

Annual Report

June 1, 2016—July 1, 2017







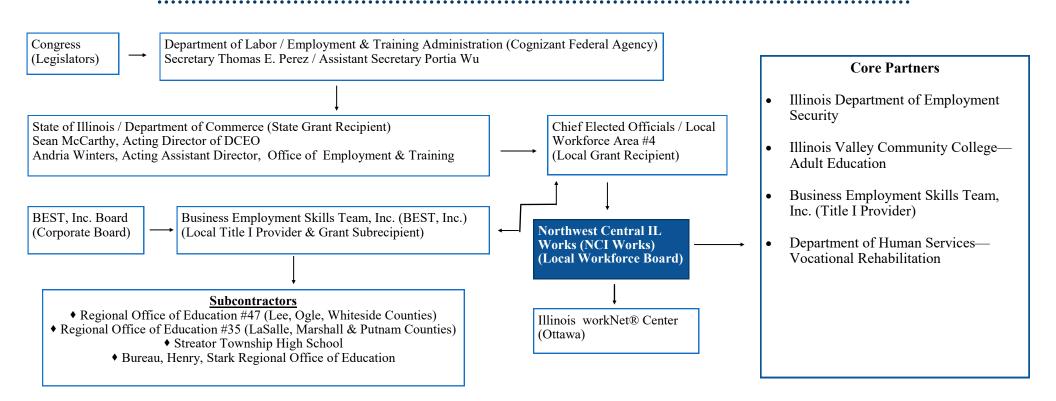
Greetings!

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) puts emphasis on the American Job Centers to be high-quality one-stop centers that are business-driven and customer centered. In order to ensure this goal, an Operator for the One-Stop Center has to be selected and the Comprehensive One-Stop Center certified. We are happy to announce that this year a consortium of core partners — Business Employers Skills Team (BEST), Division of Rehabilitative Ser-

vices (DRS), Adult Education and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) - was selected and approved by NCI Works in March of this year to act as the One-Stop Operator. In June, the NCI Works One Stop Center in Ottawa, which is a proud partner of the American Job Center Network, was certified by the local certification team and is awaiting State approval.

As always, the staff of the one-stop system continue to strive to provide the highest quality services to all of our youth and adult customers, dislocated workers, businesses and the general public. This past year partners within the system hosted numerous hiring events (including our first ever virtual hiring event) career exploration events for youth; participated in various Manufacturing Day events; hosted two healthcare summits; and completed a community audit and underemployed study. We appreciate the dedication and hard work of those involved in providing these services to the residents of our local workforce area and hope that you will gain some insight into the successes realized through this annual report.

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Year in Review

Adult Education – Illinois Valley Community College FY17 Statistics

Number of students enrolled in FY 17

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- Adult Secondary Education (ASE grade-levels 9.0 -12.9)
- English Language Acquisition (ELA levels-beginning, intermediate, and advanced)
- 329 Total students served

Luke Olivero - Transition Counselor

Luke meets with all HSE and advanced ELA students to transition them into post-secondary education or the Bridge to Careers classes each semester.

In FY 17:

Of the 62 HSE completers who shared their scores with Adult Ed., 28 have pursued their first class free. Luke introduces students to college departments such as admissions, financial aid, assessment center, counseling, peer-tutoring, and cashier in order to help students make a seamless transition to IVCC classes. Luke often meets with walk-ins who are not enrolled in Adult Education classes, but who are interested in post-secondary education as a result of a referral from a current student.

A transition counseling appointment consists of the following:

Career counseling

Career Cruising (in classroom)

Tours of main campus and CTE programs

Goal setting

Follow up

Top five career interests include:

CNA

Truck Driver Training

Welding

Criminal Justice

Human Services

6 students completed the Bridge to Healthcare course

Bridge to Healthcare and Manufacturing courses focus on the following:

Exploration of careers in the respective fields of healthcare and/or manufacturing

Development and/or improvement of basic academic skills

Development of basic computer skills and technology awareness

Learning skills such as active listening, note taking, and test preparation

Workplace knowledge focusing on ethics, communication, professionalism and collaboration

Adult Education - Sauk Valley Community College

FY 17 Statistics

FY 17 Overview

Adult Basic Education (ABE grade levels $4.0 - 8.9$)	19
Adult Secondary Education (ASE grade levels 9.0 -12.9+)	110
ESL – All levels	23
Total students (Unduplicated)	138

Transition Counselor and ICAPS Coordinator

Emily Kruger has become our Adult Ed transition counselor as well as the ICAPS Coordinator for any FY18 student looking to transition into college/certificate programs. She will focus on students who are nearly complete with the GED testing or have progressed through the learning levels of ESL and help them transition into the next level of learning. Her duties include case management, financial aid, admissions, placement testing, registration, study skills and LAC opportunities, and mentoring in order for each transitioning student to succeed at Sauk. If our students are taking welding classes or the CNA program while earning a GED, Emily will help the student with study skills and testing skills.

