



WIOA TITLE IB QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE OFFICE HOURS

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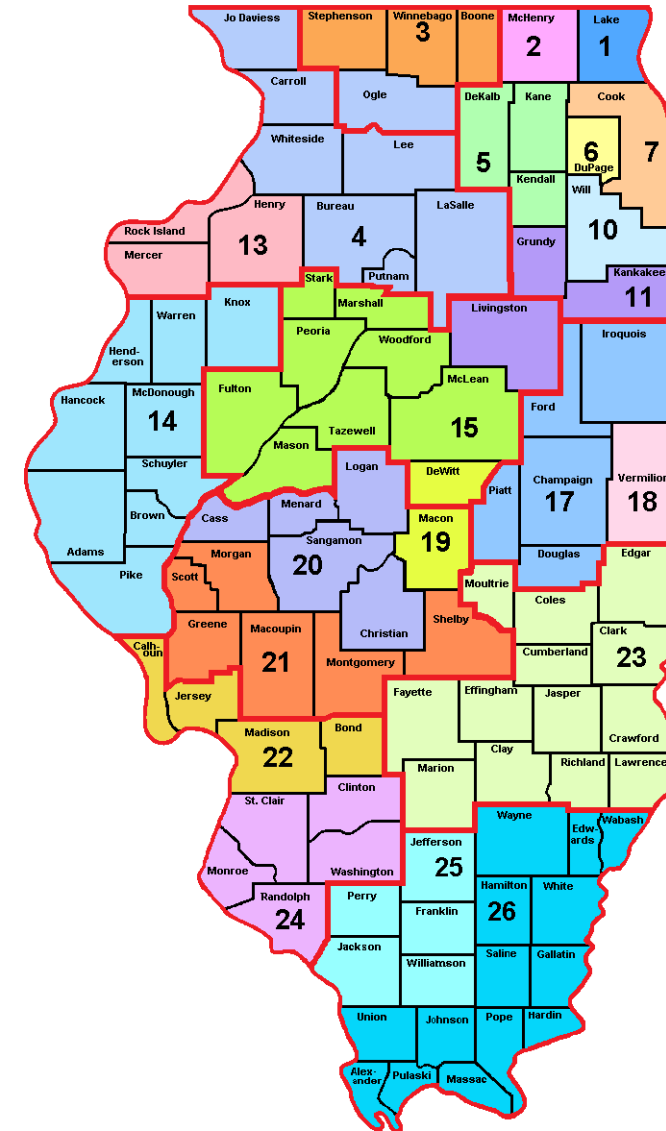
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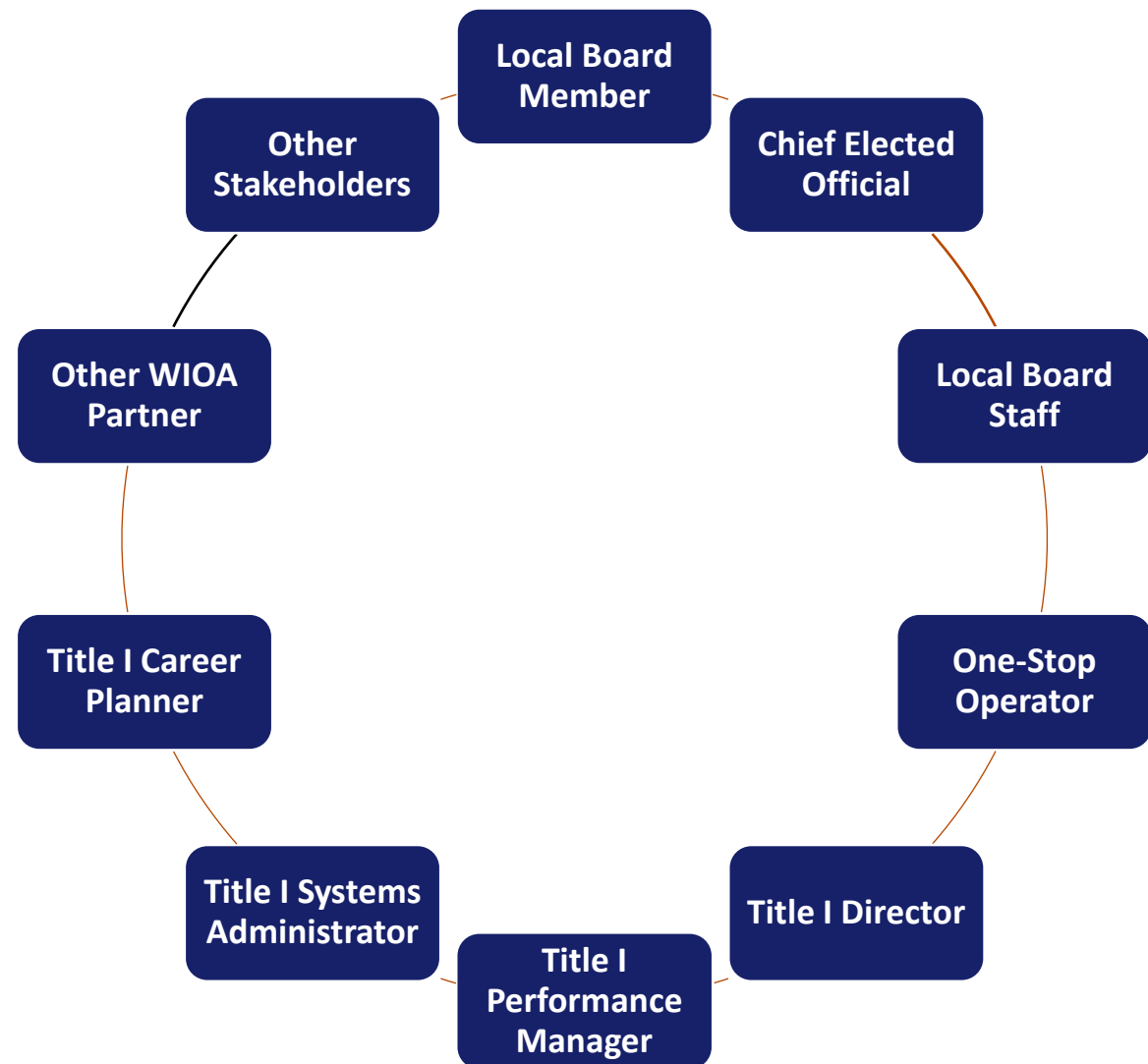
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Where is Your Local Area?



