

# Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

# Workforce Alliance



## About the Workforce Alliance

The Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, Inc. (WA) was incorporated as a nonprofit in March of 2000.

The mission of the WA is *supporting and advancing a competitive workforce in South Central Kansas*. One of the primary duties of the Workforce Alliance is acting as the administrative entity for federal job training funds from the U.S. Department of Labor called the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). WA operates the One Stop Workforce Centers and coordinates the public workforce system in South Central Kansas. Activities of the Workforce Alliance are carried out by professional staff led by a President and Chief Executive Officer.

WIOA funds and operations are overseen by a Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB). The primary function of the LWDB is to assure WIOA funds and operations are invested in workforce development activities that address the needs of employers and job seekers in South Central Kansas. By law, the LWDB consists of a majority of private sector members and specific partners such as other state agencies and community based organizations.

Currently the Workforce Alliance operates One Stop Workforce Centers in El Dorado, Winfield, Wellington, and Wichita.

## About the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law in July 2014 replacing the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA). WIOA provides a unique framework for workforce preparation and employment systems designed to meet the needs of employers and job seekers. WIOA is comprised of multiple titles that provides federal job training programs and adult education programs into block grants allocated to the states, who then distribute the funds into local areas based on economic and labor market conditions.

The LWDB has direct oversight responsibility for three funding streams in Title I of WIA:

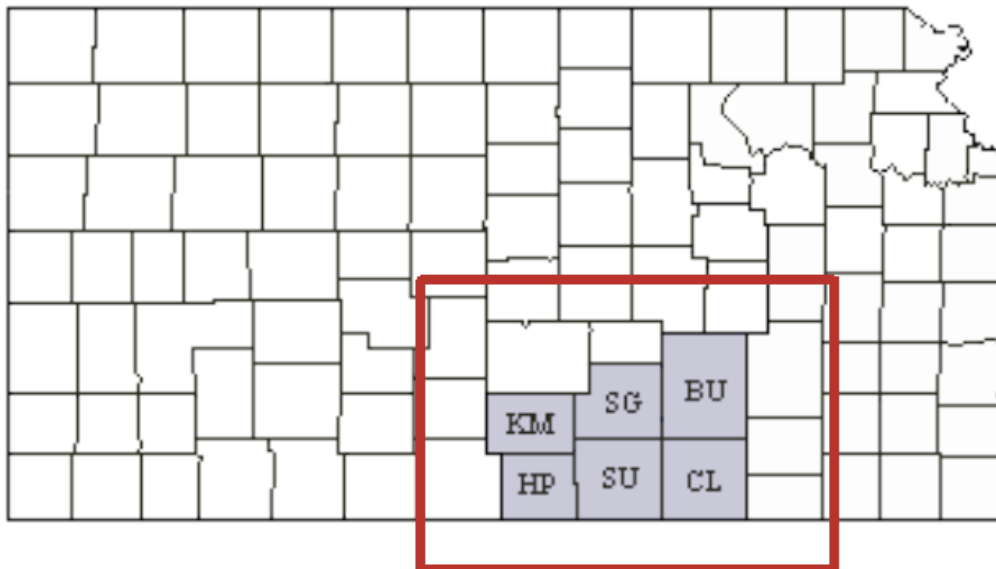
- Youth (ages 14-24)
- Adult
- Dislocated Worker (laid-off workers)

The functions of the LWDB include:

- Developing a local strategic workforce investment plan for submission to the Governor
- Designating and certifying One Stop Workforce Centers
- Identifying and monitoring eligible providers for training services for Adults and Dislocated Workers
- Developing a budget for carrying out the activities of WIOA in Local Area IV
- Establishing local performance measures in consultation with local government officials and the Governor
- Coordinating the workforce investment activities in the local areas with economic development strategies

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requires local boards certify operators of One Stop Workforce Centers, providing comprehensive job services to employers and job seekers. The legislation designated the LWDBs to implement policies, design programs, and monitor the quality of services from the Workforce Centers to ensure they meet the unique needs of the local labor market.

**Local Area IV – South Central Kansas**



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