



**Workforce Alliance (WA) Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda**
Wichita Workforce Center - 2021 N Amidon, #1100
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 • 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Jeff Longwell (11:30)
2. **Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Reauthorization:** Keith Lawing (11:35) (pp. 2-3)
The “A Stronger Workforce for America”(ASWA) was not included in the Continuing Resolution approved by Congress and signed by the President on December 21, 2024. An update on the legislation will be provided.
Recommended Action: Take appropriate action.
3. **2025 Workforce Alliance Work Plan and Goals:** Keith Lawing (11:45) (p. 4)
The Executive Committee will review current operations and identify action items and goals to address in 2025.
Recommended Action: Take appropriate action.
4. **Workforce Alliance (WA) Board and Committee Membership:** Keith Lawing (12:10) (pp. 5-8)
The WA Committee assignments will be reviewed and updated for appointments in 2025 by the WA Board Chair.
Recommended Action: Take appropriate action.
5. **Consent Agenda:** Keith Lawing (12:15)
 - A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2024 (pp. 9-11)
 - B. Program Year 2024 (PY24) Budget Update (p. 12)
 - C. Operations & One-Stop Operator Report
 - D. Reports: Registered Apprenticeship and Communications (pp. 13-18)
 - E. Addition to the Eligible Training Provider (ETP) List - Elite CDL School (p. 19)**Recommended Action:** Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
6. **Adjourn:** Jeff Longwell (12:30)

The next WA Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

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The Workforce Alliance is the Local Workforce Development Board for Local Area IV



Continuing Resolution passes without WIOA reauthorization

Dec. 20, 2024 - The 118th Congress will conclude without having completed work to reauthorize the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). This leaves our nation's public workforce system once again at a crossroads as workforce development boards look ahead to the future.

WIOA was last updated in 2014 with an authorization period of five years, concluding in 2019. It remains a national imperative that Congress work to successfully reauthorize this critically important public investment which serves as the workforce ecosystem's backbone in communities and states across this country.

Newly updated WIOA legislation is needed to ensure services to thousands of employers, learners, and workers as they seek to leverage the public workforce system to find dignity through work, build new skills, change careers, and to secure family-sustaining employment.

The National Association of Workforce Boards—which serves, supports and represents workforce boards—looks forward to working with the 119th Congress to update WIOA to meet the current moment and to help more Americans find success in today's dynamic economy. We stand ready to work together to that critical end.



Congress Proposes New CR, Does Not Include WIOA Reauthorization

Dec. 19, 2024 – Late this afternoon, Congress released a new draft of the Continuing Resolution (CR) to continue funding the government through March 14. This new bill **does not** contain **A Stronger Workforce for America Act (ASWA)**, which would have reauthorized the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) through 2030. (Note: This is a reversal from the [initial CR](#) released earlier this week, which included ASWA, after the CR was criticized by conservative members of Congress and President-elect Trump for the many extraneous provisions that had been added, effectively killing the proposal.)

The new CR includes a two-year debt ceiling suspension – a key request from President-elect Trump – along with a slew of other spending priorities sought by Congressional Republicans.

It is unclear if this newly released CR has the necessary support in Congress to pass. If it is adopted, it will likely mark the end of further consideration of WIOA reauthorization this Congress.

Our public policy team is continuing to engage with this process closely and will keep members informed of any further developments.

Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas

2023—2025 Strategic Goals



Mission:

Growing the Regional Economy through a Skilled Workforce

Vision:

Supporting and Advancing a Competitive Workforce in South Central Kansas

<p>Exceed Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Performance Goals in Program and One-Stop Operations</p> <p><u>Tactical Focus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WIOA Title I• Senior Community Employment Service Program (SCSEP)• Integrated Service Delivery Model	<p>Leverage Resources and Align Services to Create Community Impact Beyond Annual WIOA Allocations</p> <p><u>Tactical Focus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generate non-WIOA Funds• Develop Creative and Innovative Partnerships• Strategic Communication	<p>Support Youth Employment and Career Awareness through Work-Based Learning and Applied Learning Models</p> <p><u>Tactical Focus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth Employment Project (YEP)• Work-Based Learning (WBL)• Roadtrip Nation
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Workforce Alliance Core Values:

- Collaboration
- Access & Opportunity
- Digital Literacy
- Job Quality
- Applied Learning
- Employer-Led Sector Strategies

