

LWIA 23

January 2021

Board & CEO Monthly Updates

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, March 11th, 2021

- LWIA 23 Planning & Oversight @ 12pm

Monday, March 15th, 2021

- Youth Committee @ 10am
- Consortium @ 11am
- Board @ 12pm with CEO immediately following Board

March meetings will be held via Zoom. Log-in information will be available on the agendas.



January Highlights

- 145 New Enrollments to date
- 413 Participants Served
- 353 Receiving Direct Training
- \$773,128 spent on Direct Training

[January Reports](#)

*See full report for County-by-County breakdown

New Board Members and CEOs



Let's all give a warm welcome to our newest CEOs and Board Members! We are thrilled to have you all on Team LWIA 23!

CEO

Joe Gilliland, *Clay County*
Jennifer Waggoner, *Fayette County*

Board

Denise Smith, *Director of Human Resources at Sarah Bush Lincoln*

Mike Conley, *Director of Workforce Engagement and Career Services at Kaskaskia College*



OneStop Center MOU Budget

The negotiation team is scheduled to meet March 9, 2021 to begin the infrastructure costs negotiations for the Effingham OneStop Center. This must be completed and implemented by July 1, 2021. The intent is for LWIA 23 to use the local mechanism for negotiations, which means that all partners will agree amongst ourselves who will cover what costs to operate the OneStop.

Midyear Review

On February 25th, LWIA 23 staff and CEFS met with Annie Dorr of DCEO to assess where we are at so far this plan year. Unsurprisingly, we are struggling with our Youth Programs. We have identified the best strategy is to increase our Youth outreach efforts. This is not unique to LWIA 23. The pandemic has hindered successful outreach in numerous ways, but mostly it has been difficult to reach youth while they have been remote learning.

We need your help identifying local businesses that will serve as Youth Work Experience Work Sites as well as recruiting potential Youth participants. Some ways you can do this:

- Connect us with local businesses looking for help with basic tasks (janitorial, stocking, filing, etc.) and are willing to mentor first-time workers.
- Connect us with local boys and girls clubs, probation officers, school resource officers, school counselors, or other professionals who interact with youth regularly so that we may work with them to identify potential participants
- Send any disadvantaged youth you personally interact with who may face barriers to employment to us.
- Spread the word about WIOA Youth Services - always be on the lookout for opportunities to market WIOA programs.
- Follow our social media accounts and share our posts

Any leads would be welcome and greatly appreciated.

The Midyear Review Report can be accessed by clicking the blue button below.



YOUTH PROGRAM STATS

WIOA YOUTH FORMULA FUNDS	REGISTRANTS			
	Plan	Actual	%	
	125	94	75%	
	TRAINING			
	Plan	Actual	%	
	88	52	59%	
	BUDGET			
	PY19	PY20	Total	
	\$308,265	\$989,160	\$1,297,425	
	EXPENDITURES			
PY19	PY20	TOTAL	TOTAL %	
\$272,469	\$7,108	\$279,577	22%	

Midyear Review Report



Effingham County Virtual Job Fair

Spread the Word: Effingham County Virtual Job Fair will be held on Thursday, March 11th.

Discover employment opportunities from Sherwin-Williams, Siemer Milling

Company, Stevens Industries, Inc., John Boos & Co., Patterson Companies, and Versatech, LLC. The Alliance is excited to partner with the The City of Effingham, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, LWIA 23, Illinois workNet, Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity in bringing this virtual opportunity to Effingham County and the surrounding areas.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/2Pcyanz>

EFFINGHAM COUNTY VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

March 11, 2021 | 10:00am - 12:00pm
Register here - <https://bit.ly/2Pcyanz>

DISCOVER 100+ JOB OPENINGS FROM:

Hosted by:
The City of Effingham • Effingham County Chamber of Commerce •
Effingham Regional Growth Alliance • LWIA 23/Illinois workNet Center •
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

We Moved!

LWIA staff has relocated from the location near the Cross County Mall in Mattoon, to the new Workforce Development Center on campus at Lake Land College.

We are still settling in and getting all our files and supplies organized. Please continue to bear with us as we optimize our space.

It is official, our new address is:

Lake Land College/LWIA 23
Workforce Development Center
5001 Lake Land Blvd.

Check out the video below, *Introducing the New Workforce Development Center*, hosted by none other than our very own **Chris Strohl**! Stay tuned for the video tour coming soon.



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Illinois workNet offers a FREE virtual job fair platform for any employer to use. Local employers can set up job fair booths on their own, or they can partner with LWIA 23 to coordinate the efforts for a single or

multiple employers. The opportunities are endless! Advertisement and promotion of the event are free as well. Please encourage all employers in your region to take advantage of this FREE and valuable platform.

Contact [Jamie Corda Hadjaoui](#) to get started.

WE ARE LIVE!

LWA23.net got a face lift! The bandages are still on and the swelling has not

settled yet. More work is to be done. But check out the progress so far!

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COVID-19 Resources

DCEO COVID-19

If you haven't already, check out DCEO's COVID Quicklinks page for opportunities and information.



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