

LWIA 23

April 2021

Board & CEO Monthly Updates

Upcoming Meetings

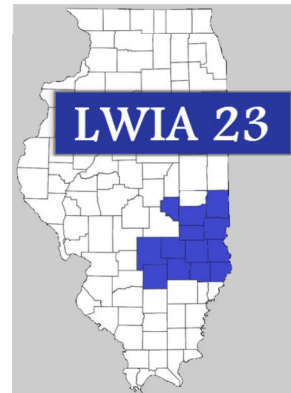
Thursday, June 17, 2021

- LWIA 23 Planning & Oversight

Monday, June 21 2021

- Youth Committee
- Consortium
- Board with CEO immediately following Board

Format/venue for June meetings will be announced in late May.



March Highlights

- 160 New Enrollments to date
- 450 Participants Served
- 388 Receiving Direct Training
- \$1,208,070 spent on Direct Training

*See full report for County-by-County breakdown

March Reports

March Meetings



Missed the meetings? You can find the recordings on our YouTube channel. Search for Local Workforce Area 23 on YouTube or click the links below.

[Planning & Oversight meeting](#)

[Youth & Consortium Committee meetings](#)

[Board & CEO meetings](#)



Innovation in the Works!

LWIA 23 will be working with Workforce 180 to create and publish a workforce-themed podcast!

We are excited to be an early adapter and leader for implementing New, Innovative and Effective ways to enhance and modernize community outreach!

Very soon we will work with Workforce 180 to create a customized logo for our channel and our episodes will be found on Apple Podcast, Google Podcast, Spotify and other platforms for listeners to access at no cost.

Plus, it will be featured on our [website](#) and at www.workforcepods.com

Stay tuned for the big reveal!

"The thought of starting a podcast channel on our own is intimidating, which is why we are thrilled to work with Workforce180 to launch our new podcast series. Their expertise and well-established processes are sure to make the project start smoothly and be successful. Podcasts are a fun and exciting way to help word of our mission and objectives reach more community members. We are confident businesses and job seekers will benefit from our services through the power of podcasting with Workforce 180!"

JAMIE CORDA HADJAOU, MBA
DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT
LWIA 23

Workforce Development Resources Webinar

Local Workforce Investment Area 23 would like to offer a virtual workforce development presentation regarding workforce training dollars that are



currently available plus information about virtual job fairs. Recruitment, training and locating qualified applicants are some of the top concerns for employers today! This lunch and learn presentation will provide resources available to offset some of those costs. Register now in the link below, if you are interested in learning for the first time or getting a refresher about resources available.

Workforce Development Resources

Presenter: Kala Lambert, Southeast Region Manager, Office of Regional Economic Development, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity with guest Jamie Corda-Hadjaoui, Director of Workforce Investment Area 23

Date and time: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 12:00 pm Central Standard Time (Chicago, GMT-06:00)

Description:

Please join the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Office of Regional Economic Development for a webinar to learn more about the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and how it serves businesses in Local Workforce Innovation Area 23 (LWIA 23). WIOA Business Services are designed to provide assistance to local employers across numerous industries in recruiting, training assistance grants, skills assessments, apprenticeship opportunities and more. Jamie Corda Hadjaoui from the Local Workforce Innovation Board 23 will be joining us to present information on WIOA services and how your company may benefit.

Register Here



The Band is Back Together: Business Services Team

The LWIA 23 Business Services Team has resumed meetings with a slightly new lineup. Freddie Buckingham of IDES is now leading the show. The BST meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 1pm. For now the meetings are still being held via Zoom.

If you are interested in being on the team or if you have opportunities in your area that you would like to bring to the Team's attention, please contact [Jamie Corda Hadjaoui](#).

LSC Certified for Trade Adjustment Assistance

DCEO has approved LSC Communications for a Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) grant due to the plant closure last year. The TAA grants provide additional benefits to the dislocated workers that aren't available through the traditional Dislocated Worker program. Benefits include:

- Employment and Case Management Services - Skills assessments, individual employment plans, career counseling, supportive services, and information on training, labor markets, and more (through TAA or other American Job Center programs).
- Training Benefits - Vocational training, on-the-job training, customized training designed to meet the needs of a specific employer or group of employers, apprenticeship programs, and more.
- Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) - Income support available in the form of weekly cash payments to workers who are enrolled in a full-time training program and have exhausted their unemployment insurance.
- Job Search Allowance - Reimbursement for costs of seeking employment outside of the worker's commuting area.
- Relocation Allowance - Reimbursement for relocation costs for employment outside of the worker's commuting area.
- Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA) - A wage subsidy for up to two years that is available to reemployed older workers and covers a portion of the difference between a worker's new wage and their old wage (up to a specified maximum amount).
- Health Coverage Tax Credit - A 72.5% credit if receiving TRA for the costs you pay for health care insurance may be claimed on your federal income taxes. For more info go to the [IRS website](#).

Monitoring PY20



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& Economic Opportunity

The Entrance Conference for the kickoff to DCEO monitoring is on Monday, May 3rd at 10am with Bryan Tippy. Debbie and Tony have worked hard to get all the requested documents uploaded to the State's system and now Elaine's team is getting the samples of case files uploaded for review. Thank you all for your diligent work! We are confident this year's monitoring visit will be a breeze!

Lake Land College Reopening Plan

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Lake Land recently announced their plans to have administrators come back to the office full time on May 3rd and for all staff to be back on May 17th. The College will resume full services during traditional hours as of May 17th. Summer hours will start that week as well; the College will be

closed on Fridays until the third week of August.

Staff, students, and visitors will still need to complete the Campus Visitor Screening Form and wear masks. Further information can be found at: [Lake-Land-College-Return-to-Campus-Plan.pdf](#)

WIOA Summit



The 2021 WIOA Summit was held as a virtual conference and all sessions were live on Zoom.

The theme for the 2021 WIOA Summit was Service Integration: Collaboration and Innovation. LWIA 23 staff attended workshops focused on *Developing and Sustaining a Regional Business Services Team; Being Intentional about Equity & Inclusion; Working Remotely: Implications for Workforce Development; and Keeping Youth Engaged in a Pandemic World: The Impact of Anxiety and How to Overcome It.*

We hope you all were able to attend the Summit as well. Of course, we are looking forward to an in-person conference next year!



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Virtual Job Fairs give employers the opportunity to host informational sessions and recruit potential candidates for job openings.

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!

Go To LWA23.NET



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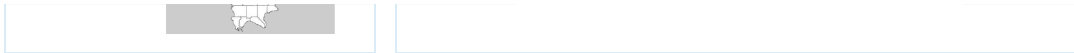


COVID-19 Resources

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

DCEO COVID-19





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