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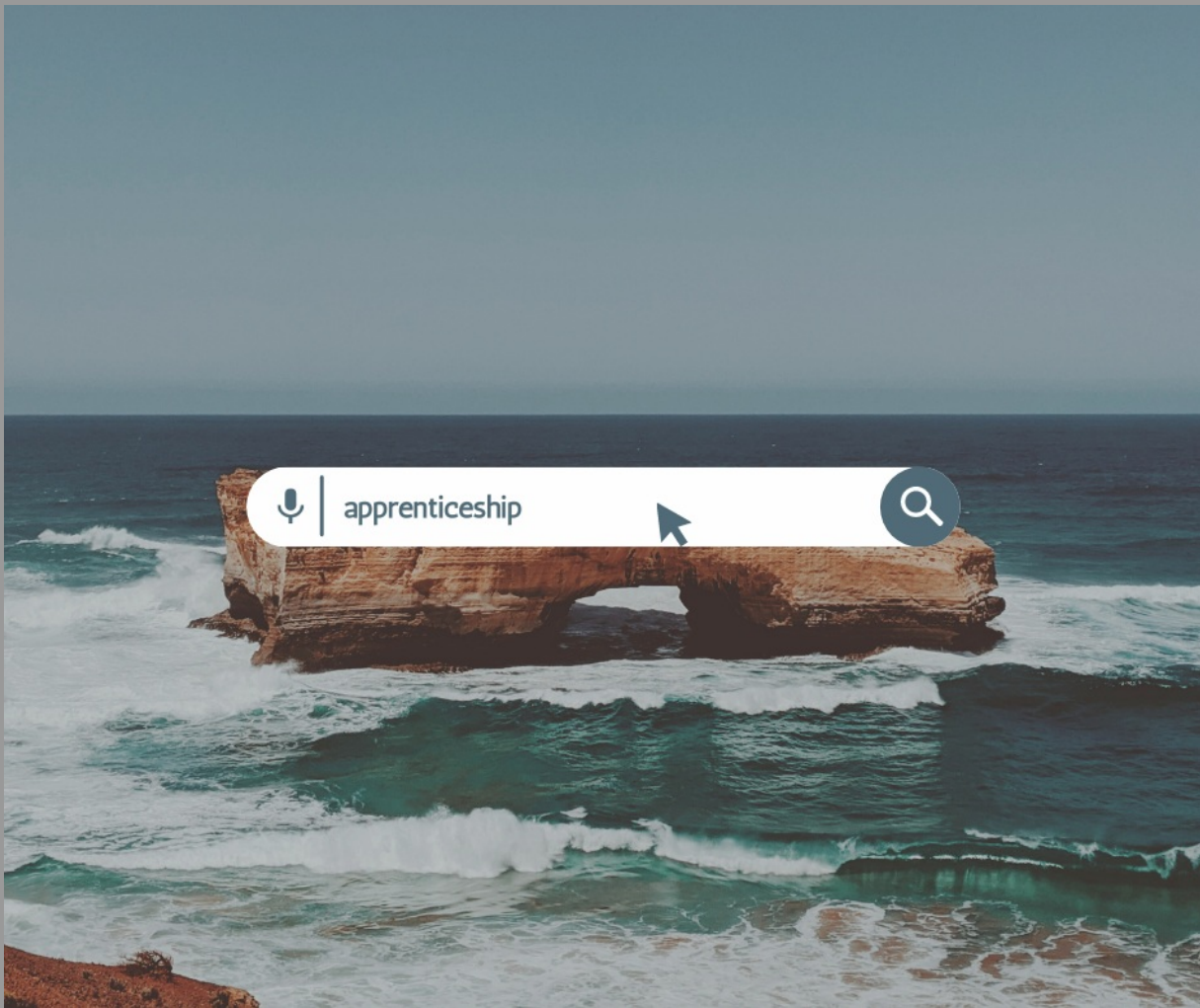
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Apprenticeship Podcasts

- The Partnership on Inclusive Apprenticeship's [Apprenticeship for All](#) podcast series explores how inclusive apprenticeship programs are increasing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
- [Professional Apprenticeship's Podcast](#) provides the latest news on apprenticeship, conversations with current apprentices and employers, and more.
- JFF offers a podcast looking at the [challenges and opportunities of youth apprenticeship](#).
- [Apprentice Talks](#) is "a podcast made to educate, inform and give insight into what it's really like to be an apprentice and juggle multiple worlds."
- [The Fresh Apprentice*](#)
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- [Future is Health*](#) is a Healthcare Youth Apprenticeship Intermediary. Their podcast can help someone understand apprenticeship programs and how students, employers, and stakeholders can benefit from developing careers through apprenticeship
- [Apprentice Worldwide Podcast](#) was created to empower young professionals to succeed in business and life. It will feature ideas, interviews, and career advice.

These podcasts require the creation of a free account

Looking for an Apprenticeship?



Check out the Becoming an Apprentice pages on the [Apprenticeship Illinois](#) website. Find information about the [industries and occupations sponsoring apprenticeships](#). Use the [USDOL apprenticeship finder tool](#) or learn more about [specific Illinois apprenticeship initiatives](#) that are funded by the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Email apprenticeship@illinoisworknet.com for more information.

Have an apprenticeship opportunity to share? Email apprenticeship@illinoisworknet.com

Save the Date: Upcoming Events



National Apprenticeship Week 2023

Check out the Apprenticeship Illinois National Apprenticeship Week 2023 website [here!](#)

Apprenticeship Employer Information

Did you know that there is a tax credit for businesses with apprentices?

Effective January 1, 2020, employers are allowed a tax credit for qualified educational expenses associated with qualifying apprentices. Employers may receive a credit of up to \$3,500 per apprentice against the taxes imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, and an additional credit of up to \$1,500 for each apprentice if (1) the apprentice resides in an underserved area or (2) the employer's principal place of business is located in an underserved area.

