

WORKFORCE ALLIANCE

of South Central Kansas



2015 Annual Report

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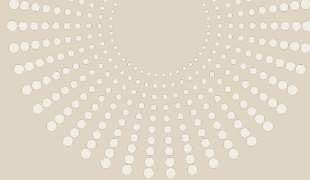


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Letters



Kathy Jewett, Chair

*Kansas Local Area IV Workforce
Development Board (LWDB)
Workforce Alliance of South Central
Kansas, Inc.*

2015 was a year of opportunity for the Workforce Alliance (WA). In July, new legislation, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), replaced the previous Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The new legislation meant many changes in reporting and how the Workforce Center serves job seekers. In addition, during the Spring of 2015, the WA underwent a strategic planning process in which several community meetings were held to determine the needs and direction of the WA for the next three years.

The new strategic plan for 2015- 2017 was created through topical sessions held to visit with stakeholders on the issues effecting workforce development in the region; sessions focused on regional collaboration, youth employment and degree attainment, community impact, and leadership. Our focus moving forward will be on developing a regional service delivery plan, implementing WIOA, building a strategic communication plan, piloting a youth employment plan and developing fundraising strategies.

2015 brought opportunities to continue to improve the physical footprint of our Workforce Centers in South Central Kansas. In February, a new Butler Workforce Center opened in El Dorado, it was bittersweet to move out of the old location as the Workforce Center had been there for over 10 years and co-located with Butler Community College. In September, the Wichita Workforce Center expanded into an additional 9,000 square feet to meet demands of local employers and programs. Both centers are state of the art Workforce Centers featuring technology to connect employers and job seekers virtually to other workforce centers and provide opportunities to convene stakeholders.

In November 2015, the Sumner Workforce Center moved in with Sumner County Economic Development; this collocation strongly aligns business, economic development, and the workforce system and enhances services being offered to rural communities.

In addition to the changes in our physical footprint, in September 2015, the WA launched a revamped website. The new site was designed to offer expanded services to individuals who are not able to access a Workforce Center.

As the chair of the Local Area IV Workforce Development Board, I am pleased to present the accomplishments of the Workforce Alliance in the 2015 Annual Report.

Letters



Keith Lawing

President & Chief Executive Officer
Workforce Alliance of South Central
Kansas, Inc.

As always, the past year provided a busy schedule full of activity for the Workforce Alliance (WA). The Workforce Board took on planning and producing a strategic plan to help prepare for the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Other activities in 2015 included relocating the Sumner County office, expanding the Wichita Workforce Center, piloting extended hours at the Wichita Workforce Center, participating in the Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth (BREG), the Greater Wichita Partnership and many community engagement activities.

One of the most significant events in 2015 was a site visit to the Dallas metro area to meet and observe the operations of three Workforce Boards. The delegation included a mix of WA and Workforce Center partner staff, and in the early morning of July 29, 10 of us loaded into two vans for the six hour drive to Dallas. It was a great learning experience and our Texas hosts could not have been more gracious. These are people I have developed a ton of respect for over the years and lead top notch organizations. I want to recognize and thank Laurie Bouillion Larrea, President of Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas, Judy McDonald, Executive Director of Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County and David Setzer, Executive Director of Workforce Solutions North Central Texas.

With the overall economy improving in 2015, the operational focus shifted to posting more job openings, holding an increased number of job fairs and hiring events and tailoring services to better prepare job seekers for the growing number of available jobs. The WA conducted a test run of expanded hours over the summer and fall. From April to November the Center was open two nights a week until 8pm for job seekers who may not be able to access our services during the day. During these expanded hours, the Center also held workshops and job mixers. The job mixers were a new concept to allow job seekers to meet with employers in a more informal setting in order to ask questions about hiring procedures, have their resumes reviewed and prepare for job fairs.

