



Workforce Alliance (WA) Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 • 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Wichita Workforce Center, 2021 N. Amidon, Suite 1100

ZOOM Option: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87012288670>

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Public Comment:** Alana McNary (10:00)
2. **Wichita Workforce Center Remodel Update:** Chad Pettera (10:05)
The Workforce Alliance completed moving administrative offices in March. An update will be provided on the remodel project at the Wichita Workforce Center.
Recommended Action: Receive and file.
3. **Revenue Generation Task Force Update:** Keith Lawing (10:10) (pp. 2-7)
A task force was formed to help coordinate the annual Jobs FORE Youth golf tournament and develop other ways to generate additional funding. An update on task force discussions will be provided.
Recommended action: Workforce Alliance board members assist with outreach for more sponsorships and prizes for the 2026 Jobs FORE Youth Golf Tournament.
4. **Community Impact Project Updates:** Keith Lawing (10:20)
 - Returning Citizens Consortium- Kaufmann Planning Grant
 - Youth Employment Project (YEP) (p. 8)
 - EPA Brownfields Job Training Grant
 - Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)
 - Child Care Employer Solutions Summit**Recommended action:** Take appropriate action.
5. **Increasing Access to Skills Training:** Keith Lawing (10:30) (pp. 9-17)
Federal and State policymakers have expressed interest in getting more job seekers into funded skills training programs and the WA Board will review funding strategies with partners from the Kansas Dept. of Commerce, Kansas Dept. of Children & Families and Wichita Public Schools.
Recommended Action: Request the creation of a multi-agency work group, coordinated through the KANSASWORKS system and Local Workforce Development Boards, to develop recommendations for improving coordination among workforce, education, and financial aid programs and increasing access to skills training opportunities across Kansas.
6. **Workforce Alliance LWDB Board and Committees:** Alana McNary (11:00) (pp. 18-21)
WA Committee assignments are being reviewed and updated for appointment by the WA Board Chair.
Recommended action: Approve Workforce Alliance Committee appointments as presented.
7. **Consent Agenda:** Keith Lawing (11:15)
The action items in the following reports have been reviewed, discussed and acted upon at the Committee level. Members may request discussion on any of the action items at the meeting or the reports may be accepted as presented in a single motion.
 - A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2026 (pp. 22-24)
 - B. Budget Update for Program Year 2025 (p.25)
 - C. LWDB Executive Committee Actions (p. 26)
 - D. Workforce Center Operations and One-Stop Operator Update (pp. 27-33)
 - E. Project Reports - Fair Chance, Registered Apprenticeship and Communications (pp.34-41)**Recommended action:** Approve the recommendations as presented in the consent agenda.
8. **Adjourn** (11:30)

The next WA Board of Directors meeting will be on October 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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Submitted by: Keith Lawing

Item:

Revenue Generation Task Force / 2026 Jobs FORE Youth Golf Tournament

Background:

A task force was formed to help coordinate the annual Jobs FORE Youth golf tournament and develop other ways to generate additional funding outside of the WA's federal program allocations. An update on task force discussions is below.

Analysis:**2026 Jobs FORE Youth Golf Tournament**

Since 2013, the Workforce Alliance has coordinated the Jobs FORE Youth Golf Tournament every year to raise funds for youth employment services and programs. Last year, over \$25,000 was raised to support youth internships and work experiences in South Central Kansas.

- This year's tournament is scheduled for Monday, September 14th at Willowbend Golf Club.
- More sponsors, donations for prizes and giveaways and team registrations are needed. Attached is the event flyer/sponsorship/team registration form.
- Emails have been sent to last year's sponsors, board members and employers asking for sponsorships and registrations; new potential sponsors have also been contacted.
- Event sponsorship fees and team registration fees were increased this year. Initial plan calls for cap of 30 teams compared to 36 last year.
- Course costs will be approximately \$10,000 plus gratuity & tax. Other expenses include participant gifts/prizes (\$4,200), signage (\$400), post tournament refreshments (\$500) for approximate total of \$5,100. Last year, total expenditures were \$17,000.
- Total revenue last year was \$42,125 (includes \$1,775 from mulligan sales and an on-course game).
- Current tournament revenue stands at approximately **\$24,300**; estimated tournament expenses remain approximately **\$17,000**.
- Concern that current projections may not exceed prior-year results unless additional sponsorships are secured.
- Additional course contests, special activities and possible auction-style fundraising rather than solely giving prizes away are potential revenue generators.
- Sponsorship Recruitment - Additional sponsors are needed – Board members are asked to provide outreach within their networks.
 - Need active recruitment of additional Event Sponsors at the \$1,750 sponsorship level. Event Sponsors receive additional exposure through promotional partnerships and media.
 - Staff continue to follow up with traditional sponsors, employers, training partners, community organizations and on new sponsorship prospects.
- Prize Donations - Additional prize donations are needed – Board members are asked to solicit donated items from businesses and community partners for raffles, giveaways, or auctions.