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Workforce Alliance Board Members	Exp.
Local Area IV	
<u>PRIVATE SECTOR</u>	
Rod Blackburn, Partners in Education Foundation (Youth Employment Co-Chair)	2025
Cheryl Childers, Cox Machine	2026
Ebony Clemons-Ajibolade, Evergy	2026
Michele Gifford, Textron Aviation	2026
Robyn Heinz, Vornado Air (POP Co-Chair)	2025
Kevin Hunt, Spirit AeroSystems	2026
Jessica Istas, Bombardier	2025
Kathy Jewett, Human Resources Consultant	2027
Patrick Jonas, Center Industries/CPRF	2025
Jeff Longwell, Golden Circle Charities (Chair)	2025
Alana McNary, Professional Engineering Consultants	2027
Alex Munoz, Creekstone Farms	2026
Luis Rodriguez, TEC Systems	2025
John Rolfe, Wichita Regional Chamber	2025
Gabe Schlickau, CoBank	2027
Scott Stiles, Schaefer Architecture	2027
Bruce Witt, Ascension Via Christi Health	2027
<u>PARTNERS</u>	
Eric Hunt, Kansas Dept. of Children and Families	2026
Vacant, Butler Community College, Higher Education	2026
Dr. Rachel Bates, Cowley College - Adult Education Program	2027
Erica Ramos, KS. Dept. of Commerce, Wagner Peyser	2025
Sally Stang, City of Wichita	2025
Sheree Utash, WSU Tech	2026
<u>LABOR</u>	
Andrew Chance, Iron Workers Local Union 24	2025
John Clark, Plumbers and Pipefitters	2025
Marcus Curran, Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #29	2026
Jeimeson Sandino, IBEW, #271	2027
B.J. Moore, SPEEA	2027
Tony Naylor, Wichita Electrical Apprenticeship Joint Training Center/IBEW (POP Co-Chair)	2027
Lisa Whitley, International Association of Machinists Lodge 70	2026



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Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas Board of Directors Committees January 2025

The Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas (WA) is the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) serving Local Area IV to oversee and implement the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The WA Board seeks to leverage resources and align services with WIOA resources to create significant community impact. The WA has four standing committees to oversee operations and provide governance. A summary of the committees and current members is below.

WA Executive Committee

The Committee provides leadership to the Workforce Alliance Board and other standing committees and task forces. The Executive Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the full Board, and all members are notified in advance of meetings. In addition, the Executive Committee is responsible for tasking the committees of the Board, and setting the agenda for WA Board meetings. The WA Executive Committee is appointed by the Board Chair.

Purpose -

- Identify and assess workforce issues and needs of business and the community and endeavor to establish partnerships to align Workforce Alliance services to meet the community's workforce needs.
- Solicit input and participation from the public and private sectors for joint planning and the provision of services to the residents of the Local Area IV.
- Provide overall policy guidance and oversight on the use of funds and on the approach to delivery of services.
- Establish a committee structure that ensures adequate review of proposals, oversight of program operations, long-range planning, and outreach to the business community.
- Act on behalf of the Board as needed.

Members -

Jeff Longwell, Eck Auto Group (Committee Chair, WA Board Chair)
Alana McNary, Professional Engineering Consultants (WA Board Vice Chair)
Rod Blackburn, Partners in Education (WA Board)
Cheryl Childers, Cox Machine (WA Board)
Michele Gifford, Textron Aviation (WA Board)
Commissioner Jim Howell, Sedgwick County (CEOB)
Kathy Jewett, HR Consultant/NAWB (WA Board)
Patrick Jonas, Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation (WA Board)
Tony Naylor, Wichita Electrical Joint Apprenticeship & Training (WA Board)
Gabe Schlickau, CoBank (WA Board)
Scott Stiles, Schaefer Architecture (WA Board)



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Program Operations and Performance (POP) Committee

The Program Operations and Performance Committee (POP) oversees program operations, reviews performance, approves Eligible Training Providers for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs, and reviews industries and occupations for training in Local Area IV. The Committee is appointed by the WA Board chair.

Membership - Membership is not exclusive to the WA Board members and may include representatives from WIOA mandated partners, community-based organizations and other stakeholders.

Purpose - To advise the WA Board and Executive Committee on WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs' strategic initiatives, and performance.

Members -

Tony Naylor, Wichita Electrical Joint Apprenticeship & Training (Committee Co-Chair, WA Board)
Robyn Heinz, Vornado Air (Committee Co-Chair, WA Board)
Justin Albert, Spirit AeroSystems (Employer Partner)
Kami Moore, Cowley College (WA Board/WIOA Title II)
John Clark, Plumbers & Pipefitters 441 (WA Board)
Alex Munoz, Creekstone Farms (WA Board)
Erica Ramos, Kansas Department of Commerce (WA Board /WIOA Title III)

WA Finance Committee

The Finance Committee oversees Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds from the U.S. Department of Labor. Funding streams include Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth, Senior Employment, grants and special projects. The Committee also reviews annual A-133 Audits and fiscal monitoring reports. The Finance Committee is appointed by the WA Board Chair.

Membership - Membership is not exclusive to the WA Board members and may include representatives from WIOA mandated partners, community-based organizations and other stakeholders.

Purpose -

- Develop an operating budget for the WA Board on an annual basis.
- Oversee and review audits of WIOA funds.
- Oversee and review procurements and the RFP process for the WA Board.
- Identify sources of revenue.