I continue to be proud of the level of community commitment the WA staff display. From the successful United Way campaign to the volunteer service many staff are engaged in, the WA is making an impact to the communities where we live, work and play. Examples of this include Amanda Duncan, vice president and chief development officer, recognized as one of the “40 under 40” community leaders by the Wichita Business Journal, and Jonathan Long, resource coordinator, awarded the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce’s Emerging Leader Scholarship allowing him to take part in the City to City Greenville, SC trip for 50 area professionals and community leaders. I am also active in community development, accepting an appointment by Council Member Janet Miller to serve on the Wichita Transit Advisory Board, and being invited to chair the Implementation and Advisory Committee for the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization in 2015.

Overall 2015 was a very productive year full of new opportunities and activities on advancing the workforce in South Central Kansas.

Vision, Mission, Strategies

Workforce Alliance Vision:

A growing regional economy through a skilled workforce

Workforce Alliance Mission:

Supporting and advancing a competitive workforce in South Central Kansas

2015-2017 Strategies and Plans

- Implement **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)**
- Develop a consolidated **Youth Employment Plan**
- Emphasize a **regional service delivery**
- Integrated and intentional **communication** efforts, both internally and externally
- Develop **fundraising strategy** for Workforce Alliance, Inc.



Strategic Planning

In early 2015, the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas embarked on a strategic planning process designed to guide the Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) in future decision-making and continuous improvement. Meetings were facilitated by Tammy Bradley of Bothner Bradley and were held at Cowley College in Mulvane and NexStep Alliance. Between April and May 2015, more than 100 people participated in a series of five meetings covering the following topics:

- Regional Cooperation
- Youth
- Community Impact
- Professional Staff
- Leadership



Grants and Financials

2015 Grant and Project Summary

Leveraging multiple funding streams makes it possible for the Workforce Alliance to meet the needs of employers and job seekers in South Central Kansas. In 2015, the Workforce Alliance led or partnered on the following grant projects and collaboratives.

LEADING:

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
Kansas Engineering Excellence Program (KEEP)
Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP)
Preparation for Advanced Career Employment System (PACES)
Social Innovation Fund (SIF)
Opportunities for Women in Non-Employment (OWNE)
Client Assistance Program (Community Service Block Grant)

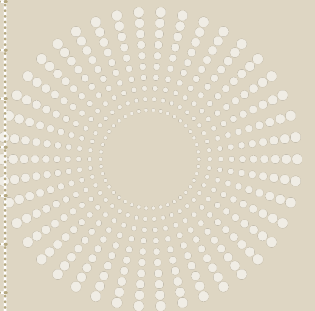
PARTNERING:

Accelerating Opportunity - Kansas (AO-K)
Kansas On the Job Training (OJT) Engineer
Kansas Health Profession Opportunity Project (KHPOP)
National Aviation Consortium (NAC)
NexStep Alliance

Financials/Expenditures

Program Year 2015 - July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)	\$4,425,552
SCSEP	\$777,674
Engineer Job Training Grant	\$235,217
KEEP	\$1,241,712
KHPOP	\$485,577
CSBG	\$117,395
REAP	\$226,641
PACES/SIF/OWNE	\$189,188
Other	\$174,480
Total	\$7,891,050



Federal Workforce Funding

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is the nation's primary workforce development legislation which provides funds to address the employment and training needs of dislocated workers and low-income adults and youth.

In **Program Year 2014** (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015), WIA served over **8 million** job seekers nationwide. The Workforce Alliance received a **\$4.67 million** WIA allocation to provide employment and training services to employers and job seekers. With that funding **1,338 adults**, **639 dislocated workers**, **654 employers** and **179 youth** received services.

