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NORTHWEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS

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Winter 2018

The Workforce Board covering Bureau, Carroll, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Lee,
Ogle, Putnam, and Whiteside Counties.



NCI Works and BEST, Inc. Congratulate December Graduates

NCI Works and BEST, Inc. would like to congratulate those customers that dedicated their time and efforts to pursuing and completing their educational goals as of December 2017. We wish each one a bright and successful future.

Streator High School Bridge Program: Kayden, Will and Daniel

LaSalle County Regional Office of Education Regional Work Study: Cody, Eric, Anna, and Casey

Step Ahead (Bureau County High School Equivalency Program for Youth): Ben

Education Outreach Program (Lee, Ogle and Whiteside County Youth High School Equivalency: Hunter, Caleb, Zachary, D'Andre, Makennah, Anthoni, Patrick, David, Jacob, Sierra, Hunter, Kaitlyn

Illinois Valley Community College: Ashley - CNA, Mackenzie - CNA, Daniel - CDL, Carol - AAS in Accounting, Paula - AAS Accounting, Barb - AAS in Accounting, Richard - AAS in Computer Science, Samantha - AAS in Business Technology, Heather - AAS in Accounting, Mercedes - AAS in Business Technology, Cindy - AAS in Accounting, Linda—AAS in Accounting, Teresa - CDL, Rose - AAS in Human Services, Kelly - AAS in Business Technology, Stephanie - AAS in Business Administration, Patrick - AAS Engineering Technology and Basic Electronics Certificate, Elizabeth - AAS Business Administration

Sauk Valley Community College: Robyn - AAS Accounting, Soraya - AAS in Radiology Technology,

Rock Valley College: Matt - Certificates in Aviation Maintenance (Airframe & Powerplant)

Kishwaukee College: Anibal - Certificate in Auto Mechanics

Rasmussen College: Sara - Bachelor's in Human Resources and Organizational Leadership

Franklin University - Renee - Bachelor's in Business Administration

Methodist College - Brook - Bachelor's in Nursing/RN

Western Governor's University - Dezarae - Bachelor's in Accounting



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Second Annual BEST -Jo Daviess/Carroll CTE Summer Youth Job Fair

The Business Employment Skills Team, Inc. and the Jo Daviess/Carroll Career and Technical Education Academy teamed up for their second annual summer youth job fair on March 15, 2018 at the Career and Technical Education Academy in Elizabeth. Area students were invited to attend and speak with prospective employers about opportunities for summer employment. Both part time and full time positions were available.

Companies in attendance included Eagle Ridge, Culvers, Good Samaritan, Waverly Place, Goldmoor Inn, Sedona Staffing, GTA, Metform, Lemfco, US Fish & Wildlife, Top Notch, and AUSP Thomson. The Business Employment Skills Team and the Jo Daviess/Carroll Career and Technical Education academy would like to thank all of those who attended and the participating schools for allowing their students to take part in this event.



Metform - Savanna, IL



Eagle Ridge - Galena, IL

Core Partners OF NCI WORKS

- ◆Adult Education
- ◆Business Employment Skills, Inc.
- ◆Illinois Department of Employment Security
- ◆Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services

Upcoming Job Fairs!!!!

Elected Officials Job Fairs - The Illinois Department of Employment Security is working with Julie M. Roseberry, Community Outreach Coordinator for Illinois House and Senate Staffs on two upcoming job fairs. The first is scheduled for July 31st at the Scottish Rite, 1800 7th Ave in Moline from 9am to noon. This job fair is being sponsored by State Senator Neil Anderson and State Representative Tony McCombie. The second job fair is scheduled for August 3rd at Parkside School, 1800 Church St. in Peru from 9am to noon. Employers interested in having a table at either of these events should contact Julie M. Roseberry at jlmcinc@aol.com or by phone at 815-464-9908.

Just Hire One! - The Partners of NCI Works, Business Employment Skills Team, Inc. and Illinois Department of Employment Security, along with the City of Oregon are planning a Job Fair and Hiring event for Friday, May 11 at the Oregon Coliseum in Oregon. This is the fourth *Just Hire One!* event for the Oregon area since 2014. Businesses interested in attending need to contact Roger Anderson at roger_anderson@best-inc.org or by phone at 815-732-0148. The job fair is open to the public and at no-cost to area businesses.



