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

## NCI Works Partner Staff and Board Member Receive Illinois Valley Area Chamber Cornerstone Award



Partner staff of NCI Works Kerri Hicks, BEST, Inc., and Jennifer Scheri, Illinois Valley Community College, along with NCI Works Board Member John Spencer, Starved Rock Media, were recently honored by the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce with Cornerstone Awards. This award recognizes area leaders over the age of 40 for their dedication and service to the community. NCI Works proudly acknowledges their work to the lives and businesses of the Illinois Valley area. Congratulations!!!!



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## Tri-County Opportunities Council

Established in 1965 by a group of concerned citizens in the counties of Lee, Ogle and Whiteside, Tri-County has grown to serve a total of nine counties- Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark and Whiteside. Our mission is to investigate the impact of poverty throughout our nine county service area and to work, in partnership with individuals, families and communities to provide opportunities that supports movement towards stability and self-sufficiency. Our organization does this through a variety of programs. All programs are income based and require an application.

The following services are available to low income households:

### Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG)

- Provides comprehensive needs assessment, information and referrals and numerous case management programs to eligible customers to obtain self-sufficiency for employment, youth, education, housing, medical and emergency needs.
- Offers various housing programs to those facing homelessness or on the verge of becoming homeless. Annually awards education scholarships to income eligible service area residents attending an Illinois institution of higher learning.
- Bureau County Food Pantry- Provides food to meet meals gaps to families residing in Bureau County.

### Low Income Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

- Makes a one- time payment to the utility company.
- Repair or replace furnaces to homeowners who are current on their mortgage and taxes.
- Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) is designed to help clients' pay their own bill with a manageable budget bill.

### Illinois Home Weatherization Program

- Make homes more energy efficient, provide safe heating equipment, if needed, replace furnace and provide clients with safety equipment.

### Ameri Corp Seniors Program

- Provides meaningful volunteer opportunities for those in the lower income range who are 55 years old and older.
- This program offers supportive person-to-person services to at risk children in reading, math, spelling, are and other constructive projects.

### Head Start/Early-Head Start Program

- These programs are federal programs that provides comprehensive early childhood education, health, nutrition, and parent engagement services to children from birth to 5 years of age, expectant mothers, and their families.

Tri-County Opportunities Council has offices in nine counties and information regarding our sites can be found on our website at [www.tcochelps.org](http://www.tcochelps.org). or by calling our main office at: 800-323-5434 or 815-625-7830

# 1099-G Tax Form

Unemployment insurance benefits are taxable income. If you received unemployment insurance (UI) benefits last year, a [1099-G tax form](#) is required to complete your state and federal tax returns. The form shows the UI benefits you received, and any taxes withheld.

Repayments on overpayments are not reflected in your 1099-G.

## How do I Get a Copy of My 1099-G?

1099-G forms are available for download and mailed out by the first week in February.

**Mail:** IDES mails paper copies of the 1099-G form claimants who opted NOT to receive their form electronically. The form will come via the U.S. Postal Service.

**Tele-Serve:** Claimants may also request a mailed copy of their 1099-G via Tele-Serve. Please call 312-338-4337 and select main menu option 3, for claim status.

**Electronic:** Claimants who opted for electronic copies receive an email notification when the 1099-G is available in your IDES claimant portal.

## 5 Easy Steps to Access 1099-G Online

Even if you requested a mailed copy, you can access your 1099-G form any time once released on the IDES claimant portal.

### Log in to your IDES account.

[ILogin](#) registration is required to access all IDES accounts, including your 1099-G online. If you need to reset your **password** within IDES's secure website [visit the ILogin page and view instructions on troubleshooting](#).

- After you have successfully logged into your **IDES account**, navigate to the dropdown menu titled **Individual Home** in orange.
- Select **Request 1099-G**.
- Be prepared to answer security questions. You will need to accurately input your Social Security Number (SSN), Date of Birth, Driver's License/State ID, First and Last Name
- If your responses are verified, you will be able to view your 1099-G form.