PY 2014 WIA Program Outcomes

	Entered Employment	Retention Rate	Average Earnings	Average Hourly Wage
Adult	Goal: 74%	Goal: 85.4%	Goal: \$14,000	
	Sanction: 59.2%	Sanction: 68.3%	Sanction: \$11,200	\$17.42/hour
	Actual: 76.33%	Actual: 91.43%	Actual: \$18,114.03	
Dislocated Workers	Goal: 81%	Goal: 91%	Goal: \$18,300	
	Sanction: 64.8%	Sanction: 72.8%	Sanction: \$14,640	\$19.03/hour
	Actual: 73.68%	Actual: 92.59%	Actual: \$19,789.62	
	Placement in Employment/Education	Attainment of Degree/Cert.	Literacy/ Number of Gains	
Youth	Goal: 71%	Goal: 72%	Goal: 52.5%	
	Sanction: 56.8%	Sanction: 57.6%	Sanction: 42%	
	Actual: 58.59%	Actual: 66.17%	Actual: 47.83%	

Workforce Innovation 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 Workforce Alliance and key partners such as Adult Education, Kansas Rehabilitation Services Kansas Department of Commerce and Registered Apprenticeship will complete a local plan in 2016.

More information on WIOA is available online at www.workforce-ks.com/program_type/WIOA.

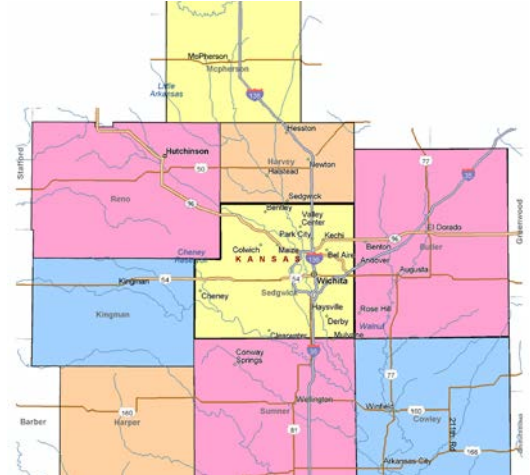
Regional Partnerships

Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP)

Since its inception in 1997 as the South Central Kansas Regional Council of Governments, REAP has grown as a regional organization and is an established voice on issues of common concern among local governments in South Central Kansas.

In 2015, REAP's twenty-seven member cities and counties worked to fulfill the organization's mission: Guide state and national actions that affect economic development in the region and adopt joint actions among member governments that enhance the regional economy.

The REAP region includes the counties of Butler, Cowley, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, McPherson, Reno, Sumner and Sedgwick, serving over 775,000 citizens- more than 27 percent of the state population.



Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth (BREG)

The Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth (BREG) formed in 2015 in order to create a 10 county regional plan for economic development.

In 2015, BREG began by identifying sector industries that have a strong presence in the region. Sectors identified include: advanced manufacturing and materials, aerospace, data services and IT, healthcare, oil and gas and transportation and logistics.

Through sector meetings, participants have also identified five cross-cutting initiatives which include workforce, communications, innovations, export and broadband.

The Workforce Alliance (WA) has taken a lead role in the workforce initiative. WA staff have participated in meetings since the inception of BREG and are working to help identify workforce needs in each area.

In addition, the WA is leading the workforce initiative through a process to help identify gaps in the workforce and create career ladders. Other members of the workforce initiative include representatives from area educational institutions, business leaders, economic development agencies as well as Kansas Workforce One, the Local Workforce Development Board for Area I in Kansas.



Kansas Global Regional Export Plan

The Export Plan is an integral part of a three-pronged community strategy aimed at accelerating the regional economy after several years of setbacks. Global dynamics severely impacted the Wichita region during the recession. Because of its dependence on the global aviation industry, Wichita has had significant economic and employment shifts.

First year results are encouraging, considering that the work began five months into 2015. Three of the four strategies met their goal for the first year of the five-year project. The fourth strategy (aviation export support) is expected to improve over the next four years as the industry recovers from the global recession.

Strategies include: building an export assistance system, improve regions global competitiveness, awareness and capability, analyze export growth in aviation and target under exporting companies in non aerospace industries.



Grants and Special Projects

Kansas Engineering Excellence Project (KEEP)

The Kansas Engineering Excellence Program (KEEP) is a technical skills training grant from the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA). Funded by H-1B Visa Fees, the grant is issued to help ensure workers have the chance to succeed in new and emerging fields.

