



WIOA NEWSLETTER

Issue 1 - Friday, May 15, 2015

Welcome to the new ICCB WIOA Newsletter

This newsletter is being created as a conduit for news and updates regarding WIOA. As the regulations go through the refining process, and as requirements become solidified, just look for the WIOA Newsletter to arrive in your email inbox.

The newsletter will include highlights, key points, and overviews of important changes and updates, and each article will provide you with a link to the new WIOA page on the ICCB website where the full details can be found.

Have questions or suggestions regarding the WIOA Newsletter?
Contact Josh Beneze, Associate Director for Adult Education & Workforce at josh.beneze@illinois.gov.

What is WIOA?

WIOA is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. WIOA retains many of the functions and structures of WIA, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and incorporates certain new components, including expanded partnerships and greater coordination and alignment between education and workforce entities.

WIOA comprises four primary core partners:

- * Title I—Workforce (adult, youth, & dislocated workers) [DCEO]
- * Title II—Adult Education (and Perkins Vocational Ed.) [ICCB]
- * Title III—Wagner Peyser [IDES]
- * Title IV—Vocational Rehabilitation [DHS]

Full WIOA Text and More Details click [here](#).



WIOA is an all-encompassing and comprehensive law that requires integration across sectors.

Newsletter Highlights

Though the law has been written, the exact regulations involved are still being negotiated and developed by the US Departments of Labor and Education.

The first round of proposed rules has been released. We are currently reviewing the proposed rules and preparing to make public comment.

The public comment period ends June 15, 2015.

Find the proposed rules here:

[Part One](#) [Part Two](#) [Part Three](#)

The Six Areas of Purpose of WIOA

WIOA has six areas of purpose, which are cited in **Section 2** of the law. The six areas include:

1. To increase access to and opportunities for the employment, education, training and support services individuals need to succeed in the labor market.
2. To support the alignment of workforce, education, and economic development in support of a comprehensive, accessible and high quality workforce development system.
3. To improve the quality and labor market relevance of workforce, education and economic development supplying workings with skills and credential to secure and advance in employment.
4. To promote improvement in the structure of the delivery of services to jobseekers, workers, and employers.
5. To increase prosperity of workers and employers, the economic growth of communities, regions and states.
6. To provide workforce activities at statewide and local level, increase the employment, retention and earnings of participants, and increase attainment of recognized postsecondary credentials, and as a result improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, increase economic self sufficiency, meet the skills requirements of employers, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness.

WIOA Implementation Task Advisory Groups (TAGs)

In Illinois, seven local level Task Advisory Groups have been established to provide a local perspective on issues related to the implementation of the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The seven groups follow:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance 2. Planning 3. Policy 4. Operations 5. Performance 6. Technology 7. Youth | <p>Each group has two primary tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make recommendations to State policymakers in specific areas identified for each group, and • To identify significant requirements of the WIOA for which Illinois will provide specific comments in conjunction with Federal rulemaking. |
|---|---|

The work of each group will continue to evolve as WIOA and the significant changes it requires are implemented.

The current membership from the community college system of each Task Advisory Group (TAG) follows and will be updated as needed.

- 1. Governance**
Joanne Kantner, Adult Ed.—Kishwaukee College
Peggy Heinrich, Adult Ed.—Elgin Community College
Jean Kartje, CTE—College of DuPage
- 2. Planning**
Tawanna Nickens, Adult Ed.—Parkland College
Val Harris, Adult Ed.—Lewis & Clark Community College
Ali O'Brien, CTE—College of Lake County
- 3. Policy**
Rocki Wilkerson, Adult Ed.—Decatur Public Schools
David Wu, Adult Ed.—Pui Tak, Chicago
Michael Boyd, CTE—Kankakee Community College
- 4. Operations**
Glenda Nicke, Adult Ed.—Black Hawk College
Lisa Atkins, Adult Ed.—Kaskaskia College
Dave Kietzmann, CTE—Danville Area Community College
- 5. Performance**
Dan Deasy, Adult Ed.—College of DuPage
Bob Fittin, Adult Ed.—Greater West Township Project
David Beer, CTE—Waubensee Community College
- 6. Technology**
Randy Fletcher, CTE—Parkland College
- 7. Youth**
Diane Fall, Adult Ed.—Black Hawk College
Wendy Howerter, CTE—Lincoln Land Community College

WIOA Implementation—Regional Informational Forums

To assist in preparation for implementation of WIOA, the ICCB is hosting three upcoming regional informational forums for Adult Education and Career & Technical Education Administrators and Staff to participate in the process of planning and implementation.

The meetings will be held at the following dates and locations:

- June 1, 2015—Central—Holiday Inn & Suites Bloomington Airport, Bloomington
- June 2, 2015—South—Thelma Keller Convention Center, Effingham
- June 3, 2015—North—Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills

For more information or to register for one of these events, click [here](#).