Top Five Career Interests

CNA/Nursing

Welding/H-VAC

Truck Driver Training (CDL)

Criminal Justice

Teaching/Early Childhood Education

Students who have transitioned into college/certificate programs

Students who transitioned into military

Bridge to Healthcare and Manufacturing goals:

Career exploration in workforce area

Development and improvement of basic academic skills

Digital literacy

Development of active listening skills, test preparation, and organizational skills

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Workplace skills and habit development

Resume writing, interviewing skills, and career prep skills

Adult Education – Highland Community College

FY 17 Statistics

Number of students enrolled in Fiscal Year 2017

- Adult Basic Education (ABE grade-levels 0.0 to 8.9)
- Adult Secondary Education (ASE grade-levels 9.0 -12.9)
 4 of these ASE Students Accessed Programming through an Online Class (i-Pathways)
- 20 English as a Second Language (ESL) (Mixed levels-beginning, intermediate, and advanced)
- 110 Total students served

During Fiscal Year 2017:

- 23 Students Self-Reported GED© Completion
- 4 Students Accessed Programming through an Online Class (I-Pathways)
- 16 ESL Students Achieved Competency Requirements
- 5 Completers Successfully Completed Free Summer Course Offering of "Introduction to Welding"
- 23 Students participated in "Elevate-Stephenson Youth Program" Through Partnership with Regional Office Education #8. Funding provided through WIOA.
- Students Self-Reported a Disability (physical, mental, learning or multiple)
- 54 Students Self-Reported That They Were Unemployed
- 22 Students Received Public Assistance
- 22 Students Reported That English is Not Their First Language

Transitions to Employment and/or Post-Secondary

The Coordinator of Outreach and Dual Credit supports students who are considering post-secondary education. Campus Advisors and Financial Aide Staff provide resources and planning as the student transitions to post-secondary opportunities. The Career Services Coordinator provides transition support to students considering certificate programs and transition to employment.

Division of Rehabilitation Services for FY2017

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

DRS VR staff assisted 4,990 individuals with significant disabilities in obtaining competitive integrated employment in FY2017, a drop of 9.8 percent compared to the figure of 5,538 employment outcomes in the prior fiscal year.

In FY2017, DRS served 10,529 high school students with disabilities, providing work based learning experiences and various forms of skill training. This is an increase of 5.5 percent over the figure of 9,976 served in the previous year. The number of individuals receiving support for college and university training rose slightly, from 1,660 in FY2016 to 1,673 in FY2017. Persons with most significant disabilities receiving supported employment services increased from 1,211 in FY2016 to 1,260 in FY2017, a 4.1 percent increase. The total number of active cases at the end of FY2017 stood at 29,667, which is a 4.3 percent increase over the figure of 28,458 at the end of FY2016.

Home Services

The Home Services program continued serving persons with significant disabilities in their homes to prevent unnecessary institutional placement and maintain opportunities for community participation. A total of 29,136 individuals received inhome support through DRS in FY2017, down less than one percent from the figure of 29,325 in the previous fiscal year.

BEST, Inc. - Adult, Dislocated Workers and Youth

Program Year 2016 (Juyl 1, 2016—June 30, 2017)

Incumbent Worker Training

Two project were conducted with Metform; Principles of CNC Programing for \$4, 487 (5 employees) and Arch-Flash Training for \$8,200 (27 employees).

Boston Leather is receiving assistance for Lean Manufacturing begun during PY16 in the amount of \$25,000 for 44 employees, reimbursement still pending submission of documentation.

Astec Mobile Screens received \$6,440 to assist with Enterprise Resource Planning.

Rapid Response

Staff responded to 4 events during Program Year 2016.

Event size ranged from 20 to 100+. One event has been an ongoing event with addi- State of the Workforce Report tional rapid response workshops scheduled for Program Year 2017.

LaSalle County Probation Adult Redeploy

This alternative sentencing program provides case management, mental health evaluation and treatment as well as referral of appropriate candidate to BEST, Inc. to scheduled weekly workshops covering job search skills and essential skills training. The program had experienced a period of non-activity until June 2017 when referrals began again. In June 2017 two workshops were held.