- The Workforce Alliance was awarded this **\$5 million** grant in 2011 to provide education, training and job placement assistance to **100** long-term unemployed workers, with emphasis on women and minorities, in critical engineering occupations.
- Through 2015, **143** individuals have been enrolled in Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral engineering programs at Wichita State University through KEEP, **54** of whom were placed in paid internships.
- Grant outcomes to date include **83** exits, **93** credentials earned including **32** certificates, **48** BS, **13** MS, **3** Phd. For 2015, KEEP performance includes a **73.3%** entered employment rate, **100%** retention rate and average annual wage of **\$51,740**.

Preparation for Advanced Career Employment System (PACES)

The WA formed PACES in 2008 when invited to join the National Fund for Workforce Solutions (NFWS) as a regional collaborative site grantee. The mission of PACES is to create a more accessible and flexible employment and training system to move unemployed and underemployed workers into high-demand and high-skill careers in both the aviation and health care industries. Under the management of the WA, PACES has developed into a mature, employer led system with

more than **\$3.1 million** in funding toward the mission to date, including **\$1.8 million** in direct grant funds competitively awarded to PACES.

PACES outcomes through 12/31/2015 include:

- Services provided to more than **3,298**
- Over **1,395** individuals trained
- More than **2,392** job placements recorded including **1,179** at Spirit AeroSystems
- There are currently **91** employer partners

Opportunities for Women in Non-Traditional Employment (OWNE)

In 2014, PACES received a two-year, **\$180,000** sub-grant from Wider Opportunities for Women. The grant, OWNE, was specifically for women to gain training for entry level aviation/manufacturing jobs. The benefits of training in the manufacturing industry through OWNE include self-sustainable wages and benefits and gaining skills and knowledge for high skill, high demand occupations. In total, **80** women received training through OWNE, with **64** entering employment in manufacturing occupations, at an average wage of **\$14.70** per hour.

Social Innovation Fund (SIF)

A \$100,000 SIF grant was awarded to PACES in 2014, with a second award of \$145,000 in 2015, through a sub-grant from NFWS. With matching funds from the United Way and the City of Wichita, SIF allowed the expansion and increased support for employer led workforce partnerships, greater capacity to serve low income and low skilled job seekers, for advocacy of policies to enhance the public workforce system, and creation and activities of the Regional Manufacturing Council on Career and Technical Education (RMCTE).

SIF Outcomes as of 12/31/2015 include:

- **819** participants enrolled under the SIF Grant
- **130** classroom training participants
- **92** On-the-job training participants
- **520** participants have been placed in a job

Additionally more than **300** high school students were exposed to Manufacturing Careers through 2015 Manufacturing Day and multiple plant tours.

The RMCTE contributed more than **\$6,500** in materials, tools and equipment to area high schools in 2015.

Targeted Programs

Kansas Health Profession Opportunity Project (KHPOP)

The Kansas Health Profession Opportunity Project (KHPOP) is a unique training program designed to serve the healthcare industry and train the workers they need to provide quality care to the citizens of Kansas. Since its inception in 2010, KHPOP has served **566** participants in Local Area IV.

In 2015, the WA served **122** participants.

Outcomes:

Healthcare Jobs Gained: **27**

Non-Healthcare Jobs Gained: **8**

Healthcare Jobs Average Wage: **\$17.00**
(Lowest: \$8.00, Highest: \$26.00)

Non-Targeted Jobs Average Wage: **\$8.90**
(Lowest: \$2.13*, Highest: \$15.67)

*Standard wage augmented by tips for wait staff

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is a program for older Americans needing assistance updating work place skills to be competitive in today's job market. In **Program Year 2014** (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015), SCSEP gave **101** low income seniors an opportunity to work part-time community service assignments for local non-profit and government agencies in need of reliable volunteers.

