



What's Happening News

June 21, 2016

WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) by June O'Dell:

*Youth Action Network next meeting will be August 22, 2016; at 10:00 a.m. at the WDB office.

WDB Local Plan:

The Workforce Development Board's Strategic Plan, for Program Years 2016-2020 is on our website (www.job4you.org) for the required 30-day comment period. The WDB will be voting on this plan at the June 21 meeting. Deadline for submission of approved plan is July 1, 2016 to DWD. This plan is very important to our board and is used as a guide for WIOA. If you have any comments, please submit in writing to Tammy Tankersley or myself.

Sub-State Monitoring:

Compliance staff conducted the local required program monitoring during April 2016 and May 2016. An in-depth review was completed of all programs for compliance with local, state and federal regulations. Within your WDB packet you will find the monitoring reports, special program updates, enrollment totals and performance.

MAWD Conference:

The 2016 MAWD conference was a great success! More than 400 Workforce Professionals registered for this year's conference and many of the great session presentations were delivered by DWD and partner staff, giving us all an opportunity to build skills and learn more about WIOA implementation in Missouri. In the spirit of WIOA, leadership representatives from DWD, DESE, AEL, FSD, and MRSB participated in a closing day supersession panel, giving everyone a look at the sort of collaboration and teamwork needed to really make WIOA work.

Certified Work Ready Communities:

On May 5, Dunklin and Madison Counties were presented with their proclamation of a Certified Work Ready Community. At the State MoWDB meeting, Ste. Genevieve County, Perry County and Iron County were approved by the state board. We now have seven counties certified and six counties in the process for the Southeast Region. If you would like to know more about how you can become more involved, go to www.workreadycommunities.org or give me a call.

SPYC and Summer Jobs-Cathy Harris:

SPYC and Summer Jobs have kicked off for 2016, and we are diving right in! We have 27 slots available for SPYC, and the first 6 have been hired and began working on May 31. Several others are in the process of pre-employment screening and enrollment, anxious to begin working at the state parks and historic sites in our region. For Summer Jobs we have 120 slots available, and staff are actively screening youth who come through the portal to be paired with employers whom are interested in participating in the program.

WIOA Youth Program Up-dates-May 2016:

Bollinger County – Sherri Long

Bollinger County has 5 enrolled youth for the month of May with 1 positive exit. We are working in Bollinger County to build a good case load of Young Adults seeking and achieving goals to gain a good Career Path. We have been in contact with the county school districts for referrals as well as other partnering agencies.

Two of the active enrollments have graduated high school and are working. They have both been accepted to college and will be attending in the fall of 2016.

The SPYC and Summer Jobs program is ramping up and anticipation for partnering with these programs will also give more youth the opportunity to be exposed to the services WIOA Youth Program has to offer.

Total Enrolled: 5

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 1

Total in Follow-Up: 2

Cape County - Christina Gonzales

Cape County has 15 young adults participating in the WIOA Program. There are 2 youth who started their online HSE classes this month and are progressing well. 3 WIOA youth have been attending AEL classes regularly and gaining academic skills. 1 youth took the Reading section of their Work Keys test and scored high. 3 young adults took their permit test in May and passed. We are currently working on partnering with another organization to help prepare the youth for the driving portion of the test. 2 Cape youth took 3 sections of their HiSet test in May and passed all of them. We have 2 other youth signed up to take part of their HiSet test in June. 2 of our unemployed youth started new jobs this month and are doing well.

May is the start for the Summer Jobs and SPYC program for area youth. This is a great way for young adults to learn many essential employment skills, learn more about the career they wish to pursue, network with others in the same field and build their Resume. The youth in the WIOA Program can gain the same benefits through our Work Experience Program. Our community youth have many exciting opportunities that will be offered to them throughout the summer months.

Total Enrolled: 15

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 0

Total in Follow-Up: 4

Dunklin County – Valerie Smith

Dunklin County has 3 active clients with 0 new enrollments and 1 exit. We have been out in the community spreading the word about the Youth Program and making connections with the local universities and the AEL sites. We are currently partnering with AEL for enrollments.

