Hello!

As our communities continue to reopen, we’re pursuing more ways to help those dislocated and furloughed during COVID-19.

In partnership with Job Service and the WorkSmart Network, we hosted a Drive Thru Job Fair as part of a statewide effort led by the Wisconsin Workforce Development Association. The job fair aimed to connect workers with employers that are hiring, all without leaving their car.

We’re continuing to work with participants in a remote fashion to ensure they’re supported and connected with essential resources, especially while the pandemic continues to spread.

We received disaster-relief funding to support coronavirus-related laid off workers prepare to reenter the workforce.

Our staff and participants continue to amaze us with their success stories and dedication to improving the communities in South Central Wisconsin.

Stay safe, stay strong and stay involved.
Region's First Drive Thru Job Fair

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Staff wearing the appropriate PPE provided bags filled with job leads from participating employers to **334 attendees**! All the employer flyers are posted on our website to continue reaching individuals searching for jobs during the pandemic.

"We have had two candidates apply from the Drive Thru Job Fair. Thank you for coordinating that!" said Dawn Webber at Royle Printing. "We have conducted a virtual interview with one of the candidates and he is coming in for an in-house interview next week. We were impressed with his skills and hope to have him as a member of our team."

The job fair is part of a statewide effort by the workforce development boards to help job seekers connect with local employers. A total of 680 employers participated in similar drive thru job fairs across the state, with 3,141 job seekers attending.
WDBSCW Staff Receives PATHS Award

Each year the State of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families presents the Champions of Change award to youth who have dedicated efforts to improve youth-serving systems. They also present the PATHS Award to individuals who supported graduates on their path to success. PATHS is not an acronym but a reference to those in helping professions that are influential in paving pathways to academic success for foster care youth.

This year two of our Region 5 participants received the Champions of Change Award. These individuals were enrolled in the Independent Living Program, which helps young adults who aged out of foster care. Our WDBSCW Youth Program Assistant, Alex Maves, was also awarded the PATHS Award!

Congratulations Alex!
We're celebrating the graduation of some of our Independent Living participants! Congratulations to these individuals and we look forward to seeing what your future holds.
Workers and their Communities

With more than 47,000 workers in the region unemployed due to COVID-19, many communities are seeing a surge in the need for food, shelter and medical assistance and agencies are needing extra hands to support their communities.

The WDBSCW received a $243K grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development to fund temporary disaster-relief jobs focused on the provision of humanitarian assistance.

These temporary positions will help individuals gain skills, earn income and help their communities meet urgent needs during the pandemic. Our service provider will match customers with nonprofits that are focused on coronavirus relief. We aim to launch this program in early August 2020.

Making a Career Change

Viktoryia was laid off from Boston Store in 2018. English is her second language so searching for jobs was difficult for her. She connected with the WorkSmart Network through Rapid Response sessions and learned about the services available to her through the DWG Retail Grant.

WorkSmart helped Viktoryia develop her resume, practice for interviews, search jobs and explore training options. She completed a work experience in 2019 and enrolled in the accounting program at Madison College in July that year.

"It was an amazing experience, at this moment I have a resume, a job that I like and I go to college! A couple years ago, I could not dream of such a thing. But this program helped me believe in myself and future success, and fulfill my
While Viktoryia continues her education, she is also working as a support staff for the Children's First program at the Dane County Job Center.

Upcoming Events

**YA Business & Education Summit**
Wednesday, August 12 | 8:30am - 12:30pm
Virtual

**Drive Thru Job Fair**
Thursday, September 17
Location TBD

Stay safe and healthy!

P.S. We're Social! Come join us.
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