***61,671** hours of service to the community was provided
by seniors who received hands-on job training.*

Reintegration through Employment

The Workforce Alliance partners with the Kansas Department of Corrections and Sedgwick County Community Corrections to reintegrate offenders through the work of a Certified Offender Workforce Development Specialist (OWDS). OWDS serves the offender population in the South Central area and works with offenders through Sedgwick County Community Corrections, Parole, Work Release and local correctional facilities. Thirteen Workforce Center staff and partners have obtained OWDS certification.

Outcomes for 2015...

608 participants attended an orientation or workshop for ex-offenders

519 participants registered in KansasWORKS

169 participants received individual services

Employment Services:

99 entered employment

75% retained employment after six months

70% retained employment after 12 months

The average wage after 12 months of employment is **\$9.40** per hour.

Business Services

The Workforce Center Business Services Division provides no cost solutions to employers for workforce development needs, including services for recruitment and hiring, training, credits and bonding, and business closings and layoffs.

In 2015, the Workforce Centers provided **3,738** services and conducted **934** in-person visits to **654** employers in the region.

Recruitment & Hiring

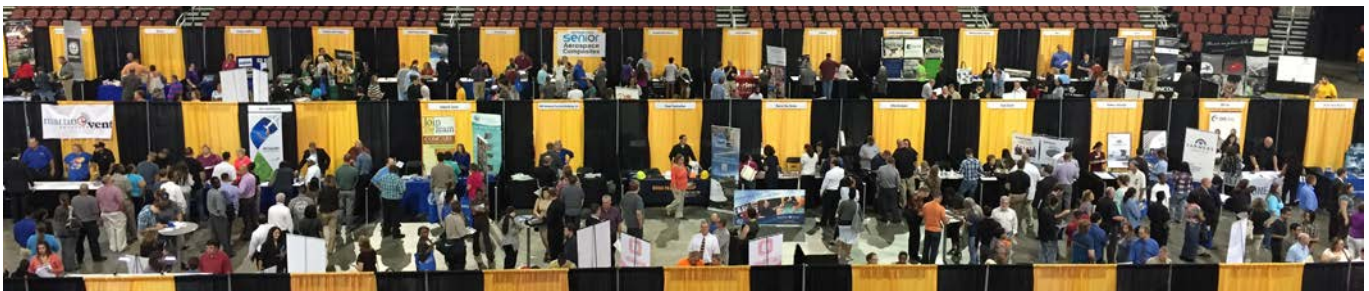
The Workforce Centers partners with employers to provide customized human resource strategies and programs designed to help local businesses succeed.

2015 Outcomes Include:

- Listed **4,412** job postings on KANSASWORKS.com
- Hosted or coordinated **126** job fairs
- Received **3,573** applications/pre-employment screens from **2,900** individuals for **89** employers at the Workforce Center

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Coordinated
126
job fairs
in 2015!

Job Fair - GET HIRED!



At Intrust Bank Arena -

- Total attendance at the Get HIRED! Job fair on September 3, 2015 was **1,119**
235 Veterans, **75** Military Spouses, **380** Military Family and **429** General Public
- A total of **76** exhibitors attended the event including: **3** Organizing Sponsors, **20** Corporate Sponsors
- The KANSASWORKS Mobile Workforce Center was inside of the arena this year for the first time and saw **167** job seekers and **6** employers during the event
2 employers (Boyd Gaming and First Student) stationed a representative at the Mobile Unit to assist with applications due to the volume

"We were more than happy with the way things were organized, help received, and the quality of applicants."

- Leon Denesha, PK Companies



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Business Services

Skills Training

The Workforce Center provides support to help meet the training needs of employers who recognize the importance of investing in their employees. Services include training needs assessment, On-the-Job Training (OJT), Registered Apprenticeship and coordination of training providers.

In 2015, **52** individuals were placed in employment with **6** employers through OJT programs.

Business Closings and Layoffs

The Workforce Center offers many services to assist companies who are considering mass layoffs or facility closings including, Layoff Aversion strategies, Rapid Response and Trade Adjustment Assistance.

