



*Creating and Expanding Opportunities for
Economic Success to Those We Serve*

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



During this fiscal year the Boone and Winnebago Counties local workforce investment area experienced the highest unemployment rate in Illinois due to the Great Recession. With an unemployment rate at 16%, displaced workers are faced with significant challenges finding a new job. Many who have lost their jobs are using this time to take advantage of the programs and services offered by Rock River Training Corporation and by other partner agencies of The Workforce Connection. Eligible adults, youth, and dislocated workers have applied for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) training and supportive services at a rate never before seen by this agency. Staffing levels for RRTC and our WorkNet Center partner agencies had to be increased to meet the demand for services. Corresponding to the increasing number of unemployed, WIA and Trade Act funding increased significantly for our area. Along with the infusion of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds many displaced workers were able to improve their formal education and develop new marketable workplace skills that are projected to be in demand by local employers to fill newly created post-recession jobs. For the first time in over 10 years, RRTC received funding to provide youth with summer employment opportunities. Put Illinois to Work and Illinois Y.E.S. funding helped us place over 400 youth in private and public sector jobs that helped infuse hundreds of thousands of dollars into our local economy. RRTC is proud of the role that we have played in helping our community meet the current economic crisis.

*Michael J. Williams, M.S.
Executive Director
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OUR VISION

“RRTC programs and services will be recognized by employers, job seekers, other not-for-profit agencies and community-based organizations, elected public officials and local and state government entities as the premier source for workforce development and placement services that meet the immediate and future needs of individuals, businesses, and industry within our local workforce investment area. RRTC programs and services will be delivered collaboratively with our One Stop Partners and with the objective of contributing to and improving the economic prosperity within our Local Workforce Investment Area.”

OUR CUSTOMERS

PROGRAM		IA ADULT (Ages 18+)	IY Youth (Ages 14-21)	Dislocated Workers (Ages 19+)
TOTALS		460	448	1670
SEX	Male	215	209	889
	Female	245	239	781
AGE	14 – 18	4	286	0
	19-21	46	161	9
	22+	410	1	1661
ETHNIC*	White	213	187	1101
	Black/African American	182	213	320
	Hispanic/Latino	42	55	183
	Asian	43	17	35
	Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	7	4	15
	Declined	25	35	208
	Hawaiian/Pac. Islander	0	1	3

* Selection of ethnicity is solely at the discretion of individuals registering for services. Individuals may decline to identify their ethnicity, or select multiple ethnic groups.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Performance criteria and measures are negotiated with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. There are a total of 9 standards which must all be met or exceeded. Failure to meet any of the standards results in the agency failing to meet all standards. Rock River Training Corporation performance standard categories and results for program year 2009-2010 are as follows:

Title IA Adults (Ages 18+)		Title ID Dislocated Workers	
Entered Employment	<i>Meets</i>	Entered Employment	<i>Meets</i>
Employment Retention	<i>Meets</i>	Employment Retention	<i>Meets</i>
Average Earnings	<i>Meets</i>	Average Earnings	<i>Exceeds</i>

Title IY Youth (Ages 14-21)

Attain Degree or Certification	<i>Exceeds</i>	Placed in Employment	<i>Meets</i>
Literacy and Numeracy Gains		<i>Meets</i>	

Equal Opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. This program is subject to provisions of the Jobs for "Veterans Act" Public Law 107-288 which provides priority of service to veterans and spouses of certain veterans.

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Fiscal Report

WIA Formula Expenditures

Administration	180,338.34
Adult Program	1,461,485.65
Dislocated Worker	1,347,492.20
Youth	1,263,944.25

Other Grants and Funding

State Reserve (1S)	51,480.92
State Reserve (1E)	198,460.69
High Speed Internet	8,210.01
TAA	244,107.54
TGAAA	529,832.97
Technical Assistance	180.00
Front Door	5,828.06
WnS CSDBG Grant	10,739.39
Healthy Neighborhoods	24,752.04
ARRA - Adult & DW	2,510,729.74
ARRA - Youth	1,313,351.48
ARRA - Health Sector	6,911.87
ARRA - Energy Sector	78,706.53
Put Illinois To Work	51,255.75
Illinois YES	637.55
DNR Summer Youth	6,015.98
Other - Unrestricted	4,855.64