

Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget Highlights and Goals

Workforce Network

FY2008 Highlights

- Over 9,100 visitors utilized over 21,000 services, a 5% increase over last year.
- Hosted recruitment events for 85 employers resulting in 830 candidates attending these events (129% increase in employers and 28% increase in candidates from last year).
- Over 2700 individuals attended department programs such as Job Club, information session and seminars.
- 512 individuals participated in WIA programs, including 153 in training programs for high demand occupations.
- WIA programs had an increase in participants of 19% for both the adult and dislocated worker programs and a 2% increase in the youth program.
- The department's Rapid Response team assisted 745 workers from 5 mass layoff/closing events.
- Expended 88% of allocation and 52% of adult and dislocated worker allocation was spent on training services.
- Total wages for WIA program participants who have finished services was \$3,202,892. The department spent \$1,789,323 in allocation and grant funds. The wages of program participants is almost double of what was spent.
- Completed Illinois workNet rebranding campaign and marketing activities.
- Met or exceeded federal performance goals as negotiated with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.
- Funded two incumbent worker training projects which trained 12 workers in skill upgrades.
- Funded a special Medical Office training project for 12 out of school youth with 100% successful completion and 80% employment rate.

FY2009 Goals

- To meet federal performance goals for adult, dislocated worker and youth programs, as negotiated with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.
- Increase training opportunities for out of school youth, including 180 hour paid internship program.
- Participate in new program development in collaboration with McHenry County College using federal earmark funds.
- Continue outreach and recruitment activities for out of school youth and economically disadvantaged county residents.
- Maintain quality programs and services despite severe budget cuts and loss of staff to run department programs.