Employer Conference

We held the Thirteenth Annual Employer Conference on October 14, 2016 at the Mendota Civic Center. Approximately seventy-five (75) people were in attend- Career Preparation Life Skills Program ance. Presentations included: Winning the Lottery: Communication and Teamwork are More Than a Game of Chance by Laurie Guest, and Hot Topics in HR Law by Doug Lee of Ehrmann, Gehlback, Badge, Lee, and Considine, LLC.

Healthcare Summits

We partnered with IVCC and SVCC to host 2 healthcare summits to identify the challenges and changes taking place in the healthcare industry.

The summit at Sauk Valley Community College was held on June 21st and had 18 attendees. The summit at Illinois Valley Community College had 28 in attendance. Both summits were well received by the healthcare providers and the information gathered at both summits will assist both colleges and BEST to plan for the challenges being faced. Trends in healthcare were also identified.

Follow up networking events are being organized and will be held on a quarterly basis.

Just Hire One

April 6, 2017 was the *Just Hire One* manufacturing hiring event for Nippon and Austin-Westran employees. We partnered with the Illinois Department of Employment Security for the event and had 25 companies attend, along with 140 job seekers. The City of Oregon provided us with the facility, the labor for set up and tear down, and the table and chairs. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support we receive from the City of Oregon and Mayor Williams. The event was also open to the general public.

May 16, 2017 was Just Hire One the manufacturing hiring event for Dura employees. Again we partnered with the Illinois Department of Employment Security and Highland Community College. We had 23 companies hiring for 67 openings, with more than 100 job seekers in attendance.

Late in the 3rd quarter of Program Year 2016, BEST received a grant to conduct an eight county community audit and under-employed survey.

The audit and survey were completed during the 4th quarter of the program year and culminated in the State of the Workforce Report.

Roll out of the report would be conducted early in the first quarter of the new program year, PY 17.

This new report reflects similar findings from a study conducted in 2008 and provides individual county profiles for Bureau, Carroll, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Putnam and Whiteside counties. The report is available on the NCI Works website at www.nciworks.org.

Informational sessions presented to high school students on Career Planning, Job Search and Job Keeping Topics throughout the school year

Provided to students at Safe School in Peru and the Center for Change in Whiteside County

Presented by BEST Inc., area employers, IVCC and NW Illinois AHEC

Local employers from retail, government, manufacturing, healthcare, logistics, military and culinary spoke about careers, job requirements, career decision making and being successful in job search and at work.

BEST, Inc. continued:

Work in the Real World

Annual career informational fair for high school students Event is held at Sauk Valley Community College

275 students registered for the event from schools in Whiteside, Lee, Ogle, Carroll and Bureau counties

Over 40 employers and educators provided information about careers in Agriculture, Building Trades, Business, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Culinary, Digital Technology, Education, Health Care, IT, Manufacturing, Mechanics, Military, Nursing

Economic Impact on the Communities

Individuals who were exited 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017

Adults 48 individuals
Total Annual Wages Earned \$1,391,608.28
Average Annual Wages \$28,991.84

Dislocated Workers 97 individuals
Total Annual Wages Earned \$3,279,510.28
Average Annual Wages \$33,809.39

Note: This data simply reflects the impact of our successful job seekers on the local economy and is not intended to be a return on investment report.

As a new Program Year unfolds, the Core Partners (Business Employment Skills Team, Inc., IL Department of Employment Security, Adult Education, and IL Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services) are looking forward to continuing their partnership of serving individuals under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Community Award

Mayor Ken Williams, City of Oregon

We first met Mayor Williams the fall of 2015 at our Ogle County *Just Hire One!* job fair at the Oregon VFW. Mayor Williams had stopped by to introduce himself and lend his support. He was so enthusiastic in his support that at one point he offered to take one company's application back to his office to run copies when they ran out and offered to help us spread the word should we decide to make *Just Hire One* an annual event.

Shortly after our first meeting with Mayor Williams, BEST staff sat down with him to discuss collaborating on future hiring/workforce development events. Mayor Wil-



liams indicated that he could secure for staff the use of the Oregon Coliseum, a larger venue than the VFW, and would assist in recruiting and encouraging local employers to participate. Since that first meeting, Mayor Williams has assisted us with two additional job fairs. His contributions include the use of the Oregon Coliseum, providing volunteers to assist with setup and take down of tables and chairs, as well as assisting in recruiting employers. His assistance was instrumental in the success of our Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 job fairs.

In all of NCI Works partners' interaction with Mayor Williams, he has demonstrated a commitment to helping improve opportunities for the workforce and businesses in his community. Prior to being elected Mayor, he was City Council Vice President and Finance Commissioner for eight year. Mayor Williams is also a small businesses owner and a member of the Oregon VFW. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Mayor Williams and the City of Oregon.