Invited Employer Partners:

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| • Aerospace Turbine Rotables | • CMJ Manufacturing * | • Harlow Aerostructures |
| • Aero-Tech Engineering | • Cox Machine | • Harper Industries |
| • Airbus Americas, Inc. | • Creekstone Farms | • High Touch Technologies |
| • Anchor Fabrication KS | • Design One Upholstery | • HM Dunn |
| • BG Products, Inc. | • Ember Solutions | • IdeaTek |
| • Blake Clotia | • Etezazi | • Integra Technologies |
| • Boeing * | • Fiber Dynamics | • Keycentrix |
| • Bombardier * | • GE Aerospace | • Lawn Buddy |
| | • Hall Industrial Services | |

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| • Metal Finishing | • Novacoast | • The Bradbury Group |
| • Midwest Hemp Technology | • Omni Aerospace | • USIC LLC |
| • Milling Precision Tool | • PB Hoidale | • Vermillion |
| • Netability | • Student Startup | • Yingling Aviation |
| • NIAR * | • TEC Systems | • Youngers & Son's |
| | • Textron Aviation | |

Last Year's Jobs FORE Youth Tournament Sponsors & Teams (2025):

Title Sponsor (\$5,000) Gilley's	Sheet Metal Workers * Spirit AeroSystems (Boeing Wichita) *	PEC * Schaefer Architecture WMA * WSU Tech
Registration Sponsor \$2,000 Meritrust *	Prize Donations Butler Community College Larkspur Vornado WSU	Teams (\$600) Airxcel (2) * Blake Clotia Bombardier (2) * Center Industries * Dondlinger * Goodwill * IMA* Kansas Building Trades * PEC * Remediation Contractors TEC Systems (2) * WSU Tech
Event Sponsors (\$1,500) AGH * Ascension CPRF * Envision * IBEW * KWCH (In-Kind) * Manpower NECA NIAR * Plumbers & Pipefitters Rusty Eck (In-Kind) *	Beverage Cart Sponsors (\$750) Rensenhouse TEC Systems Hole Sponsors (\$500) Foulston Delta Dental of Kansas Fidelity Bank	

* Have committed participation this year.

Current sponsors and team registrations for 2026:

2026 Jobs FORE Youth Tournament Sponsors & Teams	
Presenting Sponsor	Sponsorship Level
1 Meritrust	\$3,000.00
Registration Sponsor	Sponsorship Level
1 Envision	\$2,000.00
Event Sponsors (\$1,750)	Sponsorship Level
1 AGH	\$1,750.00
2 Boeing Wichita	\$1,750.00
3 CPRF	\$1,750.00
4 KWCH (In-Kind)	-
5 Rusty Eck (In-Kind)	-
Total Event Sponsors	\$5,250.00
Prize Donations	
Beverage Cart Sponsors	
	Sponsorship Level
Forvis Mazars	\$1,000.00
Total Beverage Cart Sponsors	\$1,000.00

Hole Sponsors		Sponsorship Level
Credit Union of America		\$250.00
PEC *		\$200.00
NIAR *		\$200.00
Sheet Metal Workers *		\$200.00
South Central Building Trades Council *		\$200.00
WMA		\$250.00
<i>Total Hole sponsors</i>		<i>\$1,300.00</i>
Total Sponsorships		\$12,550.00
Team Registrations		
1	Airxcel # 1	\$850.00
2	Airxcel # 2	\$850.00
3	Center Industries	\$850.00
4	Dondlinger Construction	\$850.00
5	Goodwill	\$850.00
6	IBEW #1	\$850.00
7	IBEW #2	\$850.00
8	IBEW #3	\$850.00
9	IBEW #4	\$850.00
10	IBEW #5	\$850.00
11	IMA	\$850.00
12	NIAR *	\$800.00
13	PEC *	\$800.00
14	Sheet Metal Workers *	\$800.00
15	South Central Building Trades Council *	\$800.00
<i>Total Registration</i>		<i>\$12,550.00</i>
GRAND TOTAL		\$25,100.00

* *Hole Sponsor/Team Registration Combo*

Additional Fundraising Events

The task force discussed establishing a second annual fundraising event targeted for 2027.

- Goals include diversifying revenue streams and creating opportunities for supporters who may not participate in golf events.
- Consensus emerged around beginning planning now and implementing in 2027.
- Potential fundraising event concepts - Examples of successful regional fundraising events:
 - Annual breakfasts
 - Community luncheons
 - Gala dinners
 - Recognition and awards programs
 - Bingo events
 - Food-focused fundraisers
 - Walks and community engagement events
- Proposed WA "State of the Workforce" event featuring:
 - Workforce data and labor market insights
 - Program outcomes and annual achievements

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Submitted by: Keith Lawing

- Community recognition awards
- Sponsorship and table sales
- Concerns about introducing another traditional gala-style fundraiser into an already crowded local event calendar.
- “Gilley’s Night” Partnership Opportunity
 - Interest in pursuing a partnership with Gilley’s as a potential venue and fundraising partner.
 - Members felt a unique, activity-based event could differentiate the WA from traditional fundraising dinners and galas. Concept offers both novelty and strong community appeal.

Additional Revenue - Grants

- Staff are actively pursuing grant funding opportunities.
- Multiple grant applications have recently been submitted.
- Additional grant opportunities are pending, with expected decision timelines later in the year.
- Grant development remains an important component of the WA's overall revenue strategy.

Recommended Action: *Workforce Alliance board members assist with outreach for more sponsorships and prizes for the 2026 Jobs FORE Youth Golf Tournament.*



2026 Jobs FORE Youth Golf Tournament

Presented by:



Monday • September 14

Willowbend Golf Club - 8001 E. Mulberry Dr., Wichita

7:30 AM Breakfast / Registration - 9:00 AM Tee Off

**HIT THE LINKS AND HELP PROVIDE A FIRST JOB
OR VALUABLE WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE**



THIS TOURNAMENT HELPS FUND THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

How the Youth Employment Project Benefits Young Workers:

- Direct connections to local businesses and industries through work-based learning opportunities with high schools in South-Central Kansas
- Development of paid internships for high school students
- No-cost workshop offerings educating youth on workplace etiquette, financial literacy, and finding employment

*For more information please contact Shirley Lindhorst
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Thank you for helping to provide a first job
or work-based learning experience!

