



The Workforce Connection is a partnership of state and federally funded employment and training programs and educational entities committed to providing a workforce that meets the needs of our business community, now and in the future.

The Workforce Connection – an Illinois WorkNet Center and partner in the American Job Center network. This program is funded by The Workforce Connection, Inc., Il Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, and the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Workforce Connection is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Voice telephone numbers may be reached by persons using TTY/TDD equipment by calling TTY (800) 526-0844 or 711. Contact the Equal Opportunity Officer at (815)395-6688.

This program is subject to the provisions of the "Jobs for Veteran's Act" Public Law 107-288, which provides priority of services to veterans and spouses of certain veterans.



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Services available free of charge at The Workforce Connection offices in Rockford, Belvidere and Freeport include:

- Job search and resume assistance
- The latest local and national job listings
- On-site recruiting by employers
- Workshops to help your job search and improve your skills
- Help with on-line job applications
- Assistance with unemployment claims
- Career information, including Career Cruising
- Assessments of skills and abilities
- Information about job training and other educational opportunities
- Referrals to community resources
- Assistance for veterans, disabled workers & English language learners

JOB SEARCH

Individuals are encouraged to set up an account on-line with [Illinois Joblink](#), a no-cost internet-based job search tool, and post a resume to match with potential employers.

[Illinois workNet.com](#) has a wealth of information for individuals needing assistance connecting to jobs and new careers.

Job listings are updated weekly and posted on-line at www.theworkforceconnection.org

We offer classes and workshops covering topics such as Career Exploration, Resume/Cover Letter assistance, Interviewing Skills, Personal Development.

We have weekly Job Club meetings offering networking opportunities.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Workforce Connection's Rockford office at 303 N. Main Street is also home to the local office of the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

IDES no longer accepts in-person unemployment claims, but there are computer terminals and assistance available. Staff is on hand to answer your questions.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR JOB TRAINING

The Workforce Connection provides career counseling, financial assistance and other support services for eligible individuals interested in new job training with an emphasis on training for in-demand jobs in the northern Illinois region.

The Workforce Connection holds regular workshops to provide more information about individualized services and job training assistance.

SERVICES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Workforce Connection ELEVATE program helps young people between the ages of 16 and 24 in Winnebago, Boone and Stephenson Counties stay in school or earn their high school equivalency diploma. Participants also get help with career information and job skills along with opportunities for work experience.

More information about available services, workshops calendars and job listings are available at www.theworkforceconnection.org