Members -

Alana McNary, Professional Engineering Consultants (Committee Chair, WA Board)
Russell Kennedy, IBEW 271 (WA Board)
Kim Krull, Butler Community College (WA Board)
Scott Stiles, Schaefer Architecture (WA Board)
Commissioner Greg Thompson, City of Winfield (CEOB)



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WA Youth Employment Committee

The role of the Youth Employment Committee is to support the operations of the WA Youth Employment Project (YEP) and to identify and create partnerships to sustain and expand the Helping Youth Prepare for Employment (HYPE) initiative, and leverage the WIOA Youth program to help improve outcomes.

Membership - Membership is not exclusive to the WA Board members and may include representatives from WIOA mandated partners, community-based organizations and other stakeholders.

Members -

Rod Blackburn, Partners in Education (Committee Chair, WA Board)
Tyrone Baker, YMCA
Laura Barker, Wichita Public Schools
Aletra Chaney-Profit, Butler Community College
Jordan Buxton, Circle Public Schools Board of Education (Partner)
Jakobe Davidson, Spirit AeroSystems (Employer Partner)
Cody Griffin, WSU Tech
Stacia Kaylor, Textron Aviation
Debbie Kennedy, Wichita Children’s Home
Alana McNary, Professional Engineering Consultants (WA Board)
Sally Stang, City of Wichita (WA Board)
Allan Thomas, Ascension Via Christi
Amy Williams, Community Development Consultant



Workforce Alliance
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2024 – 11:30 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Workforce Alliance (WA) Executive Committee met on December 11, 2024 in person at the Wichita Workforce Center and virtually via Zoom. Chair Jeff Longwell welcomed Committee members and called the meeting to order.

2. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Reauthorization

Congress has reached an agreement on legislation to reauthorize WIOA for the next five years. An update on the legislation was provided. There was discussion about the act and its potential impact of a 50% training mandate on local workforce boards. There is concern about the mandate's definition and its potential to alter the current model of leveraging other funds for training. There are other services that customers need besides just training. The Senate is looking to pass the bill before the end of the year as there is concern that the program might not be reauthorized at all under the next administration. So there really is not time to make the changes to the mandate that is needed. There is also a possibility of a carve-out for individualized career services in the training mandate and there is an effort to involve Congressman Estes on a potential compromise. The options are possibly having a bad bill pass to ensure reauthorization or not having the bill pass and trying to work with Congress on creating updating and improving the primary federally funded employment and skills training program.

Report was received and filed.

3. Local Workforce Board Merger

The State of Kansas has been divided into five local workforce board areas to oversee federal job training and funding for over 40 years. Local Area I (Workforce One) and II (Heartland Works) are merging, so there will now be four. The merger of workforce boards is allowable under WIOA and there has been mergers of local boards in other states. The KansasWorks State Board has released the merger plan for public comment. Comments are due by December 22, 2024, <https://ksworksstateboard.org/public-comment/>. The current Local Area map was reviewed and proposed changes, highlighting the imbalance in population and employment distribution. Concerns were expressed about the new boundaries and the impact on Workforce Alliance funding, operations and not consistent with the labor markets in Kansas. ‘

The merger provides an opportunity to conduct a full review of the boundaries with a comprehensive analysis to determine the most effective service areas. Staff recommends supporting the merger and use the public comment period to raise these and other issues. There was a consensus amongst the present committee members to submit comments to the state workforce board that include the issue and concerns discussed above. Staff will also contact local State Workforce Board members to provide draft comments. *Staff will send draft comments to the Executive Committee members prior to submission.*

4. 2024 Community Impact Projects

The current status of the Home Base Wichita (HBW) project was provided. HBW was initiated with Federal funding from the City of Wichita to help retain and recruit military connected individuals to employment opportunities in the region. Currently seeking funding support from Sedgwick County. There is interest from the Commission for employment strategies such as HBW, however, that must be balanced with available funding. Other potential funding sources are being looked at if the County does not step in.



Staff have been collecting data to demonstrate the impact of the economic development aspect of program to partners, employers and commissioners.

Youth Employment Project (YEP) planning for 2025 was discussed, focusing on high school internships and career exploration. There is a need for more employers to commit to internships. A list of employers that staff are working with or have been identified as potential partners based on student career interest and those industry sectors was presented for review. An Interview Prep Day is scheduled for February to prepare student for the large Interview Day event scheduled for April. The goal is to have as many employers as possible attend the event and provide a one stop hiring location for students.

Committee members were asked to review the list and contact any they have a relationship with to encourage commitments to providing a youth work experience. A toolkit for employers was developed and available on the WA website to assist employers in navigating the hiring process of a young person. Concern was expressed about the potential loss of interns at a large employer partner due to an industry transition, so there is a need to find alternative placements. Staff are also working with government governments to add some placements in that sector.