In 2015, Rapid Response layoff services were provided to **33** employers. These services included conducting **40** on-site informational sessions for affected employees; **1,783** informational packets were also provided to affected individuals.

Registered Apprenticeship

Registered Apprenticeship (RA), an 'earn and learn' model, is a proven system for training employees in a variety of occupations that require a wide range of skills and knowledge. It is an ideal way for employers to build and maintain a skilled workforce. RA combines employment, on-the-job learning, mentorship and related technical instruction; to both educate and develop business and industries' workforce.

The Workforce Centers partner with six local RA programs to accept applications on-site, as well as screen and assess the candidates. In total, **326** jobs seekers applied for RA positions through a LAIV Workforce Center in 2015.

The WIA program also provided supportive services for **36** Plumbers and Pipefitters Apprentices with an average entry wage of **\$15.35** and **43** Electrical Apprentices with an average entry wage of **\$11.78**.

Kansas WORKReady! Certification

The Kansas WORKReady! Certificate utilizes the WorkKeys® Assessments, developed by ACT, to validate critically important workplace skills in math, locating information and reading.

The Kansas WORKReady! Certificate has gained wide acceptance in the business and economic development communities statewide. The Kansas WORKReady! Certificate allows companies to understand and predict job candidates' potential, ensuring the right person for the right job. In 2015, 41 employers in our region utilized the Certification.



The WORKReady Certificates awarded in Local Area IV comprised 46.9% of all certificates awarded in Kansas in 2015. The South Central Kansas region leads the state of Kansas in the number of WORKReady! Certificates issued with 35% of the more than 35,000 certificates issued statewide since the program's inception.

Workforce Investment Area IV				
Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Total
525	1,655	752	17	2,949

Job Seeker Services

Career Center Resources:

46,655 customers visited the Local Area IV Workforce Centers in 2015, an average of **185** per workday

Outreach

In 2015 the WA found opportunities to improve access and develop partnerships with the following:

- City of Wichita Neighborhood Resource Centers
- Black Chamber of Commerce
- Fresh Hope
- The City of Andover
- Dear Neighbor Ministries
- Dress for Success Wichita
- Goddard Public Library
- El Dorado Correctional Facility
- Winfield Correctional Facility
- Wichita Indo Chinese Center
- Sunflower Community Action
- Cowley Community College
- Substance Abuse Center of Kansas

Workshops

880 job seekers completed Computer Skills Series workshops for certification in Microsoft Office, Word, Excel and Power Point

The Workforce Alliance offers two workshop tracts for jobs seekers: Job Search and Computer Skills.

- Job Search Success Workshops offer training on how to find a job and the key skills employers are looking for while hiring. These workshops include Beginning and Advanced Resume Writing, Interviewing, Networking, and Online Job Search Tips.
- The Computer Skills Series is designed to provide customers with the basic computer and Microsoft Office skills most commonly used in today's business world. These workshops focus on Basic Computer Skills and Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Levels of Microsoft Office 2010.

486 individuals attended Job Search Success workshops to enhance their resumes and interview skills



Kevin Landis, in charge of first impressions at the Wichita Workforce Center.



Employers and job seekers mingled at the Networking Job Mixer on June 23 at the Wichita Workforce Center.

Young Adult Services

2015 was a year of planning and transition for the Youth Program. WIOA brought new challenges and changed the focus of the program increasing services to the out of school population.

Part of this transition planning was securing contracts for the WIOA Elements. In 2015, WA secured **21** new contracts providing **35** service options for participants



Melaney completed the DollarWise financial literacy modules was entered into the national drawing for an iPad and won! Mayor Jeff Longwell presented the iPad to Melaney during a Wichita City Council meeting. DollarWise is a partnership between the US Conference of Mayors, the City of Wichita, Bank of America and the Workforce Center.

Overall, in PY15, the Workforce Alliance Youth Program:

- Provided **841** employment or training services to **179** youths.
- Of those youth, **145** received training services with a total of **96** degrees, diplomas, credentials or licensures obtained.
- **43** youths obtained unsubsidized employment.