Through a presentation for the Summer Jobs Program to Bootheel Independent Living Services we were able to introduce the WIOA Youth Program with a great opportunity to partner and have referrals to the program.

Dunklin County is able to partner with the Job Center to offer clients opportunities in training and job development. We will be working on enrollments and Summer Work Experience in June anticipating great results.

Total Enrolled: 3

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exits: 1

Total in Follow-Up: 5

Iron County – Angel Pickens

Iron County has 1 active youth, 4 youth in follow up, 0 exits, and 0 new enrollments.

Case Manager is working with the one active, employed youth to attend Orientation classes at the local AEL site, in order to obtain his HSE certification. One follow up youth is employed and is doing well. Case Manager is working with this youth to obtain his NCRC.

Iron County has several potential enrollments through referral from the Summer Jobs and SPYC programs. We look forward to a busy summer.

Total Enrolled: 1

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 0

Total in Follow-Up: 4

Madison County – Angel Pickens

Madison County has 3 active youth, 5 youth in follow up, 1 exit, and 0 new enrollments.

Case Manager is working with 2 active, employed youth to attend Orientation classes at the local AEL site, in order to obtain HSE certification. 1 youth is currently attending HSE classes and is enrolled in Scholars @ work. She is doing well and will be ready to start testing on the next test date. Case Manager is currently working with 1 follow up youth to obtain her NCRC. The Case Manager continues to make contacts in the community to share information about the Youth Program. We have made contact with the staff at the MO Extension Office, Keith with E.M.A.A., Kim Adair with Children's Services and Annie Barnes of the Community Council. We spoke about all of our roles in the community. I informed them about the Youth Program and we discussed the referral process for all of our offices. Madison County was also able to see a few new faces due to the Summer Jobs League inquiries. I was also able to visit with many of the local business and city hall. Due to the community referrals we have 2 youth that are possible candidates for the Youth program.

Total Enrolled: 3

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 1

Total in Follow-up: 5

Mississippi County - Tiffany Penrod

Mississippi County Youth Program has 7 active enrolled youth in the WIOA Youth Program. May was a great month for the youth in Mississippi County. We have a great group of young adults focused on their career path with our guidance!

We have (0) no new enrollees for the month of May. We have been working with the young adults through various workshops. At the beginning of May, we conducted a cross county Financial Literacy Workshop. This allowed the youth to come into contact with others to hear about their journeys and to learn from each other. One (1) Mississippi County youth attended that workshop. Another Financial Literacy Workshop is schedule for next month.

Work Experience is a focus for the summer in Mississippi County. We currently have two (2) youth beginning work experience in their prospective career paths the first part of June.

We continue to partner with outside agencies to build a network of support in Mississippi County for the Young Adults building their futures with assistance in the WIOA Youth Program.

Total Enrolled: 7

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 0

New Madrid County – James Hollywood

New Madrid County youth program had an exciting month of May. 0 clients exited the program and 1 youth was enrolled during the month. New Madrid County would also like to announce that the HSE classroom is full with 10 students. In the month of May we had one client started working part time at Jay's Chicken in Sikeston and attending HSE classes part-time. Also New Madrid is proud to announce that we have four active youth participating in DAECO "Step up the Leadership" program. The course is a 6 week curriculum on the topic for leadership development. Of those that complete the course will be eligible for a \$120 stipend paid by DAEOC. The Young Adults participating have shown great interest.

The month of June also appears to be another exciting month for the youth in New Madrid County. We have several youth that have expressed interest in the Summer Jobs program and work experience opportunities. In the upcoming month several youth are looking to be placed in work experiences. On June 7th, we have three active youth that are going to the Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) campus in Cape Girardeau to take the HiSet exam. Three days later on June 10th, the youth will be going on a campus visit at SEMO. On June 2nd the Missouri Extension Center will be kicking off a series of workshops on nutritional education to youth. Lastly we have three active youth continuing to attend Job Club workshops and we are looking to enroll more youth in the upcoming month.

The WIOA Youth program offers so many opportunities to our Young Adults. Partnering with so many agencies brings new training and learning for all of us. We are excited to see what each new month will offer.