One Workforce Grant update was provided; it is a \$9.9 million dollar grant that will end in January 2026. Staff are developing a sustainability plan for the grant, which aims to change the demand-driven system and take the outcomes of the grant to move forward. The program has had some recent large scale enrollments for incumbent worker training and apprenticeships.

The WA has provided administrative staffing for the Regional Economic Area Partnerships (REAP) for many years. REAP members are currently reviewing the organization's objectives and structure. They are meeting in December to review a proposed work plan for 2025 that may result in a new model and funding mechanisms. The proposed work plan was provided to Committee members for review. This may impact if the WA will continue to staff REAP. Local government membership fees will be significantly reduced for the planning year of 2025.

Reports were received and filed.

5. **Consent Agenda**

Approval of meeting minutes for November 13, 2024, Program Year 2024 budget update, Operations & One-Stop Operator report, WA program reports for Fair Chance, Registered Apprenticeship and Communications, and an on-the-job training (OJT) contracts for Aerospace Turbine Rotables, Inc. were presented to the Committee for review and approval. Traffic at the workforce center dipped in November due to holidays but program enrollment increased. The annual job fair was successful and more job fairs are planned, including one for construction employers in February.

Gabe Schlickau (Scott Stiles) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion adopted.

6. **Announcements**

- The WA has received a two-year, \$500,000 EPA Brownfields grant to serve 90 people to provide training for environment related jobs in remediation, commercial drivers license with hazardous material endorsement, environmental technicians, land clearing, construction, etc. to be formally announced on December 12th at the Wichita Workforce Center.
- Staff are working on a proposal to the state legislature for next year to fund a Fair Chance initiative that is an employment strategy for justice involved individuals.



- The National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Forum will be in Washington, DC in March and the WA will be sending a few staff and board members.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Attendees:

LWDB Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Jim Howell via Zoom
Kathy Jewett
Jeff Longwell
Alana McNary
Tony Naylor via Zoom
Gabe Schlickau
Scott Stiles

Staff/Guests

Amanda Duncan
Denise Houston
Keith Lawing
Shirley Lindhorst
Mary Mann
Chad Pettera
Erica Ramos, KS Dept. of Commerce
Lindsay McWilliams, One-Stop Operator, Goodwill
Jennifer Baysinger, Senator Roger Marshall's Office

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Workforce Alliance Consolidated Budget PY24

July 2024 - June 2025

Expenditures Through 11/30/2024

Category	WIOA				Community Impact Funds				Consolidated			
	Budget	November Expenditures	YTD Expenditures	% Budget Remaining	Budget	November Expenditures	YTD Expenditures	% Budget Remaining	Budget	November Expenditures	YTD Expenditures	% Budget Remaining
Wages	\$ 1,831,334	\$ 139,723	\$ 716,579	61%	\$ 1,401,982	\$ 131,689	\$ 537,206	62%	\$ 3,233,316	\$ 271,412	\$ 1,253,785	61%
Fringe	\$ 423,200	\$ 33,025	\$ 161,765	62%	\$ 347,690	\$ 27,903	\$ 111,155	68%	\$ 770,890	\$ 60,928	\$ 272,920	65%
Facilities	\$ 260,835	\$ 43,571	\$ 201,499	23%	\$ 127,910	\$ 9,735	\$ 45,427	64%	\$ 388,745	\$ 53,306	\$ 246,926	36%
Contract/Pro Fees	\$ 83,008	\$ 17,946	\$ 30,786	63%	\$ 55,050	\$ 61,479	\$ 73,547	-34%	\$ 138,058	\$ 79,425	\$ 104,333	24%
Supplies/Equipment	\$ 21,595	\$ 6,408	\$ 14,237	34%	\$ 16,490	\$ 11,390	\$ 7,538	54%	\$ 38,085	\$ 17,798	\$ 21,775	43%
IT	\$ 137,500	\$ 16,301	\$ 11,419	92%	\$ 49,745	\$ 25,452	\$ 46,926		\$ 187,245	\$ 41,753	\$ 58,345	69%
Outreach/Cap Building	\$ 27,175	\$ 5,460	\$ 14,036	48%	\$ 123,525	\$ 8,873	\$ 77,623	37%	\$ 150,700	\$ 14,333	\$ 91,659	39%
Travel/Conferences	\$ 52,140	\$ 1,591	\$ 14,552	72%	\$ 34,562	\$ 11,979	\$ 22,135	36%	\$ 86,702	\$ 13,570	\$ 36,687	58%
Grants Awarded	\$ 215,000	\$ 16,190	\$ 12,631	94%	\$ 152,500	\$ -	\$ 53,160	65%	\$ 367,500	\$ 16,190	\$ 65,791	82%
Staff Development	\$ 9,700	\$ 857	\$ 1,216	87%	\$ 14,050	\$ 1,411	\$ 3,025	78%	\$ 23,750	\$ 2,268	\$ 4,241	82%
Indirect	\$ 272,402	\$ 20,579	\$ 117,045	57%	\$ 255,656	\$ 1,415	\$ 4,697	98%	\$ 528,058	\$ 21,994	\$ 121,742	77%
Misc/Dep/Int	\$ -			0%	\$ 27,000	\$ -	\$ 11,003	59%	\$ 27,000	\$ -	\$ 11,003	59%
Work Experience	\$ 854,691	\$ 57,802	\$ 259,917	70%	\$ 550,000	\$ 68,140	\$ 266,122	52%	\$ 1,404,691	\$ 125,942	\$ 526,039	63%
On The Job Training	\$ 24,018	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 620,000	\$ 25,204	\$ 103,449	83%	\$ 644,018	\$ 25,204	\$ 103,449	84%
Incentives	\$ 2,300	\$ 50	\$ 250	89%	\$ 22,000	\$ 425	\$ 18,350		\$ 24,300	\$ 475	\$ 18,600	23%
Occupational Training	\$ 114,016	\$ 17,247	\$ 50,307	56%	\$ 1,025,000	\$ 97,631	\$ 228,260	78%	\$ 1,139,016	\$ 114,878	\$ 278,567	76%
Supportive Services	\$ 86,995	\$ 6,360	\$ 42,177	52%	\$ 415,000	\$ 11,439	\$ 40,499	90%	\$ 501,995	\$ 17,799	\$ 82,676	84%
Total	\$ 4,415,909	\$ 383,110	\$ 1,648,416	63%	\$ 5,238,160	\$ 494,165	\$ 1,650,122	68%	\$ 9,654,069	\$ 877,275	\$ 3,298,538	66%