2015 Work Experience Summary

- Workforce Alliance placed **35** participants in employment experiences with **20** Employer Partners at **26** work sites
- **20** were Male and **15** were Female
- **23** had documented disabilities
- **Four** participants were high school students

To help prepare youth for the work experience:

- Pyxis provided 20-24 hours of work readiness/job skills classroom training to **27** Youth participants. An additional **11** youth completed Career Ready 101 modules or attended Work Preparedness classes as part of their college coursework.

Gabby enrolled in the youth program in July 2014, as a 16 year old without a specific career goal. She completed her first work experience placement at Goodwill in October 2014, where she gained valuable work skills and confidence.

In the summer of 2015, Gabby knew she wanted to go into a STEM career, possibly engineering. Work experience arrangements were made with Exploration Place. Gabby spent the entire summer working in Visitor Services assisting in the new Imagination Station exhibit, where she helped showcase the 3-D printer to museum visitors. Gabby completed 500 subsidized hours and received amazing reviews from her supervisor. Gabby immediately applied for an opening at Exploration Place and was hired.

Gabby is a senior applying for Engineering Programs at major colleges throughout the mid-west. She will graduate from high school in May 2016 with academic honors.



Partners

The following organizations were co-located or affiliated partners of the Workforce Centers during 2015.

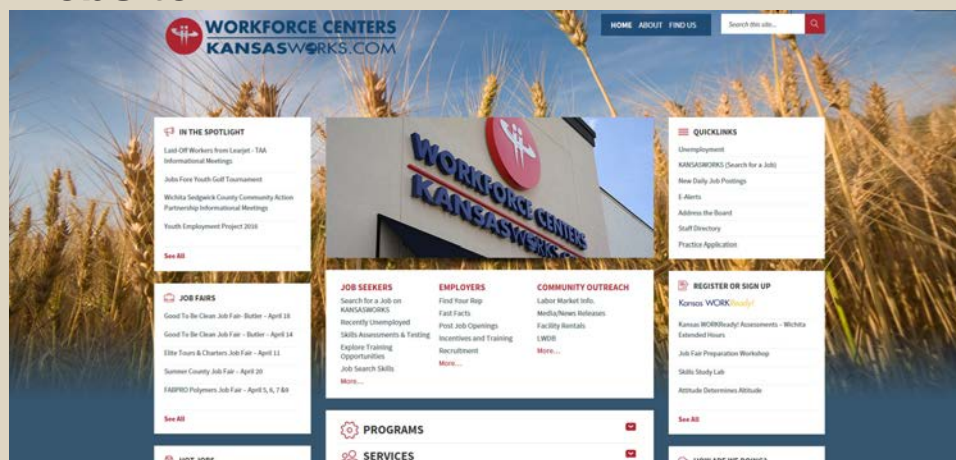
Co-Located Partners at the Wichita Workforce Center:

- Region VII American Indian Council
- Goodwill Industries/NexStep Alliance/WATC
- Early Childhood Associate Apprenticeship Program
- Flint Hills Job Corps
- Preparation for Advanced Career Employment System (PACES)
- ResCare Workforce Services JET
- Kansas Department of Commerce
- Kansas Department of Corrections - Parole
- Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP)
- Sedgwick County Community Corrections
- SER Corporation National SCSEP
- United States Commercial Service
- Wichita Work Release

Affiliated Partners:

- Butler Community College
- Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation
- Kansas Department of Labor
- Kansas Department for Children and Families Kansas Rehabilitation Services
- SER Corporation Local
- The City of Wichita

Website



In September, the WA launched a new website in order to expand services available to job seekers.

The new website can be accessed at:

www.workforce-ks.com.

Jobs FORE Youth

The 2015 Jobs FORE Youth Tournament was held at Hidden Lakes Golf Course in Derby on Friday, April 24. Team Westar won the tournament with a score of 53, 19 under par (72 for the course) and Wichita Mayor Jeff Longwell's team came in second with a score of 54. Team Westar was the winning team in 2013, and Team Longwell in 2014. The event raised nearly \$10,000 and went to support work experience opportunities. Thanks to the 23 teams and sponsors for supporting Jobs FORE Youth!



