

LWIA 23

March 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 May.



February Highlights

- 153 New Enrollments to date
- 421 Participants Served
- 355 Receiving Direct Training
- \$871,909 spent on Direct Training

[February Reports](#)

*See full report for County-by-County breakdown

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](#)



Incumbent Worker Training Projects



Newton, IL
Jasper County
Lean Leadership Training
for 11 employees



Olney, IL
Richland County
Lean Leadership Training
for 5 employees



Salem, IL
Marion County
Lean Leadership Training
for 10 employees

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.



\$74k Additional PY20 Dislocated Worker Funding

DCEO has identified \$3m in Statewide Rapid Response funds to support the provision of career and training services over the next 15 months. These funds will be issued through a modification to the LWIB's formula grants. For LWIA 23, this results in a 'cushion' of **\$74,109** funds for this plan year.

We have identified a tentative plan for the cushion funds: 10% to admin, \$34,000 to Incumbent Worker Training, and \$32,699 to CEFS for Dislocated Workers. This will require a budget modification which will be presented to the Planning & Oversight Committee for approval. More to come on this before ratification at the June meetings.

[WIOA ePolicy](#)

YOUTH COUNCIL: Juvenile Justice Round Table

The Youth Council is coordinating a Round Table-style discussion with the Juvenile Justice system in hopes to strengthen the partnership and reach more youth facing barriers to employment. A supplemental meeting will be held *April 19th at 10am* to share progress and finalize agenda for the Round Table which is tentatively slated for early May.

The Council is sourcing potential participants for the Round Table.

Please share this event with individuals who may be interested in joining the conversation and who work in the Juvenile Justice system (judges, probation officers, etc.) or who work with youth in the justice system.

Contact [Tiffany Macke](#) or [Laurie Jennings](#) for more information.



Please congratulate Chris Strohl for being elected Vice Chair of the Youth Council!

Thank you for your service, Chris!

RESULTS Effingham County Virtual Job Fair

Sixty attendees participated in the Effingham County Virtual Job Fair on March 11th.

Each employer was provided with a list of participants and contact information. Interest

has been expressed for another VJF for Effingham County in the near future as well! If there is interest from an employer or group of employers in your county, please notify Jamie.

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



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WIOA Summit

WHEN: April 27th 8:00-4:30 &
April 28th 8:00-3:00

The 2021 WIOA Summit will be held as a virtual conference all sessions will be live on Zoom.

The theme for the 2021 WIOA Summit is Service Integration: Collaboration and Innovation. This year's summit is designed to share innovation and collaboration efforts that have supported the system through the past year – the implementation of service integration is necessary for success.

[More Information](#)

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 Center
5001 Lake Land Blvd.
Mattoon, IL 61938

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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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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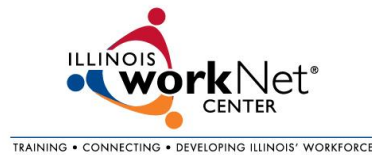
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COVID-19 Resources

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

[DCEO COVID-19](#)



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