Analysis

Budget: The PY24 budget with expenditures through the end of the November 2024. The budget includes a breakdown between WIOA (LWDB budget) and non-WIOA Funding (Community Impact Funds) and combined totals.

The PY24 budget allocates 38% on direct client spending including classroom training, work experience, on-the-job training and supportive services. The direct client spending is at 31% through the month of November. Facilities budget is low due to the timing of reimbursements from partners, that budget line will improve in January as we receive reimbursements. Supplies is also running over for WIOA, future requests for supplies will be reviewed based on necessity. The budget has 66% remaining after the fifth month of the fiscal year.

Strategic Goals Supported

This activity supports the following Strategic goals of the Local Workforce Development Board:

- Expand Youth Employment Opportunities to help develop the workforce of the future
- Strengthen relationships with WIOA partners, community organizations and educational/training institutions to leverage resources and align services through the one-stop workforce centers (American Job Centers)
- Create and implement a more effective and comprehensive communication plan to increase public awareness about employment and training services, and skills needed for current and future careers in South Central Kansas
- Generate revenue to increase community impact of WIOA and Workforce Centers

Recommended Action

Receive and file.



Registered Apprenticeship Report
As of 12/31/2024
[LAIV Registered Apprenticeship Information](#)

A strategic priority for the Workforce Alliance (WA) is to expand the use of Registered Apprenticeship (RA), both in traditional fields and for new and emerging occupations. The ‘earn and learn’ model benefits both employers and job seekers.

The WA is an approved intermediary under the Meadowlark Grant, with 10 approved programs and seven employers: CDH, Inc., Don Hattan Dealerships, UV&S, Cox Machine, ISG Tech, F&H Insulation, Child Start.

Employer	Occupation	Status	Active Apprentices
CDH	Construction Craft Laborer	Approved	2
	Welder	Approved	Pending
Child Start	Early Childhood Educator	Approved	Pending
Cox Machine	Router Operator	Approved	1
	Machine Operator	Approved	1
Don Hattan	Automotive Mechanic	Approved	3
ISG Tech	Service Technician 1	Approved	Pending
F&H Insulation	Coatings	Approved	1
	Insulation Worker	Approved	Pending
UV&S	Computer Support Specialist	Approved	1

Additionally the WA is has 28 pending Meadowlark enrollments for apprentices served by other intermediaries. Below is the status on new program activity through the WA intermediary for the month:

Employer	Occupation	Status
AAR Component Services	Mechanic 1	In Development
Yingling Aviation	A & P Mechanic	In Development
YMCA	Early Childhood Educator	In Development

Currently there are 20 RA sponsors/Intermediaries active in LAIV, totaling 49 approved RA programs. The WA accepts onsite applications for six RA programs. In December 2024, seven individuals engaged in the RA application process, resulting in four completed applications, details are below:

RA Application and Prescreen Activity			
2024	Applications and Prescreens	Completed Referrals	Completion Percentage
January	16	6	38%
February	15	7	47%
March	15	4	27%
April	17	10	58%