Total Enrolled: 10

Enrolled This Month: 1

Total Exited: 0

Total In Follow-Up: 2

Pemiscot County – Valerie Smith

My name is Valerie Smith and I am the new Youth Case Manager for Pemiscot County. May has been a busy month for Pemiscot. I have been out in the community spreading the word about the Youth Program, meeting new faces, establishing networks with the AEL sites and instructors and other community partners, as well as recruiting Young Adults in the County. It has been exciting to begin making connections with all of the active clients on my caseload, as well as the clients that are in follow-up. The month of May has been all about building relationships and moving forward with educational and career goals for my clients.

At this time, we have 2 clients actively participating in AEL classes working towards completion of their HiSet exam. One client has passed two portions of the exam and the other client has passed all but one! We also have referred 4 more clients to AEL classes this week. There are 3 clients actively preparing for Higher Education learning opportunities. They have been working on completing their FASFA's, applying to different colleges and building career paths for a great future. We have arranged for our clients to take a campus tour of Southeast Missouri State University in late June. Several of the youth have expressed interest in participating.

Our goal for June is to assist clients working towards their educational goals, as well as to teaching skills needed to find employment through workshops and trainings. We have a Financial Literacy Workshop set for June to assist youth with the knowledge of how to budget and have control of their finances. One client has gainful employment. We will work to assist youth in Pemiscot County through work experience to gain skills needed for employment and build a success in their Career Path. We are excited to see youth coming in and ready to begin a new journey. Enrollments will be a focus for the coming month. It is very exciting to be working with the Young Adults in this county and I look forward to helping them achieve their goals!

Total Enrolled: 10

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 1

Total In Follow-up: 4

Perry County – Stacy Snider

We had some awesome progress in Perry County for the month of May. Youth are working hard toward their Career Paths. High School Equivalency classes are out for the summer and we have 1 youth who will be returning to classes in the fall. 2 youth earned their High School Equivalency. We have 4 youth who are working on Workplace Readiness Training. We have 1 youth in follow up. We have 1 youth who has gained new employment. We had 2 youth who applied to the Summer Jobs program.

The summer season promises new enrollments and employment through the Work Experience in Perry County.

Total Enrolled: 4

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 0

Total In Follow-up: 1

Scott County - Tiffany Penrod

Scott County Youth Program has 9 actively enrolled youth in the WIOA Youth Program and 10 youth in follow up. May was a great month for the youth in Scott County. We have a great group of young adults focused on their career path with our guidance!

We have had (1) new enrollee for Scott County. She came to us as a homeschooled youth working on her HSE and will begin college in the fall with a major in Computer Science. We have been working with the young adults through various workshops. At the beginning of May, we conducted a cross county Financial Literacy Workshop. This allowed the youth to come into contact with others to hear about their journeys and to learn from each other. Three (3) Scott County youth attended that workshop. Another Financial Literacy Workshop is schedule for next month.

Work Experience through the WIOA Youth program is a focus for the summer. We currently have four (4) youth that are interested in working with work experience in their prospective career paths at the first part of June.

We continue to outreach and recruit in Scott County working to build great futures in the area.

Partnering with other agencies has given the Young people we work with new prospective as they work towards their career path.

Total Enrolled: 9

Enrolled This Month: 1

Total Exited: 0

Total In Follow-up: 10

St. Francois County – Angel Pickens

St. Francois County has 6 active youth, 5 youth in follow up, 0 exits, and 0 new enrollments. We currently have 1 youth employed in his career path and doing very well as well as 1 youth employed part time, gaining work experience. We have 2 youth working to gain work experience starting next month. We have 2 youth currently enrolled in AEL classes. I was given the opportunity to attend the St. Francois County One-Stop meeting this month to continue to share information about the WIOA Youth Program with various community members and agencies. Networking proved to be a positive step for recruitment at two agencies contacted and made appointments to bring in Young Adults who will benefit with the services our program provides. The month of May brought several new faces into the Park Hills Job Center seeking information about the Summer Job League and SPYC programs. Due to the partnerships and community referrals we currently have 7 Youth speaking with the Case Manager about the WIOA Youth Program. We have 2 youth that have appointments for enrollment.