7:30 AM Breakfast /Registration - 9:00 AM Tee Off

Monday, September 14, 2026

Willowbend Golf Club, Wichita

Meritrust Presenting
CREDIT UNION SM Sponsor

Fill out the form
below or online



- ☐ Event Sponsor: \$1,750 (Includes Team: \$850 value, logo on website, social media at event & KWCH ads)
- ☐ Beverage Cart Sponsor: \$1,000 - Logo displayed on website, social media & on the course
- ☐ Prize Sponsor: Donated Items: _____ - Logo displayed on website, social media & prize table
- ☐ Hole Sponsor: \$250 - Logo displayed on website, social media & hole sign at tee box
- ☐ Team Registration: \$850 -18 hole green fees, cart, breakfast/refreshments, contests, 2 beverage tickets & gift (included with Event Sponsorship)
- ☐ Team / Hole Sponsorship Package: \$1,000 - Incl. Team (\$850 value) & sign w/logo at tee box (\$250 value)

Team Members: (1) _____ (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____

- ☐ I would be interested in providing or sponsoring a work experience opportunity for a youth.

Contact Information:

Contact Name

Organization

Address

City, State

Zip Code

E-Mail

Payment Options:

- ☐ Check enclosed: Payable to Workforce Alliance, P. O. Box 4043, Wichita, KS 67204
- ☐ Please invoice my organization at the address above ☐ Tax deductible receipt requested
- ☐ To pay by credit card/QuickBooks invoice please email Shirley Lindhorst at: slindhorst@workforce-ks.com
(A QuickBooks invoice will be emailed to you.)



Youth Employment Project (YEP) 2026 Outcomes

As of 7/6/2026

Measure	2026 Actual	2026 Goal	2025 Actual
Total Young Adults Served	5,368	5,500	5,274
Total Employment	1,500	2,200	2,196
Wages Earned (estimated)	n/a	\$3,200,000	\$3,155,040
Internships (Paid and unpaid)	315	600	575
Businesses Providing Internships	30	90	80
Workshop Participation	674	775	764
Badges Awarded	2,022	2,400	2,292
Camp HYPE Participation	76	200	163
Employer Engagement	248	400	244
Job Fairs	21	20	20
Job Fair Attendance by Young Adults	4,311	2,500	2,423
Job Fair Attendance by Employers	240	250	196
Events (Outreach, Job Fair, Workshop)	115	120	110
Schools and Districts Engagement	50 schools in 24 districts	40 schools in 27 districts	40 schools in 27 districts
Counties Engaged	7	8	6
WIOA Referrals	15	20	15

CAMP HYPE

6/1-6/4	Ascension Via Christi HYPE
6/15-6/18	Sumner County HYPE
6/22-6/25	Trade Skills HYPE
6/29-7/2	Public Safety
7/6-7/9	WCH Public Safety HYPE
7/13-7/16	Technology and Finance HYPE
7/20-7/23	Boeing HYPE
7/27-7/30	Textron HYPE
8/3-8/6	McConnell AFB HYPE

Item

Increasing Access to Skills Training

Background

State and federal policymakers continue to emphasize increasing the number of job seekers participating in skills training that leads to industry-recognized credentials and employment in high-demand occupations. In June 2026, the KANSASWORKS State Board adopted a new Workforce Services Training Expenditure Policy establishing minimum training expenditure requirements for WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs beginning October 1, 2026.

While the Workforce Alliance supports expanding access to skills training, WIOA Title I funding represents only one component of Kansas' broader workforce and postsecondary education system. Federal workforce, education, financial aid, vocational rehabilitation, human services, and correctional education programs collectively provide numerous funding opportunities for occupational training. The attached Kansas Skills Training Funding Inventory illustrates how these resources are administered across multiple agencies and organizations and highlights the importance of coordination among partners.

Analysis

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) established Local Workforce Development Boards to coordinate the public workforce system, align partner resources, and improve access to education, training, and employment opportunities through the KANSASWORKS one-stop delivery system. Federal law further requires WIOA training funds to supplement—not supplant—other available financial assistance, including Pell Grants and other eligible funding sources, reinforcing Congress' intent that workforce boards braid multiple funding streams to maximize access to training.

Representatives from the Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas Department for Children and Families, Wichita Public Schools, and other workforce partners have been invited to participate in a roundtable discussion with the Workforce Alliance Board. The discussion will focus on identifying opportunities to strengthen cross-program referrals, improve coordination among funding sources, expand access to short-term and credential-based training, and develop recommendations that increase participation in skills training while making more effective use of existing federal and state resources.

Recommended Action

Request the creation of a multi-agency work group, coordinated through the KANSASWORKS system and Local Workforce Development Boards, to develop recommendations for improving coordination among workforce, education, and financial aid programs and increasing access to skills training opportunities across Kansas.



Kansas Skills Training Funding Inventory
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July 22, 2026

Kansas' workforce education and skills development system is highly decentralized. Federal workforce, education, human services, vocational rehabilitation, corrections, financial aid, and economic development resources are administered by multiple state agencies, local workforce development boards, educational institutions, and community organizations. Together, these programs represent hundreds of millions of dollars invested annually in preparing Kansans for employment and meeting the workforce needs of employers.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) provides the nation's primary framework for workforce development, but it represents only one component of the broader workforce and postsecondary education system. Likewise, Pell Grants, the Kansas Promise Act, Perkins Career and Technical Education, Adult Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, SNAP Employment and Training, correctional education, and numerous other federal and state programs each support skills development through separate funding streams administered by different agencies.

Recognizing this complexity, Congress designed WIOA not simply as a funding source, but as a governance framework intended to align workforce, education, and economic development resources around regional labor market needs. Through the public workforce system and the KANSASWORKS one-stop delivery network, Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) are responsible for bringing together employers, education providers, workforce partners, and community organizations to coordinate services, leverage resources, and improve workforce outcomes.