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May	20	10	50%
June	11	5	45%
July	12	3	25%
August	17	15	88%
September	17	5	29%
October	16	8	50%
November	4	3	75%
December	7	4	57%
Totals	167	79	47%

In LAIV, there are 802 active apprentices enrolled in 50 RA programs as of 12/30/24:

RA Sponsor	Active Apprentices
Bombardier	15
Butler Community College**	9
Butler Rural Electric	1
City of Augusta	3
City of Winfield	3
Independent Electrical Contractors	80
InterHab*	13 (LAIV)
Ironworkers JAC	10
Kansas Department of Education***	17 (LAIV)
Metal Finishing	2
Plumbers & Pipefitters of Kansas	343
Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative	3
Sheet Metal Workers JAC	39
Spirit AeroSystems	54
Textron	45
The Ironworkers Joint Apprenticeship & Training Trust Fund	10
Wichita Electrical JAC	146
Workforce Alliance of South-Central Kansas**	9
Total	802

*Intermediary for direct care occupations, active employers include Goodwill of Kansas and Flint Hills

**Multi-employer intermediary for advanced manufacturing/MRO, semiconductor, healthcare, and other in demand occupations

***State-wide Intermediary for Teacher Education

The WA works in partnership with





Communications Report
As of 1/3/25

December 2024 Feature Stories

[Workforce Alliance Staff Part of 2024 Inclusion Awards](#)

[Workforce Alliance Secures EPA Grant to train jobs in Hazardous Waste Removal](#)

[Newstalk: Jobs for Teens](#)

December 2024 Job of the Day		
Date	Job Title	Employer
12/2/24	Bus Driver	Starkey, Inc.
12/3/24	Crewperson 4 - Site Maintenance (Heavy Equipment, Concrete)	USD 259 - Wichita Public Schools
12/4/24	Equipment Operator II (E) - 619 - Water Distribution	City of Wichita
12/5/24	Sales Route Driver	Hiland Dairy
12/6/24	Bus Driver	Derby Public Schools
12/9/24	Registered Nurse Inpatient Rehab	Wesley Medical Center
12/10/24	Crisis Clinician – Comcare	Sedgwick County
12/11/24	Direct Support Professionals	KETCH
12/12/24	Substance Abuse Counselor	South Central Mental Health Counseling Center
12/13/24	Outpatient Therapist	Four County Mental Health, Inc.
12/16/24	Machinist / Programmer	CMJ Manufacturing
12/17/24	Adult Case Manager	South Central Mental Health Counseling Center
12/18/24	Classroom Teacher - Head Start	Futures Unlimited
12/19/24	Sheriff Dispatcher	Kingman County
12/20/24	Director - Technical Education	Cowley College
12/23/24	Registered Nurse (School & Residential)	Heartspring
12/24/24	Certified Nurse Aide, CNA (2nd & 3rd shifts)	Medicalodges Wichita
12/25/24	Medical Manager	GraceMed Health Clinic
12/26/24	Registered Nurse	Caldwell Regional Medical Center
12/27/24	Nurse - Night Shift	Prairie View
12/30/24	Faculty - Nursing LPN	WSU Tech
12/31/24	Middle School Science Teacher	Derby Public Schools

Digital Media Report

The Workforce Alliance uses website and social media platforms to interact, inform, and educate the public on upcoming events and workforce development resources.

The digital traffic and impact numbers are broken down into the following key areas:

