

# LWIA 23

February 2022

## Board & CEO Monthly Updates

### Upcoming Meetings

*Thursday, March 17, 2022*

- Planning & Oversight

*Monday, March 21, 2022*

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



**\*\*Modality of meetings will be announced very soon. Contact Director Jamie Corda Hadjaoui with any questions or concerns\*\***

### January Highlights

- 131 New Enrollments to date (+18)
- 404 Participants Served (+12)
- 360 Receiving Direct Training (+28)
- \$836,541 spent on Direct Training

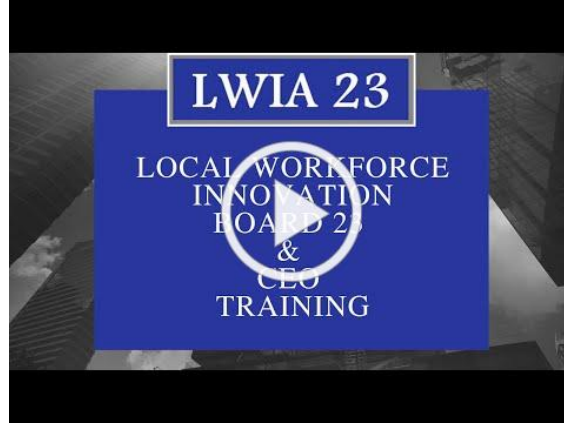
January Reports

\*See full report for County-by-County breakdown

**Thank You for Attending the  
Board & CEO Training**

We hope you found the training session valuable. The discussions generated through the training session were robust and exciting. We are thrilled to act on the multitude of opportunities discovered.

If you were unable to make the virtual or in-person meeting, check out the recording!



## Apprenticeship Expansion Grant



Let's Celebrate! LWIA 23 is officially a recipient for the Apprenticeship Expansion Grant!

We are looking for an Apprenticeship Navigator! Please send potential candidates to Lake Land College's website to apply.

[Navigator Job Posting](#)

## Youth Outreach - We Need YOUR Help!



Youth participants are always difficult to recruit. The pandemic made that difficult job even harder. We need your help!!

The Youth Committee had a great response to the Juvenile Justice Roundtable resulting in new referrals from the participating counties. With the success of this approach, the Committee wants to make this a series of roundtables with different youth-serving agencies.

**What agencies are in your counties that serve disadvantaged youth?** Please send the Youth Committee some ideas or help them make connections with agencies in your area.

**Chief Elected Officials:** please spread the word that WIOA services could greatly benefit youth who are already in the justice system. We need you to facilitate connections with the youth justice representatives in your counties!

Please contact [Tiffany Macke](#) or [Laurie Jennings](#) with any ideas or contacts you have.

## CEFS Action Plan for PY20 Waiver

CEFS has submitted an aggressive action plan regarding PY20 and PY21 expenditures to Board Staff. The plan will be submitted to the LWIB Planning & Oversight Committee for review.



## PY20 Expenditure Waiver Status Updates

### Progress made December 2021 - January 2022

CEFS worked diligently this semester to increase outreach and enrollments. Presentations at Lake Land College's Workforce Ready program orientations; Announcements and one-on-one contact with area high school juniors and seniors at Laker Visit Days; development and posting of Youth Coordinator position; and surveying/referring Head Start parents to workforce services just to name a few.



From October 1st through December 31st, we have seen 13 new Youth enrollments and 18 new Adult enrollments.

*At this time, we have estimated spending 17% of PY21 Youth funds and 60% PY21 Adult funds by the end of the fiscal year. These numbers will go up once able to obligate Fall expenditures; however, with the current participant roster, we still need to add customers, especially in Youth.*

## Business Navigator Alliance

The Business Navigator Alliance is a regional collaboration, helping small businesses in South Central and



Southeastern Illinois to take advantage of available relief and funding resources for pandemic recovery.

The Business Navigator Alliance provides expert and professional assistance in navigating and applying for state and federal economic

recovery programs. Each month the Alliance offers webinars to spread awareness and facilitate understanding of resources available to local businesses.

[More information](#)

## Elaine Nuding Celebrates 45 Years with Workforce Development!

As of January 2022, Elaine Nuding has dedicated 45 years to workforce development programs at CEFS. Such a huge accomplishment and a lasting impact on our local workforce. Words are not sufficient to explain how grateful we are to have Elaine on our team and how inspiring she is to us and her customers. Elaine has proven invaluable. Join us in congratulating Elaine for such a significant milestone!



## The WIN Podcast

Episode 12 is available NOW!

E12: *Incumbent Worker Training Success Story: Magura* featuring special guest, Matt Enlow of Magura

In this episode, you'll hear from an employer who has taken advantage of the incumbent worker training program and reveals what that experience was like as well as the benefits of the program. Tony Logue, WIOA Operations Coordinator at Lake Land College, also joins in on this episode to provide additional insights.



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## Virtual Job Fairs on Illinois workNet

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.

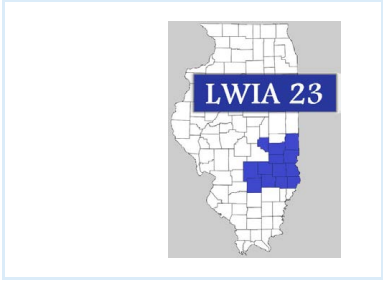


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