

# WIOA

## April – May ~ Activity/Status Report

June 22, 2023

There were Thirteen (24) placements for the months of April - May from students that were awarded WIOA classroom training assistance.

- Performance Contractors– Driver – 1 @ \$ 35.00 Hr.
- Imperial Health – Medical Assistant – 5 @ \$ 15.00 Hr.
- City of Lake Charles – Equipment Operator – 1 @ \$ 15.05 Hr.
- Pro Waste – Operator – 1 @ \$ 22.00 Hr.
- Hospital Systems – Housekeeper – 1 @ \$15.00 Hr.
- Common Care – LPN–1 @ \$ 25.00 Hr.
- Apeck Construction – Driver – 2 @ \$ 23.00 Hr.
- PAI Ready mix – Driver – 1 @ \$ 20.00 Hr.

Parish of Enrollment	April 2023	May 2023
Allen	1/1	1
Beauregard	1	
Calcasieu	12/6	14/11
Jeff Davis		
Vernon	2	2
<b>TOTAL 24</b>	<b>13/10</b>	<b>14/14</b>

Unless otherwise noted, the numbers in RED above represent April-May numbers for 2022.

Enrollments were at the following Campuses:

- Sowela Campuses (Main and Leesville) – CCMA & LPN's
- Coastal Truck Driving – CDL Truck Drivers
- CDL Mentors – CDL Truck Drivers
- Academy of Acadiana – CCMA

Program staff continue to facilitate informational meetings on an as needed basis to advise and educate individuals of the opportunities being offered

through WIOA for center services and Educational and Work Experience opportunities.

## **RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT TEAM**

There were 18 (11) hires for the month of April - May 2023:

- **Dunham Price Group, LLC** – 1 CDL Truck Driver @ \$17.00 per hour
- **WRGRACE** – (3) Labor and Freight Stock @ \$40.89 per hour, (5) Maintenance and Repair General @ \$46.77 per hour
- **Condea Vista** – (1) Millwright @ \$51.94 and (1) Precision Instrument and Equipment Repairer @ \$34.44
- **Dunham Price** – (1) Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver @ \$20.00 per hour.
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**Sasol** – American Job Center staff administered, proctored, and graded pre-employment testing sessions at the Center for Sasol for the months of April - May 2023. A total of 62 candidates attended a total of 22 testing sessions. Interview and hiring decisions are pending.

### **Veterans Hired**

There were 0 veterans hired out of the 12 hires.

### **Registered Employers**

Total number of new employers registered (14) (12). (5) (1) were staff registered.

### **Job Orders**

Staff entered (27) (30) of the total number of (1169) (1501) job orders entered.

### **Hires Resulting from Staff Referrals**

Total number of hires resulting from staff referrals (12) (2).

### **Services provided to employers**

Direct staff assisted services were provided to (342) (105) employers resulting in (1593) (720) services.

**Some of the services included:** Provided Direct Employer Visit, Capture of Spider Jobs, Job Order Assistance, Website Navigation, Recruitment Services, Refer Qualified Applicant to Employer Job Vacancies, Reviewed Resumes and Recommended Individuals, Provided Customized/Mass recruitment Services, Hosting Hiring Events, Hosting Interview Events, Hosting testing Events,

Notification to Employer of Potential Applicant, Intensive Candidate Pre-Screening, Employer Based/Customized Training Consultation, Workers Comp/OSHA Training/Consultation.