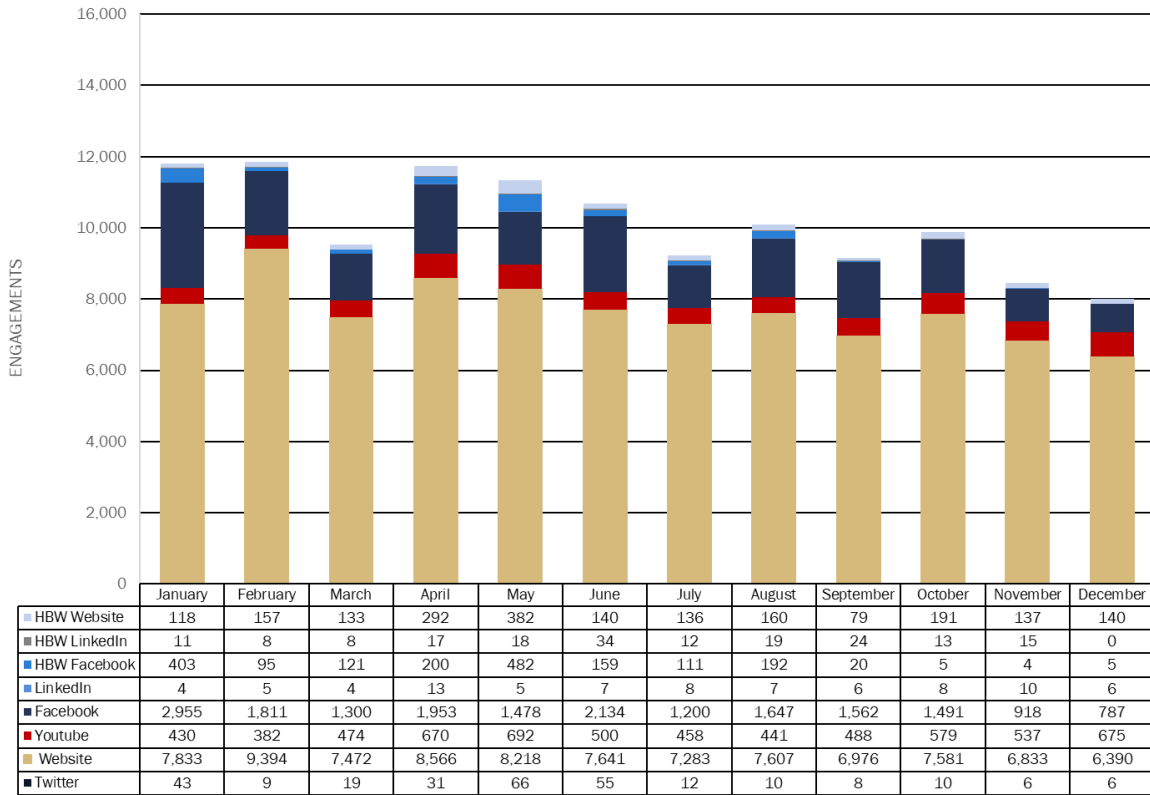
- Engagements - measures the total number of public interactions including shares, likes and comments
- Total Impressions - the number of times content is displayed to a user
- Followers – unique users who subscribe to receive updates

The data collected is from the platforms with the highest utilization:

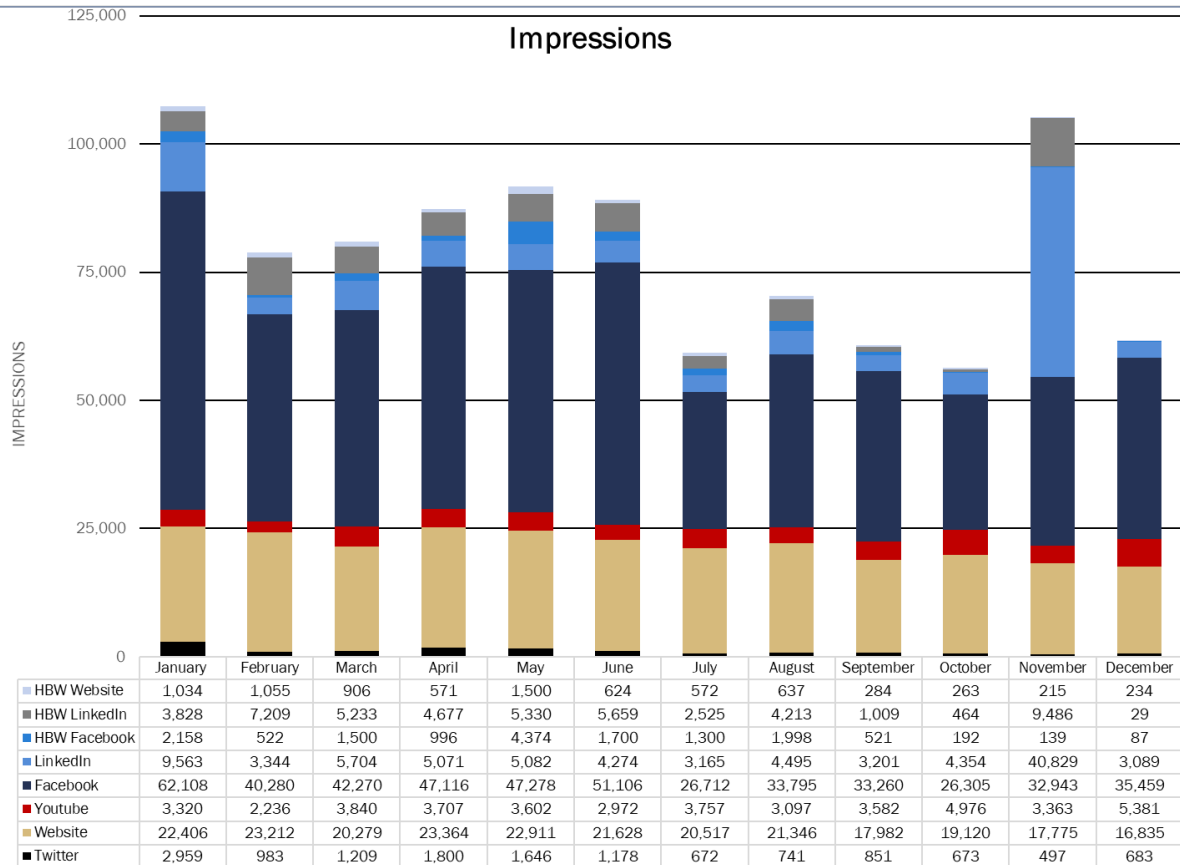
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- LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/workforce-centers-of-south-central-kansas/>
- Home Base Wichita LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/home-base-wichita/>
- Workforce Alliance Website at www.workforce-ks.com
- Home Base Wichita Website at <https://homebasewichita.com/>

