



Illinois workNet® Veteran Resources Webinar

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Agenda



- Background
- Veteran Resources Overview
 - Individuals Pathway
 - Businesses Pathway
 - Workforce Professionals Pathway
- Feedback and Recommendations
- Next Steps

Illinois workNet® is available:

- Online: Illinois workNet Portal (www.illinoisworknet.com)
- Physical locations: Illinois workNet Centers
- Through state agency partners
- Through a broad range of community partners



Illinois workNet® Veteran Resources Enhancements

Based on feedback from the Illinois Workforce Investment Board Veterans Task Force Jump Start Project

Objective:

- Develop and pilot-test a new approach to professional networking that can be used by employers, service providers and veteran organizations in assisting Illinois veterans in getting jobs.

Approach:

- Use networking meetings, social networking and related tools supported by Illinois workNet. The tools will be centralized for employers, service providers, and veterans. They will include leading employer practices, translation tools, mentoring tools, and job readiness skills.

Outcomes:

- Build and support ongoing professional employer-to-veteran and provider/mentor/peer to veteran networks. The networks will be organized around key sectors, existing veteran organizations, and other informal veteran networks.

Illinois workNet® Individuals Pathway Veteran Updates

Veterans

How Illinois workNet Can Help

How Illinois workNet Can Help
Click on the picture. View resources that provide guidance to help veterans achieve their work and training goals.

Update your Resume

Explore Careers and Training

Prepare for a Job Search

Jobs

Find and Apply for Jobs

Connect and Network

Achieve Your Goal

Find and Apply for Jobs

With this step you will develop a job search strategy. Use online job search tools to look for follow up after job interviews.

[Click here to learn about using the Veterans' Resources guidance pages.](#)

Recommended steps:

1. Watch the [Jobs to Get a Job video](#) on this page. (3:44 minutes)
2. Attend [Career fairs](#) in your area.
3. Use Job Search Record [\(Job Page\) \(MS Word\)](#) to keep track of jobs you apply for.
4. Use your military occupation code to find jobs with the [Illinois Job Search Tool](#).
5. [CareerBuilder Key Sector job search tool](#).
6. Use Veterans job search tools.
7. Go to job interviews and [follow up afterwards](#).
8. Go to the next activity to [connect and network](#).

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<http://www.illinoisworknet.com/veterans>

Illinois workNet® Business Pathway Veteran Updates

Hiring Veterans

The Hiring Veterans page helps employers develop their Veterans initiative by providing guidance and resources. Follow the step below to begin.

- 1 [Create a Plan for Your Veterans Hiring Program](#)
- 2 [Create an Educated Workplace for Veterans](#)
- 3 [Recruit and Retain](#)
- 4 [Tips and Resources](#)

Join the Discussion: [Click here to enter the Hiring Veterans Forum](#)

Create a Plan for Your Veterans Hiring Program

Use your company's mission to help you develop a strategy on how to incorporate veteran jobseekers in your recruitment efforts. Veterans and returning Service Members bring unique skills and experiences to the civilian workforce. Find out what tax incentive benefits are available for employers that hire veterans. There are many reasons why companies are seeking out Veterans - the most important being that they bring with them the skills to do the job in a timely and efficient manner. Plan for results by establishing measurable goals for each part of your plan, and including specific roles and tasks for each member of your team.

- Step 1: Become Familiar with the Benefits of Hiring Veterans
- Step 2: Learn About Tax Incentives
- Step 3: Plan for Results

<http://www.illinoisworknet.com/HiringVets>

Add Local Veteran Resources to Illinois workNet®

Submit your information or become a local content manager to easily add local veteran resources to the portal.

The screenshot shows the Illinois workNet portal interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like Home, Prepare for a Job, Education, Find a Job, and Services. The main content area is titled 'Create a Plan for Your Veterans Hiring Program' and includes a 'Local Information' section with a ZIP code input field (62703) and a 'Local Listings' section. A red arrow points from the 'Local Listings' section to a text box that says 'Post your veteran resources here!'.

Illinois workNet® Workforce Professionals Pathway

You MUST have an Illinois workNet workforce professionals pathway (WPP) account to access these resources. To set up a WPP account, go to illinoisworknet.com and click on....

The screenshot shows the Illinois workNet Workforce Professionals Pathway page. The page features a navigation menu with categories like INDIVIDUALS, DISABILITY RESOURCES, and BUSINESS RESOURCES. A red circle highlights the 'Workforce Professionals Pathway' link in the navigation menu. Another red circle highlights the 'Set up a Free My Illinois workNet Workforce Professionals Account' link in the 'My Illinois workNet Accounts' section.

WPP Veteran Resource Page:

- Resources to assist veterans transitioning into the workforce or a training program.
- Resources to assist businesses or training providers who have, or will, hire Veterans.
- Customizable outreach and marketing materials.
- Forum to ask questions and share information with other workforce professionals.

Workforce Professionals Pathway Veterans Updates

Become a Certified Illinois workNet Advisor

Course Facts:

- The online course is composed of an introduction and units which cover the resources within Illinois workNet
- Earn 1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) through Southern Illinois University Carbondale.
- To take this course you are required to be an **Illinois workNet Partner**, have access to the Internet and are using Internet Explorer 7+.
- The course averages about **five hours to complete**.
- There is no travel or additional reading materials, and you can take it **at your own pace**.
- Even if you have never taken an online course, this course is designed to be **easy to take and to understand**.

Enrollment is FREE and can be done through your Local Workforce Investment Areas and Boards. Enroll in the CIWA Course Today!

Become a Content Manager

Course Facts:

This online course is composed of an introduction and three units:

- Content Management Overview,
 - Creating, Editing and Deleting Local Postings, and
 - Adding Formatting, Attachments, and Images to Local Postings.
- To take this course, you are required to have completed the Certified Illinois workNet Advisor course (CIWA) and have Internet access.
 - Earn 1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) through Southern Illinois University Carbondale.
 - The course averages about **two hours to complete**.
 - There is no travel or additional reading materials, and you can take it **at your own pace**.

Market your services and provide outreach to individuals and Illinois businesses for FREE as an Illinois workNet Content Manager.
Enrollment is FREE, so when you complete the CIWA course, enroll in the Content Management Course!

Next Steps

- Set up a workforce professionals pathway account.
- Become familiar with the veteran resources.
- Contact info@illinoisworknet.com if you would like to complete the Certified Illinois workNet Advisor Online course.
- Submit local content to your local content manager or become a content manager.
- Link to the Illinois workNet veteran resource pages (Link to Us).
- Direct customers to resources in workshops/orientations using customizable handouts.
- Share this information with your local Business Services Teams and partners if they were not able to attend.