Left: Keith Lawing presents the 2015 Jobs FORE Youth trophy to first place winner Don Sherman and Team Westar.



Right: Keith Lawing and Mayor Jeff Longwell thank the sponsors of the 2015 Jobs FORE Youth Tournament.

2015 Jobs FORE Youth Sponsors

Event Sponsors:



Prize Sponsors:

Black Hills Energy
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Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation

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Room Sponsor:

Butler County

Community Involvement



Above: Federal Reserve representatives received a tour at NexStep Alliance.



Above: Workforce Staff and partners enjoyed a baseball game in Arlington, TX and tours of the Texas Workforce facilities during their visit in July 2015.

Right: El Dorado Mayor, Mike Fagg, joined board members and staff to cut the ribbon on the new Butler Workforce Center in February 2015.



Wichita Workforce Center Expansion

In September 2015, the Wichita Workforce Center expanded into an additional 9,000 sq ft of space. The additional square footage brought the Wichita Center close to 24,000 square feet in space. The expansion included additional meeting space, offices and a new young adult area.



Above: Kathy Jewett, LWDB chair, Rod Blackburn, LWDB immediate past chair, and Mayor Jeff Longwell, LWDB member attended the Wichita Workforce Center expansion open house on September 29.



Above: Crews work on completion of the Keeper of the Plains meeting room during the expansion of the Wichita Workforce Center. The Keeper of the Plains room is a multi-purpose meeting room with a capacity of up to 150 people.

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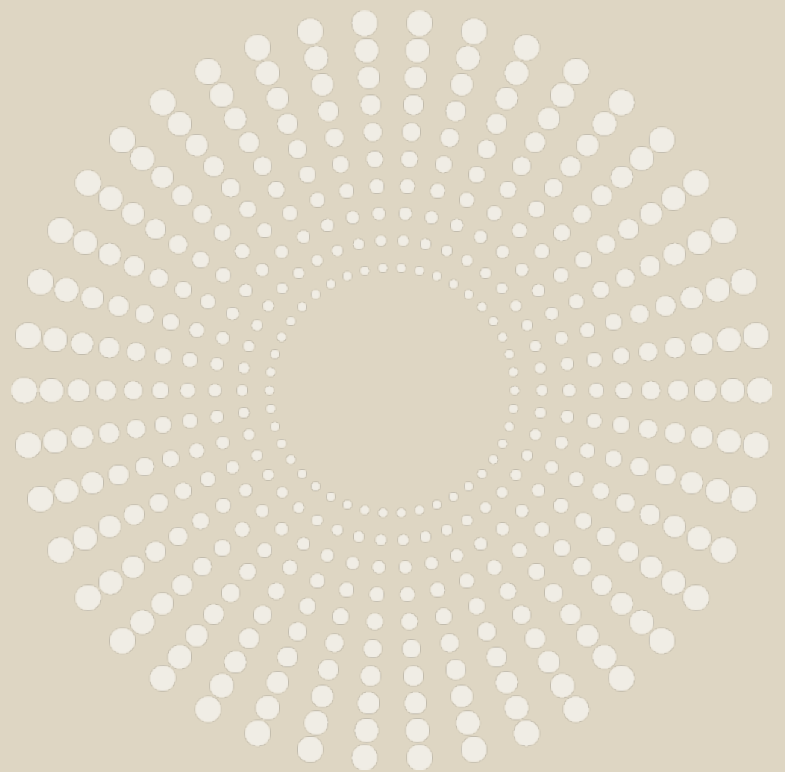
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More than 50 percent of the membership of the LWDB is private sector business leaders. Representatives from various community-based organizations, economic development, educational institutions, elected officials, and organized labor also serve on the board. The LWDB works through a combination of standing committees and ad hoc task forces which may include additional stakeholders and professionals from the community.



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