Federal law further reinforces this coordinated approach by requiring WIOA training funds to supplement, not supplant, other available financial assistance, including Pell Grants and other federal and state education aid. WIOA Title I resources are intended to serve as the funding source of last resort for occupational skills training after other available grant assistance has been considered, while ensuring participants are not delayed from beginning training. This structure reflects Congress' intent that workforce boards braid multiple funding sources to maximize access to training rather than relying on a single program.

The attached tables and summaries of education and skills training resources illustrates how these are distributed across numerous state agencies and partner organizations in Kansas. It also demonstrates why policies focused on increasing expenditures from a single funding stream, such as WIOA Title I, are unlikely to substantially increase statewide participation in skills training on their own. Lasting improvements will depend upon stronger collaboration, resource alignment, and coordinated investment across the entire workforce and postsecondary education system.

WIOA Framework and the role of Local Workforce Development Boards

LWDBs were established to serve as regional conveners and strategic leaders for workforce development. While the Boards directly administer WIOA Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth funding, Congress envisioned a much broader role. Through the KANSASWORKS one-stop delivery system, LWDBs are responsible for coordinating workforce, education, vocational rehabilitation, adult education, and other partner programs to create an integrated workforce system that responds to the unique needs of regional employers and job seekers.

Rather than operating as a stand-alone funding source, WIOA is designed to align and braid multiple federal, state, local, and private resources to maximize participant access to education, skills training, supportive services, and employment opportunities. Federal regulations further require WIOA training funds to supplement, not supplant, other available training assistance, including Pell Grants and other federal or state financial aid, making WIOA the "last-dollar" funding source whenever practicable.¹

LWDBs are therefore charged with aligning diverse funding sources, coordinating service delivery among required one-stop partners, engaging employers, and developing workforce strategies based on local labor market conditions. Kansas' skills training investments are distributed across numerous agencies and funding streams. Improving statewide participation in workforce training will depend less on increasing expenditures from any single program and more on strengthening collaboration, alignment, and resource coordination across the entire workforce and postsecondary education system.

WIOA Title	Lead State Agency	Local Administrator	Primary Purpose
Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker & Youth	Kansas Department of Commerce	Three Local Workforce Development Boards	Employment, occupational training, supportive services, work-based learning
Title II Adult Education & Family Literacy	Kansas Board of Regents	Adult Education providers, community & technical colleges	Basic skills, GED, English language, Integrated Education & Training
Title III Wagner-Peyser	Kansas Department of Commerce	KANSASWORKS Workforce Centers	Labor exchange, career services, assessments, referrals
Title IV Vocational Rehabilitation	Kansas Department for Children and Families	Vocational Rehabilitation offices	Training and employment services for individuals with disabilities

¹ 20 CFR § 680.230.

1. WIOA funds are limited when other grant assistance is available

"WIOA funding for training is limited to participants who:

(1) Are unable to obtain grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of their training; or

(2) Require assistance beyond that available under grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of such training."

2. One-Stop Centers must coordinate all available funding

"One-stop centers must coordinate training funds available... [and] consider the availability of other sources of grants to pay for training costs such as... Federal Pell Grants, so that WIOA funds supplement other sources of training grants."

Kansas Skills Training Funding Inventory

The following inventory identifies the principal federal and state workforce education and skills training resources currently available in Kansas and the agencies responsible for administering them. While not intended to be an exhaustive listing of every workforce-related grant or initiative, it illustrates the breadth of programs supporting skills development and the decentralized nature of their administration. This inventory reinforces the importance of collaboration, coordinated service delivery, and resource alignment to maximize access to education, skills training, and employment opportunities for Kansans.

Program	Administering Agency	Primary Local Delivery
WIOA Adult/Dislocated Worker/Youth	Kansas Department of Commerce	Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDB)
Wagner-Peyser Employment Services	Kansas Department of Commerce	KANSASWORKS Workforce Centers
Registered Apprenticeship Expansion	Kansas Department of Commerce/Kansas Office of Apprenticeship	Employers, intermediaries including the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, colleges
Incumbent Worker Training	Kansas Department of Commerce & LWDBs	Employers
Jobs for Veterans State Grant	Kansas Department of Commerce	KANSASWORKS Workforce Centers
Federal Bonding	Kansas Department of Commerce	KANSASWORKS Workforce Centers
Adult Education (AEFLA)/IET/AO-K	Kansas Board of Regents	Adult Education providers & colleges
Perkins Career & Technical Education	Kansas Board of Regents	Community & Technical Colleges
Vocational Rehabilitation	Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF)	VR Offices
SNAP Employment & Training	Kansas Department for Children and Families	DCF, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, &partners
TANF Employment Services	Kansas Department for Children and Families	DCF & partners
On-the-Job Training	Local Workforce Development Boards	Employers
SCSEP	U.S. DOL grantees	Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas and National Grantees
Ticket to Work	Social Security Employment Networks	Kansas Department of Commerce and Approved providers
Correctional Education	Kansas Department of Corrections	Correctional facilities & colleges
Reentry Workforce Programs	KDOC & Local Workforce Boards	Reentry partners including the Workforce Alliance
Second Chance Act Grants	KDOC/DOJ grantees	Local partners

Pell Grants, Kansas Promise Act, Excel in CTE

The Federal Pell Grant Program is the nation's largest source of need-based financial aid for postsecondary education and workforce training. Pell Grants are awarded directly to eligible students and can be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and certain living expenses at approved colleges and eligible short-term workforce training programs. Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Pell Grants and other available financial aid must be considered before WIOA Title I training funds are used, making Pell an important component of the overall workforce funding system rather than a separate or competing resource.

Workforce Pell is a federal initiative that expands Pell Grant eligibility to students enrolled in high-quality, short-term workforce training programs that lead to industry-recognized credentials and employment in high-demand occupations. Beginning July 1, 2026, eligible programs between 8 and 15 weeks in length may qualify for Pell Grant funding if they meet federal quality, completion, and earnings requirements. Workforce Pell is expected to significantly expand access to short-term occupational training while further reinforcing the role of Pell Grants as a primary funding source for workforce education before WIOA Title I training funds are utilized.

