

WIOA

April - June 2024 ~ Activity/Status Report

July 25, 2024

There was One (13) placement for the months of April - June from students that were awarded WIOA classroom training assistance.

- HPC Industrial Services– Driver – 1 @ \$ 27.00 Hr.

Parish of Enrollment	April	May	June
Allen	1	1	1
Beauregard	1	(1)	9
Calcasieu	(4)6	11	(3)9
Jeff Davis			
Vernon	(1)2	(2)2	1
TOTAL 11 (44)	5 (10)	3 (14)	3 (20)

Unless otherwise noted, the numbers in RED above represent April, May and June for 2023.

Enrollments were at the following Campuses:

- Coastal Trucking – Lake Charles and Alexandria Campuses
- CDL Mentors
- Academy of Acadiana
- 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 15 (5) hires for the month of April -June 2024.:

- **Waffle House** – 2 Cook/grill Operator @ \$12.00 per hour, 1 Waiter/Waitress @ \$12.00 per hour.

- **Louisiana Pigment** – 2 Chemical Technicians 1@ \$44.90 per hour, 1@ \$48.10 per hour.
- **JCL Safety Services LLC.** – (7) Construction Laborers @ \$18.00 per hour.
- **Lancon Engineers Inc** – 1 Drafter @ \$20.00 per hour
- **Safety Council of Southwest Louisiana** – 1 Course Developer @ \$19.00 per hour.
- **Guardian Angels Care Services, Inc.** – 1 Direct Service Worker @ \$9.00 per hour.

Sasol – American Job Center staff administered, proctored, and graded pre-employment testing sessions at the Center for Sasol for the months of April - June 2024. A total of 54 candidates attended a total of 19 testing sessions. Interview and hiring decisions are pending.

Veterans Hired

There were **0** veterans hired out of the 15 hires.

Registered Employers

Total number of new employers registered **(14) (25)**. **(2) (9)** were staff registered.

Job Orders

Staff entered **(51) (43)** of the total number of **(1215) (1771)** job orders entered.

Hires Resulting from Staff Referrals

Total number of hires resulting from staff referrals **(15) (16)**.

Services provided to employers

Direct staff assisted services were provided to **(407) (487)** employers resulting in **(1548) (2260)** 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

- **Waffle House** - American Job Center hosted a Hiring Event for Waffle House on Wednesday April 3, 2024, from 10am to 2pm. Sixteen (16) attended.
- **Job Readiness Workshop** – American Job Center hosted a Job Readiness Workshop on Friday, April 21, 2024, from 9am 10:30am. The guest speaker was JWADE Enterprises LLC. No one attended the workshop.
- **Twic And Safety Orientation** – Total received service with CSBG for April 2024 was (14), and (2) no letter of intent.
- **Business Services Staff** – JCL Safety Services hired Eight (8) individuals who attended the March 26, 2024 hiring event. Referrals was done starting date is May 17, 2024, Job Position/Confined Space Attendant, and Salary \$18.00/hour.
- **Region 5 Quarterly Job Fair** – American Job Center hosted a Quarterly Job Fair on Friday, May 1, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Lake Charles Event Center. Three hundred three (303) jobseekers were in attendance, forty-four (44) employers and seven (7) community resource vendors.
Veterans were allowed to enter the job fair at 9:00am-9:30am and have exclusive access to employers. Twenty-three (23) Veterans, one hundred eighty (180) Adults, and one hundred (100) Youths attended.
- **Job Readiness Workshop** – American Job Center hosted a Job Readiness workshop on Friday, May 3, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The guest speaker was Joshua Trahan/JWADE Enterprises Services. One attended the workshop.
- **Twic and Safety Orientation** – Total received service with CSBG for May 2024 was thirteen (13) and two (2) were turned away.
- **Job Readiness Workshop** – American Job Center hosted a Job Readiness Workshop on Friday, June 14, 2024, from 9 am to 11 am. Guest speakers were Erika Doshier-Program Manager – CPPJ/Human Services. Five (5) attended the Workshop out of 15 that signed up to attend the workshop.
- **Twic And Safety Orientation** – Total received service with CSBG for the Month of June 2024 was (6).
- **Calcasieu Parish Engineering & Public Works Job Fair** – American Job Center hosted a Hiring Event on June 18, 2024, from 9

am to 12 noon. Four employers were present, and 42 jobseekers attended the hiring event. On-site interviews were offered!

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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 **Thirteen** workshops for the month April - June 2024. There were **22 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?

Justin Davison is a 31 man who has a fiancé and a baby boy who is just a few months old. He spent some time in jail and after being released, Justin decided to make changes in his life. He knew he not only needed a job, but he needed a career, and truck driving was something he was interested in. Justin heard about WIOA assistance through a friend. He came to the American Job Center in hopes of receiving financial assistance for truck driving school. Justin felt obtaining a Class A CDL would open up many opportunities for him to have a career.

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

Justin's services through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Acts Program began with completing a Wagner-Peyser and discussing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Program. Justin received an eligibility packet that needed to be completed and returned in order to move forward with the eligibility process. Justin's eligibility was processed, and he was deemed eligible for WIOA funding based on him living in a household with someone who receives SNAP benefits. His HiRE Core application, Objective Assessment, and an Individual Employment plan was successfully completed. At this time, it was determined that the WIOA Adult Program would assist Justin with funding for tuition him to attend Coastal Truck Driving School and obtain his Class A CDL. The training prepares the student for entry-level employment int the trucking industry. Justin completed the 160-hour course curriculum which consists of classroom and practical instruction using current model equipment. A Career Counseling Activity Code and a new Individual Employment Plan was created in HiRE to assist client in finding full time and permanent employment. Justin graduated on June 25, 2024. During his training, he was hired by Deep South Productions to load and unload equipment on and off the trucks. After graduation, Deep South Productions offered Justin full time employment as a CDL truck driver, hauling their equipment to different venues across the South.

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

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program helped Justin achieve success by funding his tuition. Justin had been working hard for a couple of years to make better decisions and to stay on a positive path. The services were available to him at the right time in his life to keep him positive and to show him that he could be the man, dad, and future husband he wanted to be.

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

Justin feels grateful his friend told him about the WIOA program. If he had not heard about it, he would probably still be working in fast food or housekeeping. Because he visited the American Job Center, he now has a career with a growing, successful company.

Additional Comments:

Justin is an incredible young man whose life was on the wrong path and has made a decision to make positive changes in his life. He set a goal and was very determined to reach that goal, even with many hurdles in his way. He is a perfect example of how WIOA can literally change someone's life just by giving them a helping hand.

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