Submitted by: Dianna Schuler and Joel Torbeck

Individual Achievement Award

Aaron Vos

Jolien Eikleberry

Aaron enrolled in the Lee/Ogle/Whiteside Regional Office of Education, Education Outreach Program with the goal of earning his high school equivalency certificate. His primary career interest was to obtain a welding certificate and ultimately work as an Automotive Technician.

Aaron was enrolled in a GED/Welding Bridge Program offered by Sauk Valley Community College. Although Aaron did well in class, he was unable to complete the program. Aaron found a summer job and in the fall resumed his GED classes. He passed his remaining exams and earned his HSE certificate.



Aaron was scheduled to enroll in the Welding Program at Sauk Valley Community College in the spring. In the meantime, he was offered the opportunity to participate in a work experience job at Kunes Automotive Group in Morrison, IL. Aaron was very happy for this opportunity. He interviewed well and began a 475 hour work experience. His attendance was consistent and his supervisor was happy with his job performance.

Aaron enjoyed his work at Kunes so much that he decided to focus on a career as an Automotive Technician. He applied for a job at Mills Chevrolet and was hired as a Technician Apprentice! He demonstrated such a commitment to work that he completed his work experience job with Kunes Auto Group on 7/29/16 and immediately began his job at Mills Chevrolet on 8/1/16.

Aaron continues to be employed by Mills Chevrolet. He has earned his GM Certification and is currently working on additional ASE Certifications.

Aaron's commitment to his goals is commendable as is the strong work ethic that helped him achieve those goals. We are very proud of him and his achievements.



Jolien enrolled in the Business Employment Skills Team, after being involved in the closure of Office Max in Ottawa, Illinois. She had worked for the company for 14 years as a customer service representative and was making 13.25 per hour.

Upon inquiring into the Business Employment Skills Teams, she had been job searching with no luck. She was finding that she had limited employment opportunities and with further assessment was planning to enroll in training. In the spring of 2015 Jolien enrolled in the AAS Business Technology program at Illinois Valley Community College. Upon starting, she

was very concerned about her finances, however felt that by completing her degree it would enhance her employment opportunities. In December of 2015, the company that Jolien had been employed – Office Max was trade certified and immediately her application was processed. This gave her the financial opportunity to complete her training program. In the spring of 2016, she continued training under the trade program.

As part of Jolien's training program she was also required to do a work internship. It was at this time that she started working part-time with the Business Employment Skills Team, assisting with some of the administrative duties. During Jolien's training, she was nothing but detailed, organized and professional even though she was going through major personal tragedies.

In December of 2016, Jolien graduated with her Associate of Science – Business Technology and obtained Academic Honors. She has just started full time work with OSF, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, working as an admitting clerk making 13.60 per hour.

Individual Achievement Awards

Magdalene "Adriane" Rice

Adriane Rice of Rock Falls came to her local Illinois Worknet Center after she had lost her job at Anchor Coupling in Sterling when the plant closed. She had worked in the warehouse there but wanted to make a career change. She decided to enroll at Illinois Valley Community College to pursue a degree in Business Administration. She chose IVCC because her local community college did not offer that particular training program.

Adriane was eligible to receive WIOA services as a dislocated worker. BEST, Inc. was able to help her with the tuition and fees and other training-related costs for her program. Attending IVCC required Adriane to make a 125 mile round trip from Rock Falls 2-3 days per week. We were able to provide mileage reimbursement to help with her travel expenses. Despite having to make the long tips to IVCC, Adriane rarely, if ever, missed class.

During the Fall, 2016 semester, Adriane participated in a work experience at the Whiteside County Senior Center which was coordinated and subsidized by BEST, Inc. This was designed to give her some real world experience in an office setting. She was able to use that experience to help secure a full-time job with Steel River Systems, LLC in Rock Falls. She began working there in January and will successfully complete her degree from IVCC in May.

Submitted by: Matt Gingrich

The following chart represents the number of students receiving financial support from NCI Works for Program Year 2016.

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Chief Elected Officials for WIA #4

Represented by:

Dale Anderson, Chairman Bureau County Board

Kevin Reibel, Chairman Carroll County Board

R.J. Winkelhake, Chairman Jo Daviess County Board

Jerry Hicks, Chairman LaSalle County Board

Jim Wentling, Chairman Lee County Board

Kim Gouker, Chairman Ogle County Board

Steven Malavolti, Chairman Putnam County Board

James Duffy, Chairman Whiteside County Board Robert Albrecht, Member Bureau County Board

Ron Smith, Member Jo Daviess County Board

Randy Freeman, Member LaSalle County Board

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The following list represents local businesses that utilized services offered from NCI Works!