### **Recruitment and Placement Hiring Events**

- **Second Chance Job Fair** – American Job Center co-hosted a Second Chance hiring event on Monday, April 10, 2023, from 10am - 2pm, at the War Memorial Civic Center 250 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Deridder, La. Three (3) employers were present. Twelve (12) jobseekers attended the hiring event. The company have 5 potential hires with Brookshire Bros., and 1 potential hire with O’Neals Feedstore. Hiring decisions are pending.
- **Vernon Parish Job Fair** - American Job Center co-hosted a Hiring Event on April 11, 2023 on Tuesday, from 9am – 12noon. At the Vernon Parish Library 1401 Nolan Trace in Leesville, La. Nine (9) employers and one (1) Resource Vendor was present. One (1) jobseeker attended the hiring event. The companies were hiring for various positions. Hiring decisions are pending.
- **L’Auberge Casino Resort** – American Job Center hosted a Hiring Event on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, from 11am – 3pm. Three (3) employers were interviewing. Twenty (20) jobseekers attended the hiring event. The company was hiring for various positions. Hiring decisions are pending.
- **Job Readiness Workshop** – American Job Center hosted a Job Readiness Workshop on Friday, April 21, 2023, from 9am 10:30am. The guest speaker was Michal Sanchez from Goodwill work Readiness & Computer Specialist. Four (4) were in attendance for the workshop.
- **Second Chance Job Fair** - American Job Center hosted a Second Chance hiring event on Monday, April 24, 2023, from 10am – 2pm. Twelve (12) employers were there, alone with Three (3) Resource Vendors. Seventy (70) jobseekers attended the second chance event. Two (@) potential hires with Turner Industries. The companies were hiring for various positions. Hiring decisions are pending.
- **Twic And Safety Orientation** – Total received service with CSBG for April 2023 was (2), and (6) no letter of intent.
- **Job Readiness Workshop** – American Job Center hosted a Job Readiness workshop on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker was Rachelle Pitre with Pride Staff. No one attended the workshop.
- **Express Employment Professionals Hiring Event** - American Job Center hosted a Hiring event on May 10, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Two employers were present, Mr. Ivan Ortiz and Mr. Chandler Wilkins, and nine (9) job seekers

attended the hiring event. Job offers were made to two jobseekers, Arthur Hicks second attempted via text no call no show and Willamina Jones finish the process.

- **Greenberry Industrial Hiring Event** – Greenberry Industrial was hiring for the Jennings location; the second Hiring event will be for the Lake Charles location. Four (4) employers were present. Staff assisted with the Job Fair that was held at Sowela Technical Community College on the Jennings Campus Multipurpose Room on May 18, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eighty (**80**) jobseekers attended the Job Fair with at least a dozen being considered as potential hires.
- **Miller Integrated Solutions** – American Job Center hosted a Hiring event on May 22, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. One employer was present Cara Wheeler, and nine jobseekers attended the Hiring event.
- **Twic and Safety Orientation** – Total

### **Northern Parish Recruitment and Placement Hiring Events**

**Business Outreach** – Business Services staff attended the Spring Job Readiness Workshop on April 4, 2023. The Louisiana Workforce Commission has partnered with the Vernon American Job Center in offering these workshops. This event was held at the Vernon Parish Library located at 1401 Nolan Trace, Leesville, Louisiana. The topics being discussed are Interest Profiler, Occupational Research, Writing a Resume, Pursuing Advertised Vacancies, Building Your Network, and Interviewing Tips. There were no participants in attendance.

**Business Outreach/Second Chance Job Fair** – Business Services staff attended the Beauregard Second Chance Job Fair on April 10, 2023. The Job Fair was held at the War Memorial Civic Center located at 250 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, DeRidder, Louisiana. The Job Fair consisted of three (3) employers, six (6) resources, and the Louisiana Workforce Commission Mobile Unit. There were twelve (12) job seekers in attendance. Six (6) out of the twelve were offered positions. Four (4) job seekers completed onboarding and one day of training and never returned to work.

**Vernon Parish Job Fair** – American Job Center and Louisiana Workforce Commission partnered a Job Fair on April 11, 2023. The Job Fair was held at the Vernon Parish Library, located at 1401 Nolan Trace, Leesville, Louisiana. There were twelve (12) employers and one (1) job seeker in attendance. The job seeker interviewed and was offered a position with Boise Cascade Florien Plant pending background check and physical. Due to the results of his physical the employment offer was rescinded.

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**Ft. Polk Transition Assistance Program (TAP)** – Business Services staff attended the Ft. Polk TAP Spring 2023 Job Fair on April 20, 2023. The Job Fair was held at the Library and Education Building located at 7460 Colorado Avenue, Ft. Polk, Louisiana. There were twenty-two (22) attendees that visited the American Job Center table.

**Networking** – Business Services staff attended the Louisiana State Bar Association Louisiana Access to Justice Commission, Justice For All Project Roundtable on April 26, 2023. The Roundtable was held at the Beauregard Parish Library located at 205 S. Washington Street, DeRidder, Louisiana. There were four (4) Louisiana Justice Commission presenters, and seventeen (17) community leaders and one (1) District Judge in attendance. The meeting objectives were to identify the Beauregard community strengths and challenges. To identify community partners, and to determine the next steps for expanding access in Beauregard Parish.