The month of November saw decreased engagement on all platforms except YouTube, HBW Facebook, HBW Website, and Twitter. Impressions increased on Twitter, YouTube, Facebook, and HBW Website and decreased on the WA Website, LinkedIn, and HBW Facebook and LinkedIn pages. Followers increased on YouTube, Facebook, and both the WFC and HBW LinkedIn pages, and decreased on Twitter, HBW Facebook, and both the WA and HBW Websites.

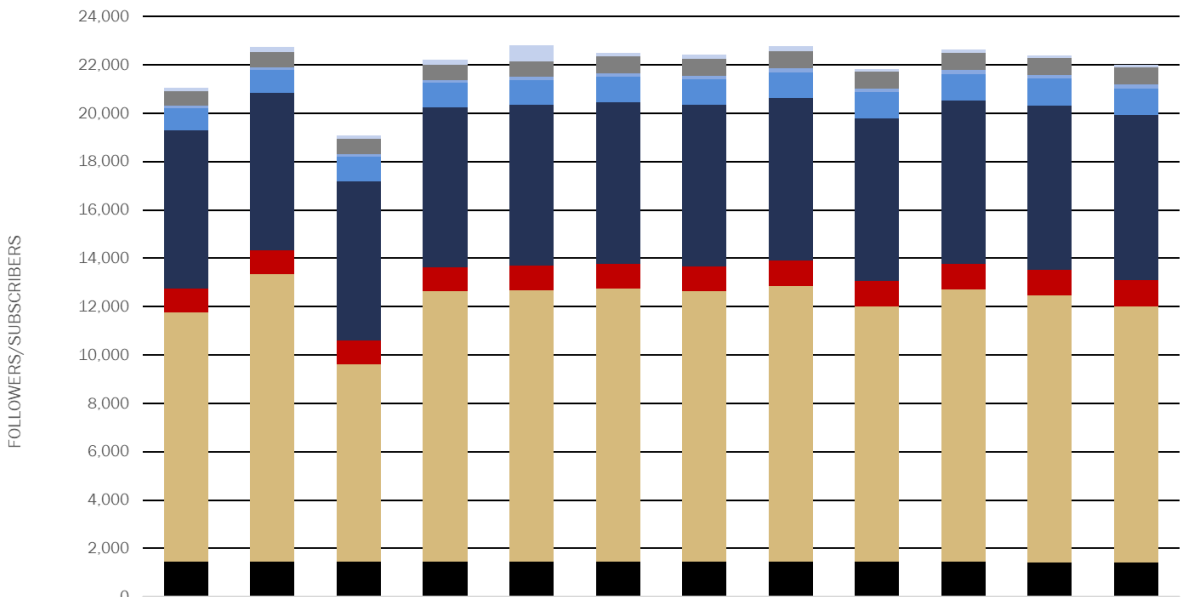
Engagements



Impressions



Followers/Subscribers



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
HBW Website	152	210	147	212	641	158	186	199	88	146	99	91
HBW LinkedIn	596	618	626	637	655	694	699	716	712	715	716	720
HBW Facebook	102	105	110	112	131	141	147	153	153	153	158	156
LinkedIn	934	945	995	1,017	1,033	1,037	1,048	1,069	1,077	1,098	1,111	1,116
Facebook	6,512	6,533	6,586	6,610	6,649	6,680	6,689	6,725	6,725	6,767	6,794	6,825
Youtube	986	989	995	1,005	1,018	1,026	1,030	1,036	1,043	1,055	1,060	1,061
Website	10,334	11,867	8,147	11,170	11,214	11,294	11,165	11,410	10,575	11,267	11,056	10,621
Twitter	1,442	1,461	1,467	1,458	1,455	1,463	1,458	1,458	1,446	1,438	1,404	1,401

**WIOA Eligible Training Provider
 Programs Information
 January 2025**

Provider Name	Program Name	Demand Occupation/ Industry in Area IV	Length of Training	Approximate Cost Per Credit Hour In State	Approximate Total Program Cost	Type of Attainment	Avg. Wage Per Hr.	ONET Projected Growth 2020-2030	Recommended Action
<i>Pending Initial Programs</i>									
Elite CDL School	CDL Class A Plus 1	Transportation	4 weeks/160 hrs		\$4,500.00	License	\$25.60	9%	Approve