The Kansas Promise Scholarship Act is a state-funded financial aid program that helps Kansans earn certificates and degrees in high-demand, high-wage occupations at eligible community colleges, technical colleges, and Washburn Institute of Technology. The program covers tuition, fees, books, and required materials after other available federal and state financial aid has been applied, making it a "last-dollar" scholarship similar in concept to WIOA training funds. While administered separately through the Kansas Board of Regents and participating institutions, the Promise Scholarship represents another important component of Kansas' broader workforce and skills training investment.

The Kansas Excel in Career Technical Education (Excel in CTE) Initiative is a state-funded program that enables Kansas high school students to earn tuition-free college credit in approved career and technical education courses offered by the state's public community and technical colleges. Established by Senate Bill 155 in 2012, the program expands access to high-demand career pathways, industry-recognized credentials, and postsecondary certificates while reducing the cost of college for students. Administered by the Kansas Board of Regents in partnership with local school districts and postsecondary institutions, Excel in CTE is a key component of Kansas' workforce development strategy and serves as an important talent pipeline for employers across the state.

KBOR Percentage of Pell Recipients System-wide

		Academic Year					
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Institution Type	Institution						
State Universities	Emporia State University	35.4%	33.7%	34.2%	34.5%	35.4%	38.5%
	Fort Hays State University	26.6%	23.2%	22.1%	22.1%	22.7%	26.4%
	Kansas State University	22.5%	21.2%	20.7%	20.4%	21.7%	25.5%
	Pittsburg State University	35.0%	33.6%	31.4%	30.1%	32.0%	36.7%
	University of Kansas	21.8%	21.3%	20.9%	21.1%	22.0%	24.4%
	University of Kansas Medical Center	25.2%	22.8%	23.3%	22.7%	26.0%	29.0%
	Wichita State University	35.7%	34.9%	35.0%	35.6%	37.8%	43.4%
	Total	26.9%	25.4%	24.8%	24.8%	26.0%	29.6%
Municipal University	Washburn University	35.4%	33.5%	35.6%	36.5%	39.7%	44.9%
	Total	35.4%	33.5%	35.6%	36.5%	39.7%	44.9%
Community Colleges	Allen Community College	25.9%	28.3%	26.3%	26.5%	26.1%	28.8%
	Barton Community College	26.6%	26.4%	31.0%	34.0%	33.9%	33.3%
	Butler Community College	37.0%	35.4%	35.7%	37.5%	40.4%	44.4%
	Cloud County Community College	41.5%	42.6%	43.1%	42.4%	42.6%	48.5%
	Coffeyville Community College	53.0%	48.3%	47.9%	48.3%	48.6%	53.8%
	Colby Community College	32.5%	32.0%	38.5%	33.1%	34.5%	37.5%
	Cowley Community College	42.1%	40.8%	43.2%	46.4%	47.5%	52.3%
	Dodge City Community College	40.1%	35.1%	34.3%	31.1%	29.9%	31.6%
	Fort Scott Community College	45.0%	42.6%	43.6%	42.3%	42.8%	36.3%
	Garden City Community College	42.6%	37.9%	35.3%	38.3%	38.0%	40.8%
	Highland Community College	29.2%	26.8%	25.5%	22.0%	24.3%	28.2%
	Hutchinson Community College	38.8%	35.2%	37.8%	37.4%	38.8%	41.1%
	Independence Community College	58.8%	54.1%	61.8%	59.0%	57.8%	58.3%
	Johnson County Community College	24.3%	23.1%	24.0%	25.4%	26.8%	31.2%
	Kansas City Kansas Community College	43.3%	41.7%	45.0%	43.4%	42.3%	43.1%
	Labette Community College	47.0%	43.3%	37.9%	39.4%	38.6%	40.8%
	Neosho County Community College	37.6%	35.6%	31.9%	37.0%	36.0%	38.1%
	Pratt Community College	39.3%	39.3%	35.0%	34.2%	33.8%	38.4%
	Seward County Community College	35.1%	35.0%	33.7%	34.0%	35.2%	35.7%
	Total	34.6%	32.8%	33.7%	34.3%	35.2%	38.0%
Technical Colleges	Flint Hills Technical College	51.4%	38.4%	41.4%	40.3%	39.5%	47.5%
	Fort Hays Tech North Central	45.9%	45.6%	42.5%	38.1%	41.6%	46.9%
	Fort Hays Tech Northwest	54.0%	47.7%	42.2%	47.9%	54.6%	54.9%
	Manhattan Area Technical College	32.5%	30.7%	32.4%	30.0%	31.3%	36.7%
	Salina Area Technical College	35.1%	33.6%	33.2%	30.8%	33.4%	32.5%
	Washburn Institute of Technology	28.0%	30.2%	29.4%	30.1%	28.2%	35.0%
	WSU Tech	49.1%	46.8%	44.8%	45.7%	48.4%	55.7%
	Total	44.1%	42.0%	40.4%	40.8%	42.9%	48.6%
System Total		31.2%	29.4%	29.5%	29.8%	31.0%	34.5%

KBOR Kansas Promise Act Award Recipient Headcount

In total, there were 2,746 Promise Act recipients in AY 2025 and 1,298 recipients completed a program.