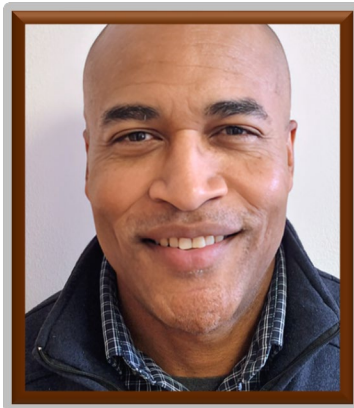
What is Your Role in the WIOA System?





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Today's Agenda

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- Measurable Skill Gains
 - PY24 Assessments
 - Performance Negotiations
 - ETPL
 - End of Year Reporting
 - IWDS 2.0 Update
 - Update Contact List
 - Questions

Measurable Skill Gains (MSG)



TEGL 10-16, Change 3

Date: June 11, 2024
Provides Updates to
MSG Types.
Requires MSGs are
“Predetermined” in
career plans to
count as positive
outcome.



Technical Assistance Planning Underway.

Cheat Sheet, Webinar,
source documentation
DOL soon will release
"Change 3" to Data
Validation [TEGL 23-19,](#)
[Change 2.](#)



Added EFL "sub types"

Pre-post test gains remain
MUST be same test to
count.
Carnegie Credits and
Entry to Post-Secondary
coming to IWDS 2.0.
HiSET/GED tests; Report
them under Skills
Progression/Exams.