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NCI Works Adds Four New Members

Northwest Central Illinois Works recently welcomed 4 new members to the workforce board during the winter quarter: Amy Strawn from Starved Rock Lodge (Utica), Justin Wiggins from Wiggins Computing LLC (Dixon), .Robert Lentz from Walmart DC (Spring Valley) and Daniel Payette from Blackhawk Hills Regional Council (Rock Falls). Strawn, Wiggins, Lentz, and Payette were approved by the Chief Elected Officials from the 8 counties representing the local workforce area: Bureau, Carroll, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Putnam, and Whiteside Counties.

The business led board has been responsible for numerous projects over the years including: 2 manufacturing forums, 2 Healthcare Summits and subsequent networking events for area providers, an annual employer conference, the 2017 State of the Workforce Report, and an annual report of services and events provided by workforce development partners. The State of the Workforce Report and NCI Works Annual Report are available on the NCI Works website at www.nciworks.org. In the coming months NCI Works will be applying for additional grants to address workforce issues and local business needs. NCI Works was recently recertified by the State of Illinois as the local workforce board. Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act recertification of local boards is required every 2 years.

NCI Works meets the 4th Tuesday of the following months at Illinois Valley Community College, Sauk Valley Community College, and Carroll County Housing Authority via Electronic Meeting Capability at 5:30pm:

January	July
March	September
May	November

Meetings are open to the public.

(Location are subject to change. Please consult the NCI Works website, www.nciworks.org, for updated meeting locations.)

BEST Staff Take Part in Area Youth Events in Career/ Personal Development

The week of March 12th, BEST staff volunteered to lend their assistance to two youth events. On March 13th staff assisted LaMoille High School with their STEAM career exploration event at IVCC. During the event, LaMoille High School students demonstrated various science, technology, engineering, arts/agriculture, and math projects to other students from area grade schools. This is LaMoille's second annual event hosted by their students. This event is meant to give the younger students an awareness of potential careers in the STEAM areas and provides LaMoille's students with an opportunity to explore their own interests while developing their projects.

On March 15th, staff assisted North Central Behavioral Health System with their annual Teen Showcase. This year's event was designed to bring awareness to substance abuse. Experts in the field were invited to speak to area junior high school students on the risks of substance abuse and strategies on how to avoid circumstance that may lead them to experiment with such substances. Teen Showcase is an annual event that brings experts from various states to speak on timely social issues that impact today's youth.

Access to the services provided by each of these agencies is available at:

Southtowne Mall	2323 E Lincolnway
1550 First Avenue	Sterling, IL 61081
Ottawa, IL 61356	815-625-9648
815-434-3111	TTY: 800-526-0844

Northwest Central Illinois Works (NCI Works) is a locally appointed workforce board that oversees workforce development programs that are funded by millions of federal tax dollars for an eight-county area (Bureau, Carroll, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Putnam and Whiteside Counties).

December 2017 Unemployment Rate Most Recent Available:

National 3.9%
State of IL 4.7%
LWIA 4 4.9%
Bureau Co 4.9%
Carroll Co. 4.3%
Jo Daviess Co. 4.8%
LaSalle Co 5.5%
Lee Co 4.3%
Ogle Co 4.6%
Putnam Co 4.7%
Whiteside Co. 4.4%

Wondering what the NCI Works partners can do for your business? Our matrix of business services is available online at www.nciworks.org.

“The Labor Market Demographic is an invaluable resource for those of us involved in Economic Development. We use this information when responding to a number of “request for information” such as: Grants, State Site Searches, Realtors, Retail , Disaster etc. Though you would think all would seek the same information, this is not the case. Having the very detailed breakdown in the Labor Market Demographic allows us to respond to specific Labor Market Demographic questions quickly and accurately.”

*Boyd Palmer
Executive Director*

Labor Force Data	Current Month (Dec. 2017)
Employment	129,823
Average Annual Wage	\$41,535
Percentage Change Over 2016	0.1%
Unemployment Rate:	4.9%
Industry	
Ag, Fishing, Forestry/Hunting	5,201
Mining/Quarrying/Oil/Gas	1,008
Utilities	1,756
Construction	6,160
Manufacturing	20,079
Wholesale Trade	5,099
Retail Trade	14,888
Transportation/Warehousing	8,811
Information	1,245
Finance/Insurance	3,723
Real Estate/Rental and Leasing	1,603
Professional Science/Technical	3,146
Management	370
Administrative Support	4,659
Educational	10,530
Health Care/Social Assistance	15,372
Arts/Entertainment/Recreation	1,623
Accommodation/Food Service	10,410
Other Services	5,478
Public Administration	7,466
Unclassified	128
Total All Industries	129,757
LWIA 4 Industry Employment Data/Source: Jobseq (2017Q4)	