	Promise Award Recipients	Credit Hours	Full-Time Equivalent	Total Tuition and Fees	Promise Scholarship Award	Other Aid Excluding Loans and Work Study
Community Colleges						
Allen Community College	20	231	8	\$34,468	\$29,188	\$5,280
Barton Community College	49	837	28	\$149,539	\$119,927	\$29,612
Butler Community College	312	4,933	164	\$899,652	\$771,186	\$128,515
Cloud County Community College	17	391	13	\$76,393	\$65,958	\$14,163
Coffeyville Community College	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
Colby Community College	16	306	10	\$82,884	\$53,623	\$28,640
Cowley Community College	151	2,584	86	\$510,120	\$409,087	\$102,130
Dodge City Community College	11	224	8	\$48,371	\$31,993	\$18,378
Fort Scott Community College	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
Garden City Community College	23	561	19	\$100,748	\$63,423	\$38,884
Highland Community College	69	1,176	39	\$462,074	\$341,380	\$120,554
Hutchinson Community College	139	2,484	83	\$452,383	\$353,596	\$98,875
Johnson County Community College	239	3,992	133	\$635,870	\$527,625	\$108,492
Kansas City Kansas Community College	23	402	13	\$34,394	\$66,260	\$4,303
Labette Community College	11	183	6	\$44,182	\$35,520	\$9,818
Neosho County Community College	119	1,719	57	\$452,062	\$374,880	\$78,965
Pratt Community College	47	1,366	46	\$320,090	\$235,058	\$85,032
Seward County Community College	27	420	14	\$103,148	\$67,217	\$35,931
Community Colleges Total	1,283	22,005	734	\$4,446,600	\$3,572,585	\$923,309

	Promise Award Recipients	Credit Hours	Full-Time Equivalent	Total Tuition and Fees	Promise Scholarship Award	Other Aid Excluding Loans and Work Study
Technical Colleges						
Flint Hills Technical College	99	2,015	67	\$766,269	\$479,498	\$271,870
Fort Hays Tech North Central	127	3,307	110	\$1,244,762	\$760,443	\$483,254
Fort Hays Tech Northwest	43	1,288	43	\$394,229	\$238,030	\$156,199
Manhattan Area Technical College	77	2,204	74	\$988,309	\$718,285	\$253,874
Salina Area Technical College	140	2,921	97	\$1,275,038	\$821,519	\$452,292
Washburn Institute of Technology	93	1,867	62	\$481,334	\$317,228	\$166,028
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	708	15,165	506	\$5,219,236	\$3,076,504	\$2,120,380
Technical Colleges Total	1,287	28,767	959	\$10,369,177	\$6,411,507	\$3,903,898

KBOR Excel in CTE Outcomes

Postsecondary career technical education has experienced significant growth in the number of students participating in technical courses, the college credit hours generated, and credentials earned by students in high school since the inception of the initiative in 2012.

Category	201-2011 (Baseline)	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2024	2024- 2025
Participating Headcount	3,474	13,675	13,934	12,529	13,712	15,264	16,242	17,638
College Credit Hours Generated	28,000	105,084	109,226	98,681	105,509	115,517	126,856	139,763
Industry-Recognized Certifications (IRC) Earned	NA	1,803	1,631	981	1,656	1,636	1,418	1,917
Postsecondary Awards Earned	NA	3,890	3,477	3,593	3,245	3,696	4,325	*

*Totals not available until Summer 2026

- Approximately 30% of participants earn a college-level certificate or degree while still in high school.
- Nearly two-thirds of Excel in CTE students pursue further college education, achieving credit and degree attainment compared to traditional CTE students.
- Excel in CTE credits are associated with higher employment and an increase in annual wages of approximately \$3,500.
- The program contributes to workforce development by supplying talent to Kansas businesses.

July 22, 2026

Submitted by: Keith Lawing

Item:

Workforce Alliance Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) Committee Appointments

Background:

To support effective governance, oversight, and Board engagement, the Workforce Alliance (WA) Board Chair appoints members to the Board's standing committees and special task forces. Committee appointments are reviewed annually to ensure they reflect the Board's membership, expertise, and strategic priorities. A summary of the current standing committees and active task force is attached.

Analysis:

Committee membership and leadership are reviewed annually and updated as needed. All WA Board members are encouraged to serve on at least one committee based on their interests, experience, and expertise. Committee membership is not limited to Board members, and representatives from partner organizations, employers, and community leaders may also serve when appropriate.

The WA Board also wishes to recognize and express its appreciation for the leadership and dedicated service of Vice Chair Scott Stiles, whose contributions to the organization and Board governance were greatly valued.

Following Scott's passing, a vacancy exists in the Board's officer positions. In accordance with the WA Bylaws, Board Chair Alana McNary is recommending the appointment of Luis Rodriguez to serve as Vice Chair for the remainder of the current officer term, which expires June 30, 2027. Consistent with the Board's governance structure, the Vice Chair also serves as Chair of the Finance Committee.

As part of the annual committee review, Chair McNary is also recommending several additional committee appointments to align Board member expertise with committee responsibilities. A small number of committee assignments remain under consideration and will be brought forward at a future meeting as needed.

Anyone interested in serving on a WA Board committee should reach out to Chair Alana McNary or Keith Lawing.

2026 WA Committee Appointments:**Executive Committee**

- Luis Rodriguez, TEC Systems, Vice Chair
- Chip Schellhorn, CMJ Manufacturing
- Alex Munoz, Creekstone Farms

Finance Committee

- Luis Rodriguez, Chair
- Jill Kuehny, Kanokla Networks

Youth Employment Committee

- Cheryl Childers, Cox Machine, Chair
- Levi Stanyer, WSU Tech

Program Operations & Performance Committee

- *Appointments pending*

Recommended Action: *Approve Workforce Alliance Committee appointments as presented.*



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Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas Board of Directors Committees July 2026

