

LWIA 23

January 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 closer to time of meeting. Contact Director Jamie Corda Hadjaoui with any questions or concerns*****

December Highlights

- 113 New Enrollments to date (+10)
- 392 Participants Served (+30)
- 332 Receiving Direct Training (+18)
- \$758,956 spent on Direct Training

December Reports

*See full report for County-by-County breakdown

Save the Date: February 10, 2022 Board & CEO

Join us at the Kluthe Center for a Board & CEO training session! The training is scheduled for Thursday, February 10th. Facilitated by DCEO, get a refresher on what the expectations and responsibilities are for our Local Workforce Innovation Board.

For your convenience we are offering a morning session and an afternoon session. Both sessions will be streamed virtually, so you can participate via Zoom or attend in person.

Contact [Jamie Corda Hadjaoui](#) to reserve your spot today!

02.10.2022

LWIB AND CEO TRAINING

LWIA 23 & DCEO

Thursday, February 10th

Pick 1 of 2 in-person sessions or join virtually

Morning: 10am - 12pm

Afternoon: 2pm - 4pm

at the

Kluthe Center

1204 Network Centre Dr A,

Effingham, IL 62401

Contact **Jamie** for virtual session login info

Our LWIB members and CEOs play a critical role in workforce development across our region. Join us as we provide our board with the best tools to support WIOA initiatives and strengthen our local workforce.



Apprenticeship Expansion Grant



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

We are in the final stage of the grant award process, just before the Grant Award letter is issued. There are some technical assistance webinars to go through and then we will start the process of recruiting an Apprenticeship Navigator to serve Economic Development Region 7.

Be on the look out for potential candidates!

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

View CEFS Action Plan: COMING SOON!



PY20 Expenditure Waiver Status Updates

Progress made October - December

CEFS worked diligently this semester to increase outreach and enrollments. Presentations at Lake Land College's Workforce Ready program orientations; literature distribution at Principals, Deans, and Counselors event; Announcements and one-on-one contact with area high school juniors and seniors at Laker Visit Days and presentation at the Head Start Parent/Teachers/Educators training just to name a few.

From October 1st through December 14th, we have seen 8 new Youth enrollments and 5 new Adult enrollments.

At this time, we have estimated spending 9% 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 do not anticipate meeting the 80% obligation requirement and need to continue adding additional participants, particularly in Youth.



Migrant Farm Workers Program

The National Farmworker Jobs Program helps participants to obtain



credentialing through short or long term training. In Illinois, UMOS (United Migrant Opportunity Services) has received a \$1.8 million grant to help farmworkers increase their skills and obtain training.

In order to qualify for the program, participants must

either be currently or in the last 24 months primarily doing paid seasonal or migrant farm work. Primarily is defined as at least 50 percent of his/her total employment time has to be farm work. Farm work is defined as means the cultivation and tillage of the soil, dairying, the production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural or horticultural commodities.

Participants must be interested at an in demand industry like agriculture, welding, manufacturing, medical, IT, or the trades and will need to attend a WIOA (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) approved training program. Once approved participants can receive up to \$7,500 in tuition assistance per year; \$1,800 in supportive services and a maximum stipend of \$290 per week to use on expenses they might incur while attending their training program. Participants are also able to obtain stackable credentials while enrolled including CDL. After the participant successfully completes their training case managers work with the participant for a year of follow up to ensure that they are employed earning wages in the identified career pathway.

[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 11 is available NOW!

E11: *Creating a Trauma-informed Workplace* featuring special guest, Amber Niebrugge, Counselor for Student Accommodations & Mental Health Initiatives at Lake Land College



It is estimated that over 50% of women in America and over 60% of men have experienced at least one traumatic experience in their lifetime. Additionally, 7 in 10 employees report that the COVID-19 pandemic is the most stressful time of their professional career. In this episode, you'll discover how supervisors, managers and HR professionals can get a better understanding of how trauma impacts employees, and how they can empower their workers and help them become more resilient.

Episode 12 coming soon!

Let's take a look at an Incumbent Worker Training project success. Featuring special guests Matt Enlow of Magura, and our very own Tony Logue.

Subscribe and never miss **WIN: Workforce Innovation News!**

[WIN on Spotify](#)

[WIN on Google](#)

[WIN on Stitcher](#)

[WIN on Apple](#)

Virtual Job Fairs on Illinois workNet

Illinois workNet offers a
FREE virtual job fair platform
for any employer to use.



**Illinois workNet[®]
Virtual Job Fair**

**Meet Job Seekers
Online Today!**

Meet Job Seekers using Illinois workNet's Virtual Job Fair.

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

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.



f

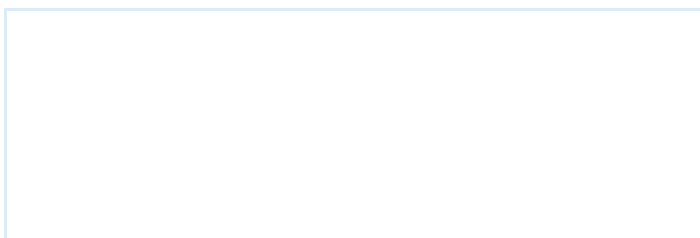
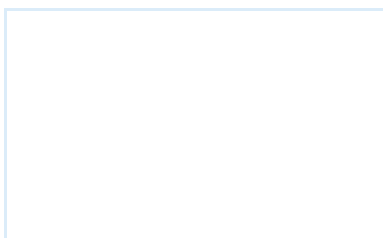
FOLLOW

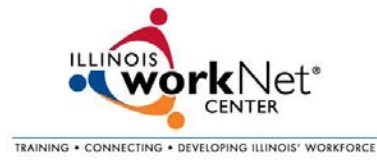
US ON FACEBOOK

—

@LWIA23

LWIA 23





LWIA 23 | 217.238.8286 | [Jamie Corda Hadjaouil](#) lwa23.net

A proud partner of the  American Job Center® network