Want to learn more about how apprenticeship works for businesses? For information and resources, visit Employer Information at www.apprenticeshipillinois.com!

Apprenticeship Employer Spotlight



Know of a great apprenticeship program? Let us know about it. Apprenticeship Illinois celebrates a new apprenticeship employer every month.

Email your submissions to apprenticeship@illinoisworknet.com

Success Story of the Month from ApprenticeshipIllinois.com



"Keshawn Thomas is the first graduate of the Madison County Employment and Training Department's Apprenticeship Program! The Registered Apprenticeship Program, through the Madison County Employment and Training Department, offers students with disabilities at Collinsville School District the opportunity to pursue three tracks developed in collaboration with the Gateway Convention Center and the City of Collinsville Parks and Recreation Department. Positions include housekeeping, events support, and landscaper/groundskeeper. There are currently four students in the Apprenticeship Program.

Keshawn worked as a landscaper and groundskeeper in the City's Parks and Recreation Department alongside his mentor, Michael Dowell. Michael, an employee at Collinsville Parks, said Keshawn is like Mr. Sunshine by brightening everyone's day. Keshawn's mother said he's continued to break milestones since the age of three. During the City Council meeting in January, the City of Collinsville recognized Keshawn as the first student to complete the program and presented him with his U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Certificate in front of his family, teachers, and co-workers. This accomplishment paves the way for his future, in which his Apprenticeship Certificate will be used to pursue future employment opportunities.

Watch Keshawn be recognized with his mentor in this video on Fox 2 St. Louis: <https://youtu.be/yCFS5H0kSt4>

To hear more about Keshawn's success, watch this interview with Keshawn's mother, the Director of Special Education at Collinsville Unit 20, and the Director of Madison County Employment and Training Department: <https://youtu.be/iKjNPNsMJAU>"

Check out more stories like Keshawn's at apprenticeshipillinois.com

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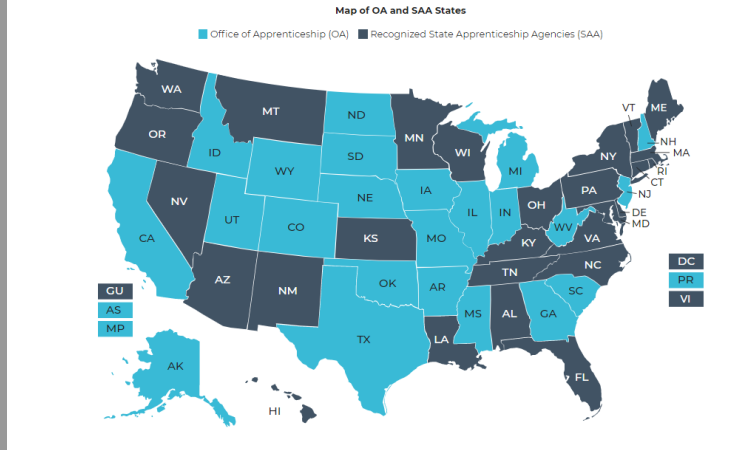
*Did you know that
apprenticeships in Illinois*

*are registered by the U.S.
Department of Labor's
Illinois Office of
Apprenticeship?*

Illinois is one of twenty-five Office of Apprenticeship (OA) States in which all apprenticeship program registration and oversight is done by federal U.S.

Department of Labor staff through state field offices. Find your regional OA Illinois Apprenticeship Training Representative (ATR) [click here](#).

More information and sources for this information can be found by clicking the map. All information used was provided by apprenticeship.gov.



What is the IWIB Apprenticeship Illinois Committee?

The Apprenticeship Illinois Committee is one of 4 content-focused committees of the [Illinois Workforce Innovation Board or IWIB](#) and provides leadership on:

1. Expanding apprenticeships geographically and to new industries.
2. Increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in apprenticeships.
3. Formalizing apprenticeship coordination across partnering state agencies.
4. Growing statewide capacity to provide apprenticeship opportunities to job seekers and businesses.

The committee has 3 workgroups tasked with different aspects of expanding apprenticeship: the marketing workgroup, the pre-apprenticeship workgroup, and the youth apprenticeship workgroup. See below for a schedule of their upcoming meetings!

Apprenticeship Illinois Committee 2022 Schedule

Quarterly Committee Meetings

- TBD

Marketing Work Group

- June 1st, 2023 2:00-3:00pm
- July 6th, 2023 2:00-3:00pm
- August 3rd, 2023 2:00-3:00p,

Pre-Apprenticeship Work Group

- TBD

Youth Apprenticeship Work Group

The Youth Apprenticeship Work Group is currently in recess. When they resume sessions, you can find the updated meeting dates and times here!

Details of the quarterly meetings and workgroup meetings, such as date, time, locations, agendas, and materials are posted in the [IWIB calendar](#).

National Apprenticeship Resources

Resources for Apprenticeship from Maher/AIR:

- [State Apprenticeship Grantee Resource Guide](#) covers apprenticeship basics, state apprenticeship grant management, apprenticeship expansion strategy, and industry and occupation-specific information.
- [Apprenticeship Expansion Acceleration Strategies Resources](#)
- [Program Registration Acceleration Tool](#)
- [Apprenticeship Expansion Self-Assessment.](#)

Resources for Apprenticeship from Workforce GPS

- [Aligning the Registered Apprenticeship and Workforce Development Systems: A Resource](#)
- [Registered Apprenticeship 101 Bootcamp: RAP and the Public Workforce System](#)
- [Promising Practices in Apprenticeship Expansion](#)
- [Elements of Apprenticeship Expansion](#)