Bureau County: Carroll County Housing Authori-

Abacus Tax Service t

ACE Distribution Carroll Industrial Molds

Allegion City of Morrison

Aspen Dental Countryside Landscaping

Beck Oil Co.

Bureau County Specials Schools

Dairy Queen
Forster Products

Casey's Fulton Chamber of Commerce

City of Princeton Good Samaritan
Culvers Harvard Bank

DePue Schools Heritage Market Antiques

Dupont Pioneer Inner View
Freedom House JT Cullen
Gardner Denver Kunes Country
Hall High School Lake Carroll
Hammer Hearing Metform

IL Central College Midwest Motors of Savanna
IL Valley Cellular Mt. Carroll Development
Italviras USA Mt. Carroll Library District

Jackson Hewitt Rolling Hills

LW Schneider Savanna Historical Society
NAPA Distribution Savanna Inn and Suites
Olds Insurance Savanna Marketplace
Perry Memorial Hospital Savanna Museum
School Land American Savanna Museum

Piehls Scholl Insurance
Princeton Chamber Serenity Hospice
Studstill Media Sloan Equipment
Sullivan's Foods SQZ Beverages

Underground TCEDA

United Way Timber Lake Playhouse

Waste Connection/IL Valley Triumph Bank

Zearing Child Enrichment Center West Carroll School District

Carroll County:

Big Meadows Nursing Home Carroll County Assessor **Jo Daviess County:**

24 Hour Care

Apple Canyon Lake POA

Apple River State Bank

Bell Tower Senior Living

Chestnut Mountain

Country Inn and Suites

Jo-Carroll Career and Technical Ed-

ucation

DeSoto House

Dura Automotive

Eagle Ridge

East Dubuque Nitrogen

Elizabeth Nursing Home Elizabeth Public Library

Elizabeth Tire

Fritz Nursery and Garden Center

Furst Staffing

Galena Chamber of Commerce

Galena Jo Daviess Convention and

Vistors Center

Galena Territory Assn.

Illinois Bank and Trust

JLS Fabrication

Jo Carroll Energy

Jo Daviess Conservation

Lamberson Guest House

Lemfco

Lindstrand Balloons

Long Hollow Canopy Tours

Midwest Medical

Rainbow Ridge

Rentech

Signcraft Screenprint

Small Town Saloon

Tammy's Piggly Wiggly

TCEDA

Territory Vet

Thames Management

Willis Computer Solutions

LaSalle County:

1st Real Estate Professionals

AllWeb Promotions

American Nickeloid

Badge-A-Minit

CanAm

City of Ottawa

City of Peru

Clover Technologies

Community Health Partner-

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Doug's Automotive

Eakas

Earlville School

Heritage Health

HyVee

Income Tax Etc.

Illinois Valley Community

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LaSalle Office Supply

Metokote

Morris Hospital Ottawa Cam-

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Music Suite 408 NCI Artworks

North Central IL Council of

Governments

NerdsOnCall

Owens-Illinois

OSF Streator

Ottawa Dental Lab

Ottawa Friendship House

Ottawa Pavilion

Ottawa Savings Bank

PetsMart

Pleasant View Luther Home

Promier Products

Quality Care Cleaning

Rainbow International Resto-

ration

Rivershores Nursing Home

Schwickert and Ganassin,

LLP

Sigan America

Streator Unlimited

Streator YMCA

Terry Bentz Buick

The Reserves Network

Town and Country Services

University of Illinois Extension

US Foods

WRWO/Here and Again

Youth Service Bureau

Aip-Pak

Zukowski Law Office

Lee County:

ACE Hardware

Addison Automatic Atkinson Trucking

Bonnell Industries

Borg Warner

Camelot Day School

Corporate Services County Market

Danfoss

Furst Staffing

Do It Best

Dixon Direct Home of Hope

Hospice of Rock River

Jack Mabley Center

Kelley's Market

KSB Hospital

Raflatac

Raynor Manufacturing

Sensient Flavors

Serenity Hospice and Home

Singer

Sinnissippi Centers

Spectrum Brand

Sauk Valley Community College

Teen Turf

US Cellular

Ogle County:

Advanced Disposal

Austin-Westran

Bright Farms

Brue Yin LLC Butitta Auto

Byron Chamber

Chartwell Staffing

City of Oregon City of Rochelle

Community Care System

Conover Chocolates

Countrywide Insurance

Culvers

DD Homes

Dickerson& Nieman Realty

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