORKNET CENTER - TRADE	16,442.00	4,447.01	27.0%	11,994.99
INCUMBENT WORKER PROJECTS	138,838.44	92,562.51	66.7%	46,275.93
	404,544.30	177,783.81	43.9%	226,760.49



- Release date of April 24, 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	Mar 2025	Mar 2024	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale Area			
Jackson County	4.0%	4.9%	-0.9
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	4.3%	5.0%	-0.7
Hamilton County	3.9%	5.0%	-1.1
Hardin County	4.6%	5.0%	-0.4
Pope County	4.3%	5.4%	-1.1
Saline County	4.1%	4.5%	-0.4
White County	4.1%	4.7%	-0.6
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	3.8%	4.1%	-0.3
Lawrence County	3.9%	5.2%	-1.3
Richland County	3.3%	4.2%	-0.9
Wabash County	3.4%	3.7%	-0.3
Wayne County	3.7%	4.0%	-0.3
Regional Counties			
Alexander County	6.0%	6.4%	-0.4
Franklin County	4.5%	5.6%	-1.1
Jefferson County	4.3%	4.8%	-0.5
Johnson County	4.4%	5.9%	-1.5
Massac County	3.3%	4.2%	-0.9
Perry County	4.3%	5.2%	-0.9
Pulaski County	5.5%	6.7%	-1.2
Union County	4.1%	5.4%	-1.3
Williamson County	3.8%	4.8%	-1.0
Cities			
Carbondale City	4.6%	4.9%	-0.3
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	3.6%	4.5%	-0.9
LWIA 24	3.5%	4.5%	-1.0
LWIA 25	4.1%	5.0%	-0.9
LWIA 26	4.0%	4.8%	-0.8
Southern EDR	4.1%	4.9%	-0.8

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale Area

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +1,225 jobs in March 2025, compared to March 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Private Education-Health Services (+575), Government (+375), Leisure-Hospitality (+225), Construction (+100) and Natural Resources-Mining (+25).

Year-over-year, payroll totals were unchanged among employers in Information, Manufacturing, Other Services and Professional-Business Services.

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Financial Activities (-25) and Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-25) sectors.

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -200 jobs in March 2025, compared to March 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Private Education-Health Services (+125), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+50), Construction (+25), Financial Activities (+25), Natural Resources-Mining (+25) and Professional-Business Services (+25).

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

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Government (-200), Leisure-Hospitality (-125), Other Services (-50) and Manufacturing (-25) sectors.

Olney - Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -400 jobs in March 2025, compared to March 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Private Education-Health Services (+100).

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Leisure-Hospitality (-100), Government (-75), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-75), Other Services (-50), Construction (-25), Financial Activities (-25), Manufacturing (-25), Natural Resources-Mining (-25) and Professional-Business Services (-25) sectors.