

Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget Highlights and Goals

McHenry County Workforce Network

FY2011 Highlights

- Senator Durbin and Congressman Walsh visited the Workforce Center this spring and met with staff and customers to learn how federal budget cuts would impact local program services. Congressman Walsh requested the creation of WIA Work Group which was to be coordinated by Julie Courtney, Director of Workforce Network. Group has been established and has regular conference calls with the Congressman.
- CBS Evening News featured a department customer that was attending MCC with training funds from the Workforce Investment Act program. The customer has completed his A.S. degree in Construction Management and has returned to work in that field.
- The Department of Labor has chosen the department Incumbent Worker project with Expert Health and Rehabilitation, located in Lake In the Hills, to be featured as a national success story.
- Department completed Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) monitoring of all programs and fiscal activities and received no findings.
- Achieved the McHenry County Board Strategic Plan goal of 75% employment rate for ARRA customers 1 year after they completed program services. The average wage was \$18.70/hr.
- Over 10,000 visitors utilized over 27,000 services at the Workforce Center. That was a 23% decrease from the previous year.
- 2375 individuals attended department programs, such as job club, seminars, resume critiques, and mock interviews, a 17% increase from the previous year.
- 910 individuals participated in WIA programs, a decrease of 33% from the previous year.
- 383 participants received training in high demand occupational training, a 26% increase from the previous year.
- \$1,816,350 was spent on those training programs, which exceeded the 40% expenditure rate on training requirement imposed by DCEO.
- Estimated wages for participants who finished program services is \$4,352,414.
- Department exceeded the required state and federal spending levels for the program year.
- Workforce Network exceeded the required federal spending levels during the last program year.
- Department exceeded 6 of its 9 federal performance goals negotiated with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Of the remaining three that were met, the department reached 92.16%, 94.7 % and 99.55% of its negotiated goals for those measures.

FY2012 Goals

- To achieve federal performance goals for adult, dislocated worker and youth programs as negotiated with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.
- To spend the federally required 80% of WIA allocation funds by 6/30/11, which will keep funds from being re-allocated to other State Workforce Areas.
- To collaborate with new Workforce Board Director, Economic Development and MCC on enhancing program services.
- Continue outreach and recruitment activities for WIA programs for job seekers, youth and employers.
- To maintain quality programs and service levels during a period of increased demand.