Total Enrolled: 6

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 0

Total in Follow-up: 5

Ste. Genevieve – Stacy Snider

May has been a month full of success, of excitement, making new partnerships, and several youth making great steps towards the next step in their career paths. The youth have been very active this month with making sure their futures will be full of success.

Case manager attended the Breast Feeding Baby Shower at the Ste. Genevieve County Health Department this month and shared with our young mothers and partner agencies details about our WIOA youth program and what the WIOA Youth Program is all about. I was able to meet several partner agencies and share information such as HSE classes, Workplace Readiness, SPYC programs, Summer Jobs, job search assistance, resumes, mentoring, Career Path planning, and much more. We were able to bring back information on other agencies to our youth. We also attended the Community Service Forum where we gave an update in the Ste. Genevieve WIOA Youth office and what new programs are rolling out along with our success.

The youth have been very busy also. We toured Mineral Area College Technology Center for the MoWINS grant. We had 3 parents and 8 youth attend the tour. Parents and youth witnessed the different labs and equipment they would be using at the college. Staff answered questions about the different programs being offered with free tuition and how to apply for Federal Student Aid to assist with costs of books and supplies. Youth and parents also learned about National Certifications being offered such as the OSHA 30 National Certification. Students completed a KWL chart (What do you know, What do you want to know, before our visit and completed with What did you learn).

The Ste. Genevieve County Youth office also partnered with the Division of Youth Services, University of Mo Extension office, and a teacher from Farmington High School to give our youth a chance to attend the Intro to Welding class held at Farmington High School this month. Youth learned the basics of welding and the different welding components. We had 6 youth in attendance. We had a successful month in our HSE (High School Equivalency) classes. We had 1 adult who completed his HSE. We had 2 youth who completed their HSE. We had 1 youth who took the Reading, Science, and Social Studies portion of his HSE and passed. We had 1 youth who took the Math, Reading, and Science portions of his HSE and passed. We had some of the highest scores ever on the HSE portions of the test that were taken. We had sections of the test where our youth scored PERFECT!!! Every section of the test that was taken the score was double or higher of what was needed to pass. Very proud of our HSE class and all of their hard work. We will have more youth who will be completing or beginning portions of their HSE test in June. We had 6 youth who successfully completed all 12 Module of the Workplace Readiness Training this month. We currently have 2 Youth in the process of enrolling into the WIOA Youth program.

SPYC (State Parks Youth Corps) program has ramped up and running. We have 6 youth who began new employment at Felix Valle State Historical Site and Hawn State Park this month. We will be continue filling positions with young people excited to learn more about our state parks and gain jobs skills, work experience, and make some valuable contacts until the positions have been filled.

Summer jobs are rolling out and several referrals have been made to assist as many youth as possible to gain some valuable job skills/experience.

Total Enrolled: 14

Enrolled This Month: 0

Total Exited: 0

Total in Follow-up: 7

Stoddard County – Tiffany Penrod

Stoddard County Youth Program has 5 active enrolled, with 4 of those being new enrollments! May was a great month for the youth in Stoddard County. We have a great group of young adults that want to get focused on their career path with our guidance!

We have been working with the young adults through various workshops. At the beginning of May, we conducted a cross county Financial Literacy Workshop. This allowed the youth to come into contact with others to hear about their journeys and to learn from each other. One (1) Stoddard County youth attended that workshop.

Work Experience will be a focus for the summer months. We have one Young Lady working through the WIOA Youth Program assisting with data input and contacting youth in the Summer Jobs program. We will continue to add work experience slots for WIOA Youth enrollments as the Young Adults build a Career Path to assist them with job skills needed in their journey to self-sufficiency.

Stoddard County is ramped up for a great summer! We are looking forward to working with new enrolled youth as well and recruiting new young adults who can take advantage of all the program has to offer in building a good Career Path.

Total Enrolled: 5

Enrolled This Month: 4

Total Exited: 0

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“Our Mission: To Promote a State of Economic Well-Being by Helping to Create a Skilled, Diverse, Motivated, and Adaptable Work Force”

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