

Trade Rapid Response



Who are we?

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (Trade) program is federally funded and administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Illinois Department of Employment Security. The Trade program also provides Rapid Response services and transitional services to Trade impacted dislocated workers. The Rapid Response team is made up of staff from: Local Workforce Innovation Areas, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Illinois Department of Employment Security, and other representatives as needed. The team facilitates workshops to inform dislocated workers of the benefits and services available to them through the Trade program. These benefits include Unemployment Insurance, Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA), Training and other assistance to help dislocated workers obtain rapid reemployment. There are 22 Local Workforce Innovation Areas in Illinois where reemployment services are provided daily to individuals at Illinois workNet Centers.

Where are we located?

Information about the Illinois workNet Centers will be provided during this workshop. You may also visit www.illinoisworknet.com for additional resources and to find a location near you.

What do we do?

The Rapid Response Team will conduct Trade Program rapid response workshops to inform affected workers of their benefits, rights, and obligations under the Trade Program.

What do YOU need to do?

#1. Attend a Trade Program rapid response workshop where a representative will explain the benefits offered through the Trade program. During the workshop, you may be asked to complete a Dislocated Worker Survey and other paperwork to turn in at the end of the workshop. The survey is for informational purposes and will assist our Rapid Response Team in planning and delivering services. This is the first step in securing Trade benefits.

#2. Before leaving today's workshop, schedule an appointment with a Local Workforce representative. During your scheduled appointment, the representative will determine your eligibility for the Trade Program and assist you with exploring the benefits available to you.

Please note: There is a deadline to receive certain Trade benefits. If you are unable to schedule the appointment today, it is important to schedule an appointment with a Local Workforce representative as soon as possible.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

The Rapid Response Team Members