You can view your forms for the past seven years. Select the appropriate year and click "View 1099-G". This form can be printed at local libraries and American Job Centers.

NCI Works meets at 12:00 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of the following months.

January	July
March	September
May	November

### ***Meetings are open to the public.***

(Dates & Locations are subject to change. Please consult the NCI Works website, [www.nciworks.org](http://www.nciworks.org), for meeting information)

*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).*



## ***BEST December 2023 Graduates!***

Join us in congratulating our 2023  
December graduates:

**Castor Health Institute:** CNAs: Caitlin, Emma; Phlebotomy Certification: Bobbi Jo, Shonta, Tonya, and Lauren

**160 Driving Academy:** Commercial Driver’s License: Patrick, Josh

**Illinois Valley Community College:** CNAs Alexis; Commercial Driver’s License: Kurt

**Sauk Valley Community College:** Commercial Driver’s License: Chance, Shannon, Justin

**Waubensee Community College:** Registered Nurse: Natasha

**Regional Work Study (Ottawa and Mendota):** Diplomas: Chantel, Keona, Bryan, LeMarcus, Vanessa, Maddison, Marrio, Jessica, Claire, Mya, Alejandro, Abby, Perla



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*Access to services provided by each of the member agencies is available by contacting:*

**NCI Works One-Stop Center**  
1550 First Avenue  
Ottawa, IL  
815-434-3111

**TTY: 800-526-0844**

**December 2023 Unemployment Rate**

**Most Recent Available:**

- National 3.5%
- State of IL 4.2%
- LWIA 4 5.0%
- Bureau Co 5.8%
- Carroll Co. 4.3%
- Jo Daviess Co 4.3%
- LaSalle Co 5.6%
- Lee Co 4.2%
- Ogle Co 5.2%
- Putnam Co 5.9%
- Whiteside Co. 4.3%

***Check out the NCI Works! Podcast Series: Getting to Work!  
Available at [nciworks.org](http://nciworks.org) or on your favorite podcast app!***

*“Labor Market Demographics are a necessity for those of us involved in Economic Development. We use this information when responding to “requests for information” such as: state site searches, industrial broker inquiries, retail leads, grants, etc. Companies deciding where to locate need to know if our area has the workforce to staff their needs. Though you would think all would seek the same information, this is not the case. Even more important is having the staff at BEST available to help us find the information needed. All of this allows us to continue to attract new business into the area.”*

*Dave Noble, Director of Community Development, City of Ottawa*

Additional Labor Market Information is available at the NCI Works website at [www.nciworks.org](http://www.nciworks.org) and BEST, Inc website at [www.best-inc.org](http://www.best-inc.org)

<b>Labor Force Data</b>	<b>UI % Current Month (December 2023)</b>
Employment	123,328
Average Annual Wage	\$53,238.00
Percentage Change Over 2022 3rd Quarter	-1.3%
Unemployment Rate: December 2023	5.0%
<b>Industry</b>	<b>3rd Quarter 2023</b>
Ag, Fishing, Forestry/Hunting	4,188
Mining/Quarrying/Oil/Gas	870
Utilities	1,745
Construction	6,173
Manufacturing	18,939
Wholesale Trade	4,975
Retail Trade	14,149
Transportation/Warehousing	8,390
Information	809
Finance/Insurance	3,369
Real Estate/Rental and Leasing	1,292
Professional Science/Technical	3,488
Management	343
Administrative Support	4,788
Educational	10,532
Health Care/Social Assistance	13,392
Arts/Entertainment/Recreation	1,636
Accommodation/Food Service	10,664
Other Services	5,775
Public Administration	7,673
Unclassified	9
<b>Total All Industries</b>	<b>123,199</b>
LWIA 4 Industry Employment Data/Source: Jobseq (2023Q3)	