Need to know:

Career Plan goals and objectives
are key to finding and supporting
MSGs.
Credentials are NOT the MSG.
(i.e.; license, certification, Post-
Secondary Diploma.)
A Youth incentive does not *always*
mean there is a skill gain.
Training Milestones include
Progress Reports.
Skills Progressions are *Exams and*
Tests.

PY24 Performance Assessments

TEN 01-25 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Core Program Performance Accountability Assessment for Program Year 2024 (PY24)

- State PY24 Assessment Impact
 - USDOL to assess PY24 WIOA Title I performance for five core performance indicators, adding Measurable Skill Gains to the assessment
 - States will be assessed using the Statistical Adjustment Model (SAM) for all indicators in each WIOA Title I program (Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth)
- Local PY24 Assessment Impact
 - New and Revised Policy forthcoming on Performance Indicators, Assessments, Sanctions, and Appeals Process
 - OET working with NIU and Local SAM Working Group to finalize SAM for PY24 Assessments
 - NIU will provide simulated assessments for PY23 outcomes using SAM to test the process
 - These will be shared with LWIBs for feedback in late 2025
 - Webinar will be provided to present and discuss the PY23 model

PY24 Local Performance Assessments

- PY24-25 Local Negotiations were conducted with introduction of the [WIOA Title I Negotiation Tool](#) providing predictive outcomes
- PY24 and PY25 Local Performance Assessments will be conducted using a Statistical Adjustment Model (SAM)
- PY24 Local Assessments will be made available in early-2026
(States receive PY24 assessments in January-February 2026)
- Policy revisions, effective for PY2024 Assessments, will include:
 - Remove Overall Program and Overall Indicator Scores from assessments
 - Revise Yearly Sanctions for Unsuccessful Performance
 - Consistent with Federal Regulations 677.220 - .225
 - Technical Assistance webinar to be provided following issuance of new and revised policy

PY2026-2027 State Negotiation Cycle

- State Negotiations
 - September 2025 – Data Collection and Analysis begins
 - **November 2025 – State Proposed Goals submitted in DRAFT Unified Plan**
 - December 2025 – IWIB Reviews and comments on State Proposed Goals
 - January 2025 – Public Comment on DRAFT Unified Plan
 - March 2026 – Unified State Plan, with State Proposed Goals submitted to USDOL
 - Late-April – Early June – State Negotiation conducted with USDOL, Region 5



