

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget Highlights and Goals

Workforce Investment Board

FY2012 Highlights

- Partnered with MCC to provide second year of healthcare bridge training programs to low income county residents. The grant is entering third year with 52 have been enrolled in the CNA program. 50 are continuing with pre-reqs for Occupational Therapy Asst. or RN training.
- WIB/Workforce Network participating in workforce skills gap discussion with MCC, "Exploring Solutions for Building a Talent Pipeline," to address the local needs for Manufacturing Education program(s).
- Published the 2011 'McHenry County Labor Report' and Quarterly updates. This report looks at local labor issues including Unemployment Characteristics WIA Customer attainments, Skills Demand, Local Industrial Makeup, and more.
- MCWN Director and LWIB Director met with local legislators/legislative Staff to discuss local labor and training issues, and discuss WIA reinvention: IL Representative Mike Tryon, IL Senator Pamela Althoff, US Congressman Walsh and Staff, US Senator Durbin Staff, US Representative Hultgren.
- Hosted visits with Congressional staff members Kitty Weiner, of Rep. Peter Roskam's office and Tyler Sidell, of US Rep. Joe Walsh's office, Megan Toal of U.S. Sen. Kirk's office
- Held employer group presentations on the National Career Readiness Certificate work readiness assessment program from ACT (11/11 & 06/12). Made employer and smaller group NCRC presentations
- Presented MCWN/WIB programs at locals Rotary meetings, Chamber meetings, job fairs and County Business Plug-in Event.
- Attended the National Workforce Association (NWA) conference in December 2011, St. Petersburg, FL. The message was 'Working with Congress We Can Make a Difference.' Work on message to legislators for WIA Reauthorization and job training program consolidation.
- Attended NAWB Conference in Washington D.C.; met with: Mark Skerjan, LA - Office of Rep. Peter Roskam, Jeff Freeland, LA - Office of Rep. Joe Walsh, Doug Thomas, Dep. Chief of Staff - Office of Rep. Randy Hultgren, Trevor Reuschel, Sr Labor Advisor - Office of Senator Durbin, Jeanette Windon, Professional Staff - Office of Senator Mark Kirk
- Regular WIB Meetings with business relevant information presentations: Local Legislative State Economic and Workforce Update (01/12), Advantage Illinois State Small Business Credit Initiative (03/12), Unemployment Claims: Employer information & Local Business Resources (05/12), Springfield 101: State Government system (07/12)

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- Work with Workforce Boards of Metropolitan Chicago to discover and develop new ideas to improve workforce skills delivery programs.
- Continued education and promotion of WIB/ MCWN programs and activities to create greater awareness and involvement with community leaders and employers.
- Keep up-to-date on Workforce Investment Act (WIA) legislation and continue to engage legislators in dialogue that promotes local WIA activities and works for WIA reauthorization.
- Continue discussion and efforts with MCC to develop and deliver employer and job required skills training in a Manufacturing Education program(s)
- Define and develop a Work Experience / Intern program for WIA Program adult training customers.
- Work with MCC Center for Corporate Training (SHAH) Center, Illinois Small Business Development Center (ISBDC) and McHenry County Economic Development Corp. to assess business and workforce climate to promote local economic development
- Work with MCC and WBMC on the Healthcare Professions Opportunity Grant (HPOG) year three to monitor grant and provide program assistance to MCC and students.
- Develop WIB / MCWN community education materials with consistent branding.
- Explore and develop alternate program funding opportunities.
- Prepare and distribute a 2012 Labor Report for McHenry County.