


Workforce In Action

 **Training** a Skilled Workforce for
today's businesses

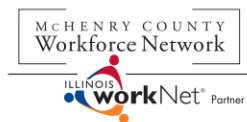
 **Connecting** People to Employers and
Employers to People

 **Developing** Employment Solutions
for the future

Located across from the Government Center
at 500 Russel Court in Woodstock, IL,
McHenry County Workforce Network has a
variety of programs and services for employers
and job seekers needing assistance in meeting
the challenges of today's job market.

We are an affiliate of Illinois workNet
which is a consolidated effort to provide a
one-stop system for employment related
services in McHenry County and part of a
nation-wide, grant funded system.

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These are but a small sample of the successes our Workforce Program Participants who have taken advantage of the workshops, career advising, resume reviews, training opportunities and the many other tools available through the McHenry County Workforce Center.

See more of our workforce program customer stories at www.mchenrycountyworkforce.com

Project SEARCH Class of 2025/26

The 10 new interns of the 2025-2026 class of Project Search are hard at work in the heart of their first round of internships at Northwestern Medicine Huntley Hospital. They are busy across several departments throughout the hospital including Registration, Emergency Department, Environmental, Kitchen, and more. These internships immerse the participants within their department and allow them to learn tasks and employability skills. The interns and their families are also meeting with Parents Alliance staff to complete employment planning meetings. These meetings help uncover areas of strength and passion for each intern as they move towards the goal of finding competitive employment!

Young Adult Stories

Colin O. (60098)

From a young age, Colin had always dreamed of getting behind the wheel of a big rig. At just 18 years old, he was determined to start his career in the transportation industry, but the cost of training stood in his way. That's when he connected with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program, which provided the support he needed to make his goal a reality. Through WIOA funding, Colin was able to enroll in CDL training and fully dedicated himself to completing the program. With hard work and determination, he successfully earned his Commercial Driver's License. Shortly after, Colin was offered a position in the transportation industry, allowing him to immediately put his new skills to work. Now, Colin is at work, building a promising career for himself and gaining valuable experience at an early age. Thanks to his dedication—and the opportunities provided through WIOA—he has turned his dream into a reality and is excited for the journey ahead.

Ronaldo G. (60102)

Ronaldo is a determined young adult and proud parent who transformed his future with the support of the WIOA Young Adult Program. Like many young parents, Ronaldo faced the challenge of providing for his family while trying to build a stable and rewarding career. He knew he wanted more than just a job — he wanted a future with opportunity and growth. Through the WIOA Young

Adult Program, Ronaldo discovered a pathway to achieve his goals. With the help of WIOA funding, he enrolled in CDL (Commercial Driver's License) training, gaining the skills and certifications necessary to enter the high-demand field of truck driving. Ronaldo committed himself fully to the program, balancing the responsibilities of training with being a parent. His hard work paid off — he successfully completed his CDL training and has secured employment as a professional truck driver. Today, Ronaldo is not only providing a stable income for his family but also building a career with long-term potential. His journey shows what determination, hard work, and access to the right resources can accomplish!

Participant Successes

Brooke M. (60156)

Brooke came to McHenry County Workforce Network in need of assistance after losing her job. Brooke's previous experience included working as a registered nurse and more recently working in the restaurant industry. She met with her career planner and completed some initial assessments. It was obvious that she had a lot of skills and could do more fulfilling work more in line with her previous experience. Through consultation with the Business Service Representative, it was decided that an internship with a local company in the healthcare industry would be a good fit. Brooke began her internship and enjoyed the work, and feedback from the employer was positive. She did such a good job that the company hired her on permanently. Brooke is very grateful for the services offered by McHenry County Workforce Network and the WIOA program. She looks forward to continued success.



Brooke M.
(Workforce Participant)

Matthew B. (60014)

Matthew came to McHenry County Workforce Network with an extensive background in the field of information technology. Due to a re-organization at his company, he was laid off. He was confident in his abilities, but with the frequent changes in technology he felt that he needed to update his skills. His career planner met with him and completed several assessments to review his situation and determine what the best course of action would be. It was determined that he could benefit from an IT training program that would update his skills and would allow him to add new certifications to his resume. Matthew enrolled in and successfully completed a program of study. He applied for and got a job in his chosen field. He is extremely grateful for the opportunity McHenry County Workforce Network and the WIOA program gave him. We wish him the best of luck in his future.

Robert M. (60152)

Robert the Workforce Network after being separated from his previous employment. As the primary wage earner for his household, he was determined to pursue a stable career pathway that would allow him to continue providing for his family.

With the support of his Career Planner, Robert enrolled in the CDL-A training program at Eagle Training Services. He successfully completed the program requirements and has since obtained his CDL-A license. Robert is now actively engaged in his job search and is well-positioned to enter the transportation industry.

Alber A. (60102)

Alber came to the United States with the hope of building a better future for his family back home. Over the years, he worked in various jobs that didn't fully align with his skills or long-term goals. Seeking greater stability and a true career path, Alber connected with the McHenry Workforce Network for guidance and support.

Through career planning, Alber identified his interest in HVAC/Electrical work and enrolled in training at Chicago Professional Center. He has successfully completed the program, earned his certifications and is now focused on securing employment in the field.

Kelly B. (60014)

After her position as a fast-food restaurant manager ended, Kelly came to the McHenry County Workforce Network to change career paths. She met with a career planner to explore new opportunities, and through a skills assessment, discovered that her strengths aligned well with administrative and clerical work.

With this new direction in mind, Kelly enrolled at McHenry County College (MCC) to pursue a Business Management Principles Certificate. Around the same time, the Business Services Representative connected her with a window cleaning company in McHenry, who had an opening for an Administrative Assistant.

Kelly was offered a Work Experience (WE) opportunity that complemented her coursework at MCC. Her dedication and growing skills quickly stood out, leading to an On-the-Job Training (OJT) placement with the same company.

She is completing her training at MCC and was hired as a full-time Administrative Assistant at her WE / OJT site, where she continues to thrive. An accomplishment that reflects her hard work, determination, and commitment to building a rewarding new career.

Felipe A. (60156)

Felipe came to McHenry County Workforce Network with a background of working in the wireless phone industry. He was laid off and in need of assistance. Initial assessments were done, and through his work with a career planner he determined what his career goals were. He decided that he wanted to get his CDL and become a truck driver so he could pick up a skill that would lead to a career which would give more stability to him and his family. Felipe enrolled in training with a WIOA approved CDL training provider and successfully completed training. He then passed the CDL test and got a job as a truck driver with a local company. Felipe is very grateful for the opportunity that the WIOA program and McHenry County Workforce Network gave him.

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