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 -

Alana McNary, Professional Engineering Consultants (WA Board Vice Chair)
Cheryl Childers, Cox Machine (WA Board)
Michele Gifford, Textron Aviation (WA Board)
Commissioner Jim Howell, Sedgwick County (CEOB)
Kathy Jewett, HR Consultant (WA Board)
Patrick Jonas, Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation (WA Board)
Alex Munoz, Creekstone Farms (WA Board)
Tony Naylor, Wichita Electrical Joint Apprenticeship & Training (WA Board)
Luis Rodriguez, TEC Systems (WA Board Vice Chair)
Chip Schellhorn, CMJ Manufacturing (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)
Marcus Curran, Sheet Metal Workers (WA Board)
Erica Ramos, Kansas Department of Commerce (WA Board /WIOA Title III Partner)

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 -

Luis Rodriguez, TEC Systems (Committee Chair, WA Board)
Kathy Jewett, Human Resources Consultant (WA Board)
Jill Kuehny, Kanokla (WA Board)
Brian Miles, Bank of America (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 -

Cheryl Childers, Cox Machine (Committee Chair, WA Board)
Tyrone Baker, YMCA
Laura Barker, Wichita Public Schools
Jordan Buxton, Circle Public Schools Board of Education
Jakobe Davidson, Spirit AeroSystems (Employer Partner)
Derek Foust, Butler Community College
Robert Garner, Youth Horizons
Stacia Kaylor, Textron Aviation
Debbie Kennedy, Wichita Children's Home
Brittini Mayagoitia, Ascension Via Christi
Alana McNary, Professional Engineering Consultants (WA Board)
Sally Stang, City of Wichita (WA Board)
Levi Stanyer, WSU Tech
Amy Williams, Kansas Leadership Center



Workforce Alliance (WA) Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2026

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Workforce Alliance (WA) Board met in person at the Wichita Workforce Center and virtually via Zoom. Chair Alana McNary called the meeting to order and asked for self-introductions.

2. Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

3. Wichita Workforce Center Remodel Update

The WA completed moving administrative offices from the Garvey Center downtown to the Workforce Center in March. An update was provided on the remodel project at the Workforce Center.

- Construction is progressing well; security upgrades, offices, and conference space underway.
- Projected completion is early to mid-May.
- ADA sliding doors have extended lead times; installation will occur post-construction.
- Staff will share photos of progress with the board.
- Butler County (El Dorado) Workforce Center
 - Decision made to end the current lease after long-term operation.
 - WA is exploring lower-cost options to maintain a physical presence, including partnerships with the El Dorado Chamber / El Dorado Inc. or public library.
- The goal is to minimize costs while maintaining accessibility.

Report was received and filed.

4. National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Forum 2026

Board members Alana McNary and Cheryl Childers and staff Keith Lawing and Amanda Duncan will attend the annual National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Forum in March and discussed some highlights and takeaways from the event.

- Key themes:
 - AI and workforce implications
 - Youth engagement (“Youth are 25% of the population, 100% of the future”)
 - Board effectiveness and storytelling of what the workforce development system does.
 - Library partnerships as access points
- Emphasis on improving communication of Workforce Alliance’s impact and success stories.

Report was received and filed.

5. State Proposed Training Expenditure Policy

The WA provided comments on a policy proposed by the Kansas Department of Commerce and the KansasWorks State Workforce Board that could have unintended consequences to “One-Stop” operations and support for skills training opportunities.

- WA policy comments stressed:
 - WIOA funds support operations
 - Significant training is funded through leveraged, non-WIOA sources
- State Workforce Board deferred action after reviewing public comments. Follow-up meeting scheduled for June 2.
- Potential Statewide Workforce System Consolidation
 - Discussion of possible move to a single statewide system.
 - Strong opposition expressed due to risk of reduced local responsiveness and funding leverage.

- Board encouraged proactive outreach to gubernatorial candidates and legislators.
Report was received and filed.

6. Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Memorandum of Understanding for Required Partners

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between WIOA the WA and WIOA mandated partners is expiring and is in the process of being renewed for PY26.

- The current agreement expires June 30, 2026.
- Executive Committee reviewed and approved the updated MOU draft for public comment at its April meeting.

B.J. Moore (Robyn Heinz) moved to approve publication of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) One Stop Partner Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for public comment. Motion adopted.

7. Revenue Generation Task Force Update

A task force was formed to help coordinate the annual Jobs FORE Youth golf tournament and develop other ways to generate additional funding outside of the WA's federal program allocations. An update on task force discussions was provided.

- Annual Jobs for Youth Golf Tournament on September 14, 2026 at Willowbend Golf Club
 - Changes for 2026
 - Increase team cost to approximately \$850
 - Add bundled sponsorship options
 - Limit to 32 teams
- Additional Revenue Ideas Discussed
 - Team-building events (stadium batting cages, pickleball, cornhole)
 - Gala or recognition-based event
 - Youth-focused fundraising concept
 - Lunch & Learn series
 - Facility rentals and enhanced fee-for-service models
- Task Force will return with recommendations at the July board meeting.

Report was received and filed.

8. Community Impact Projects Updates

Keith Lawing provided a review of current WA projects.

- Kaufmann Returning Citizen Consortium (RCC) Planning Grant (renamed Kansas Restorative & Opportunity Network (KRON))
 - The WA with its workforce board counterpart in Kansas City, Workforce Partnership, submitted an application to the Kauffman Foundation on a plan to improve employment support for justice-involved individuals (JII)/Returning Citizens.
 - A decision is expected soon and if awarded, the grant would begin in July 2026 to assist JII in the Wichita and Kansas City area gain employment and provide services to address barriers to employment. A one-page summary of the program was provided to the Committee for review.
 - The WA in partnership with the Wichita Chamber Advisory Board will host an outreach event on May 15, 2026 at the Workforce Center to educate employers about the program. Board members are invited to attend and an invitation will go out soon.
- Youth Employment Project (YEP) - The WA was a partner in a regional career exploration and job fair occurred on April 22nd at Century II. 40 area high schools were invited to bring seniors to the event to talk to employers about jobs and sophomores to meet with employers to explore career options. 80 employers from different industry sectors were anticipated with thousands of students expected.
- Home Base Wichita (HBW) – The program designed to keep service members and their families in

the region once they separate from the military is still active, but there are funding issues. Staff are working with the Wichita Chamber's Military Affairs Committee on ways to align programs.