**Business Outreach** – Business Services staff attended the Spring Job Readiness Workshop on May 2, 2023. The Louisiana Workforce Commission has partnered with the Vernon American Job Center in offering these workshops. This event was held at the Vernon Parish Library located at 1401 Nolan Trace, Leesville, Louisiana. The topics being discussed are Interest Profiler, Occupational Research, Writing a Resume, Pursuing Advertised Vacancies, Building Your Network, and Interviewing Tips. There was one (1) participant in attendance.

**Hiring Event / Louisiana Workforce, LLC** – Business Services staff hosted a Hiring Event for Louisiana Workforce, LLC on May 9, 2023. The event was held

at the American Job Center from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and located at 1102 West First Street, DeRidder, La. There was one (1) in attendance that was interviewed and hired as Correctional Officer, pending background check.

**Business Outreach** – Business Services staff attended the Spring Job Readiness Workshop on May 16, 2023. The Louisiana Workforce Commission has partnered with the Vernon American Job Center in offering these workshops. This event was held at the Vernon Parish Library located at 1401 Nolan Trace, Leesville, Louisiana. The topics being discussed are Interest Profiler, Occupational Research, Writing a Resume, Pursuing Advertised Vacancies, Building Your Network, and Interviewing Tips. There were no participants in attendance.

**Business Outreach** – Business Services staff attended the Vernon Parish Chamber quarterly meeting on May 23, 2023. The meeting was held at the Leesville Country Club, located at 350 Country Club Road, Leesville, Louisiana. The meeting was a “Lunch and Learn” on “The Louisiana Workforce Advantage”. The presenter was Mr. Michael Pritchard, Industry Sector Coordinator, Office of Workforce Development. He discussed Recruitment and Hiring Services, Online Tools – HiRE, On the Job Training (OJT), Employer Prerequisites for OJT, Workforce Opportunity Tax Credits (WOTC), Target Groups and How it Benefits the Employer, the Process to File, Incumbent Worker Training (IWTP) and its goal as well as Employer Eligibility, Small Business Employee Training (SBET) and the Application Process and Apprenticeship. There were thirty-two (32) chamber members and four (4) board members in attendance.

### **JUDICIAL CORE OPPORTUNITY REFERRAL FOR EMPLOYMENT (J-Core)**

The purpose of the J-Core Program is to assist Ex-Offenders that face many challenges after their release from prison. It also provides career counseling, training, and job placement services to ex-offenders, to help them secure meaningful and gainful employment that pays a decent wage. This component is intended to help curtail the revolving door of recidivism.

The Business Services Specialist (BSS) scheduled **six** workshops for the month April - May 2023. There were **11 attendants** for J-Core/Re-Entry Program for the Hard-To-Employ. The J-Core Job Readiness Workshop are held the 1st Tuesday of the month.

## Success Story Form

Author Name/Title:  Date:

Phone:  Email:

Participant Name:  Participants' Age:

Begin Date of Services:  Last Activity Date of Services:

Office/Location:

***Please answer the following questions in the third person.***

What prompted the participant to visit the American Job Center office?

What services were received by the participant? (Include all relevant WIOA services.)

In what ways did the services help the participant achieve success? (Please be specific.)

***\*Please include a participant photo.***

How does the participant feel he or she benefited by visiting the American Job Center?

I got the offer letter this morning just accepted it my start date is February 20

- Feb 2, 8:53 AM

Message from you, 🍌🍌 congratulations 🎉!, Thursday, February 20 2023, 8:53 AM.



- Sadonna Leblanc • Feb 23, 11:07 AM

Message from Sadonna Leblanc, I'm loving the new job, Thursday, February 23 2023, 11:07 AM.

- Feb 27, 9:45 AM

Message from you, 🍌🍌 Congratulations! It was rough, but you made it!, Monday, February 27 2023, 9:45 AM.



- Sadonna Leblanc • Feb 27, 11:37 AM

Message from Sadonna Leblanc, Thank you I'm training in Carlyss until the 9th then I'll be in LC, Monday, February 27 2023, 11:37 AM.

- Feb 27, 11:50 AM

Message from you, Awesome! Good luck!, Monday, February 27 2023, 11:50 AM.



Awesome! Good luck!

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