



RWDB Report – June 23, 2016

Trade

John Deere National Dislocated Workers Grant (NDWG)

116 Enrolled in Classroom Training
1 classroom submitted and pending approval for next semester
6 TAA packets in progress working towards submission for fall 2016 starts
10 have completed training and 8 found employments
2 have withdrawn from training because of new employment
19 currently utilizing ATAA/RTAA 2 in progress for RTAA
2 completed relocation assistance for new job

Ocwen State Emergency Grant (SEG)

- Offered two/ 2 day intermediate excel workshops in May - 35 registered, 29 completed
- Offered one/ 3 day Access workshop in May – 16 registered, 12 completed

Dislocated Workers

CBE – 56 employees affected as of 6/17/16 (heard from employees only). They were given option of transferring to open positions. According to news story, about 30 accepted a transfer.

Independence Mental Health Institute – 10 employees affected as of June 30. Informational meeting was held on June 6.

Syngenta Seeds - Production facility in Waterloo is closing permanently on July 1. Approximately 15 employees affected. Informational meetings held last December and June 21.

Employment Services

New Members Report:	Apr - 537	May - 703
Workshop Attendees	Apr - 462	May - 489
National Career Readiness Certificate	Apr - 114	May - 117
Workshops Offered	Apr- 62	May- 59

Sector Partnership –National Emergency Grant (SP-NEG)

- Received \$175,844 to provide enhanced services and work based learning opportunities for dislocated workers in high demand sectors such as healthcare, advanced manufacturing, transportation and information technology.

PROMISE JOBS Grant

- HCC was awarded the northern district including Waterloo, Dubuque, Decorah, Mason City and Marshalltown. Cedar Rapids is no longer in our district.
- Interviews took place this week in Mason City and Marshalltown. Waiting on budget to determine number of hires.

WIOA Youth/Young Adult Program

- Received \$15,000 from Community Foundation and \$5,000 from McElroy Trust as a result of Mayor Hart's grant writing efforts for the Mayor's Summer Youth Program
- 7 students completed the 25 hour work readiness workshop, which is a requirement to be placed in a paid work experience. Scheduling interviews at worksites.
- 12 additional students signed up for the next work readiness workshop so they can begin a work experience in July

GAP Tuition Assistance

- 9 students finished Pharmacy Tech and in externships at CVS, Evansdale Pharmacy, People's Clinic. Externship is 160 hours, unpaid
- 6 Prepare to Care students will start clinicals at Western Home the first week of July.
- Held "practice" speed interviews last week for 10 Industrial Maintenance and 8 CNC students. Had 4-5 businesses attend each "live" speed interview session.
- Medical Billing and Coding - 5 Gap completers who tested on Saturday for their American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) national credential.
- CDL program continues to have steady enrollment, approximately 30 CDL's earned in past 12 months.

New grant: Food Assistance Employment & Training program begins July 1 with 100% reimbursement (tuition, support services and staff cost) for 5 qualifying Gap participants that are receiving food assistance but not cash assistance (such as FIP). Effective October 1, reimbursement will go to 50% with no limit on enrollment numbers.

Business Services Team

- Cruising for Careers Job Fair- Partnership with Kaplan and Jimmy Johns 6/23/16
- 30 hour Food Service class – Partnership with Department of Corrections, Payne Memorial AME Church, local businesses and community partners. Graduates will prepare a community meal at Payne Memorial AME Church on 6/24/16.
- Held Maximizing Talent and Minimizing Risk at UNI-CUE to encourage hiring individuals with backgrounds. 73 attendees representing 43 different companies. Working on an upcoming Summit in October to continue this discussion.
- Outreach to Department of Corrections resulted in 21 hires in last 2 months
- Presented at UNI's Labor Market Workshop for K-12 teachers
- Education Expo was held at the Center in May with all the local colleges invited
- Facilitated Employment Development Network tour of TechWorks
- Attended Rod Blum Career Fair and Veteran's Event

Job Fairs at the Center

- Safari Harvesting- Hired 15 people to pick strawberries
- A-1 Careers
- Allied Barton is coming up next week
- Kelly Services
- Goodwill Industries
- Noble Oak
- CBE
- QPS
- Triumph Foods

EMPLOYERS' COUNCIL OF IOWA, CEDAR VALLEY CHAPTER

- June 8 The New Workplace: Workers, Culture & Engagement, New Aldaya
- June 29-30 OSHA General 10 Hour Training, Allen College