PY2026-2027 Local Negotiation Cycle



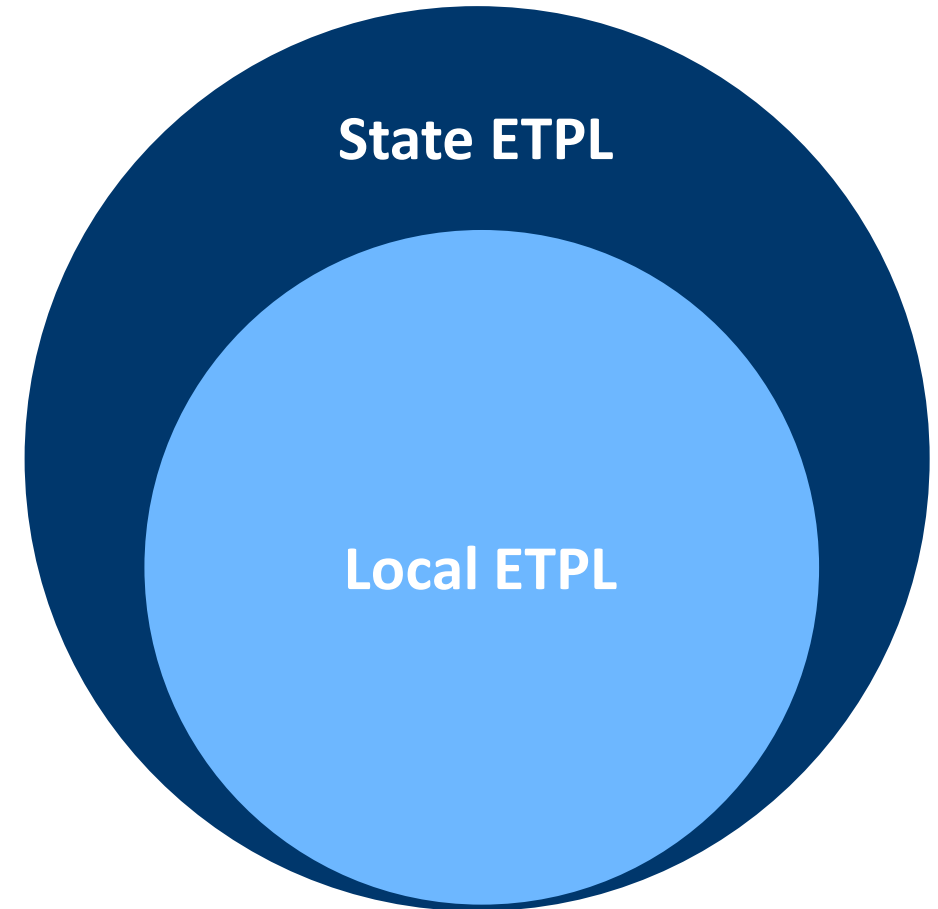
- Local Negotiations

- October 2025 - Data collection and Analysis begins
- February – March 2026 – PY2024 Local Performance Assessments issued
- March – April 2026 - Local Negotiation Tool issued
- May – August 2026 – Technical Assistance provided
- July – August 2026 – Revised Policy and Guidance issued
- August 2026 – Local Proposed Goals submitted
- August – September 2026 – Local Negotiations conducted with OET

Local Performance Negotiation Q&A can be found in Technical Assistance Resources to [WIOA Policy 3.4 General Requirements for Negotiation of Local Performance Goals](#)

Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL)

- Reminders
 - WIOA Participants must be provided information on the Statewide ETPL
 - LWIBs can have a subset Local ETPL of the Statewide ETPL
 - Career Planners may identify programs that meet the participant's training and employment goals using the Local ETPL
 - Joint decision between career planner and participant
- Training Provider and Program Reporting Guidance is forthcoming



(Reference [TEGL 8-19 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) Title I Training Provider Eligibility and State List of Eligible Training Providers \(ETPs\) and Programs](#), January 2, 2020)

End-of-Year Report Submissions

- Program Year 2024 ended June 30, 2025
 - PY2024 Quarter 4 Reporting has been completed and submitted to USDOL
 - PY2024 Annual Report will be submitted in early September 2025
- LWIAs, grantees and other stakeholders responsible for entering participant information should ensure ALL PY2024 information is entered in IWDS or Career Connect no later than August 29, 2025.
 - ➡ Participant Services
 - ➡ Program Exit Dates
 - ➡ Employment Information
 - ➡ Post Exit Employment
 - ➡ Measurable Skill Gains
 - ➡ Credentials
 - ➡ Post Exit Employment
 - ➡ Case Notes and other information
- **REMEMBER: If it isn't reported, it didn't happen! Report to get credit.**

IWDS 2.0 Updates

- IWDS 2.0 Discovery and Development Continue
- Local Subject Matter Expert meetings occurring weekly
- Tentative Deployment scheduled for July 1, 2026
- Training will begin in early 2026.
- Notice of Funding Opportunity forthcoming to support local Train-the-Trainer opportunities *(Please look for this to be issued by DCEO-OET in the near future.)*





Eligibility and IWDS Contact Update

- Jim Potts retired effective July 31, 2025.
- Please contact the following Office of Employment and Training staff with questions

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Eligible Training Providers and Programs

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All Other Performance and Reporting Topics

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Next Quarterly Performance Office Hours

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 1-2:30pm*

<https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/87406356224>

* Note: this is a change from prior announcement due to conflict.

2026 Schedule

- February 11, 2026
- May 13, 2026
- August 12, 2026
- November 4, 2026 (Nov. 11 is Veterans Day Holiday)





thank you