- EPA Brownfields Job Training Grant – This two year, \$500,000 USDOL grant funds training for environmental related careers continues to receive referrals and applications.
- Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) This three year, \$500,000 USDOL program helps unhoused veterans find meaningful employment. The program is receiving an increase in referrals.
- Child Care Employer Solutions Summit – In partnership with a local coalition, events have been held to bring employers, policy leaders, and community partners together to develop actionable solutions that address childcare challenges in the community. The next event tentatively scheduled for May 20, 2026 will include a speaker that is an employer currently working within a child care tri-share model. The goal is to gain community support and obtain policymaker involvement.

Report was received and filed.

9. **Consent Agenda**

Approval of meeting minutes from January 28, 2026, budget update for program year 2025, LWDB Executive Committee actions since the board meeting, Workforce Center operations and one-stop operator update and WA program reports (Fair Chance, Registered Apprenticeship (RA) and Communications) were presented to the Board for review and approval. A new federal reimbursement RA program (\$3,500 per apprentice) has been implemented to incentivize employers to create and maintain RA's. As an intermediary, the WA has just executed its first contract under this model and receives 10%.

Scott Stiles (Robyn Heinz) moved to approve the action items recommended in the Consent agenda. Motion adopted.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17.

Attendees

Present LWDB Members

- Dr. Tamara Daniel via Zoom
- Robyn Heinz
- Eric Hunt via Zoom
- Pat Jonas via Zoom
- Alana McNary
- Brian Miles via Zoom
- B.J. Moore
- Alex Munoz via Zoom
- Erica Ramos
- Chip Schellhorn
- Dr. Michelle Schoon via Zoom
- Sally Stang via Zoom
- Scott Stiles
- Dr. Sheree Utash via Zoom
- Lisa Whitley via Zoom

Guests & Staff

- Keith Lawing
- Shirley Lindhorst
- Chad Pettera
- Tyrone Baker, YMCA via Zoom
- Peter Bodyk, DCF via Zoom
- Susanne Murphy, SPEEA

Workforce Alliance Consolidated Budget PY25

July 2025 - June 2026

Expenditures Through 5/31/2026														
WIOA						Community Impact Funds					Consolidated			
		May	YTD	% Budget		May	YTD	% Budget		May	YTD	% Budget		
Category	Budget	Expenditures	Expenditures	Remaining		Budget	Expenditures	Expenditures	Remaining	Budget	Expenditures	Expenditures	Remaining	
Wages	\$ 1,675,282	\$ 93,220	\$ 1,106,871	34%		\$ 1,149,341	\$ 112,348	\$ 1,301,527	-13%	\$ 2,824,623	\$ 205,568	\$ 2,408,398	15%	
Fringe	\$ 412,880	\$ 31,669	\$ 299,371	27%		\$ 282,472	\$ 26,122	\$ 265,734	6%	\$ 695,352	\$ 57,791	\$ 565,105	19%	
Facilities	\$ 262,996	\$ 49,847	\$ 347,436	-32%		\$ 141,360	\$ 20,364	\$ 121,956	14%	\$ 404,356	\$ 70,211	\$ 469,392	-16%	
Contract/Pro Fees	\$ 58,685	\$ 4,682	\$ 74,574	-27%		\$ 31,063	\$ (2,592)	\$ 42,257	-36%	\$ 89,748	\$ 2,090	\$ 116,831	-30%	
Supplies/Equipment	\$ 28,049	\$ 8,663	\$ 35,313	-26%		\$ 22,325	\$ (1,662)	\$ 29,312	-31%	\$ 50,374	\$ 7,001	\$ 64,625	-28%	
IT	\$ 88,800	\$ 3,507	\$ 52,314	41%		\$ 67,290	\$ (2,901)	\$ 65,632	2%	\$ 156,090	\$ 606	\$ 117,946	24%	
Outreach/Cap Building	\$ 31,120	\$ 16,443	\$ 32,767	-5%		\$ 78,010	\$ 28,701	\$ 117,199	-50%	\$ 109,130	\$ 45,144	\$ 149,966	-37%	
Travel/Conferences	\$ 44,568	\$ 1,643	\$ 28,902	35%		\$ 35,860	\$ 5,072	\$ 45,656	-27%	\$ 80,428	\$ 6,715	\$ 74,558	7%	
Grants Awarded	\$ 185,000	\$ 5,231	\$ 37,220	80%		\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 133,447	-78%	\$ 260,000	\$ 5,231	\$ 170,667	34%	
Staff Development	\$ 7,890	\$ -	\$ 1,752	78%		\$ 12,050	\$ 5,787	\$ 6,996	42%	\$ 19,940	\$ 5,787	\$ 8,748	56%	
Indirect	\$ 302,184	\$ 30,116	\$ 186,409	38%		\$ 295,000	\$ 366	\$ 291,615	1%	\$ 597,184	\$ 30,482	\$ 478,024	20%	
Misc/Dep/Int	\$ -			0%		\$ 27,000	\$ -	\$ 19,530	28%	\$ 27,000	\$ -	\$ 19,530	28%	
Work Experience	\$ 862,749	\$ 62,323	\$ 561,934	35%		\$ 325,000	\$ -	\$ 401,051	-23%	\$ 1,187,749	\$ 62,323	\$ 962,985	19%	
On The Job Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 765,250	\$ -	\$ 254,164	67%	\$ 765,250	\$ -	\$ 254,164	67%	
Incentives	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 500	75%		\$ 74,000	\$ 200	\$ 21,775	71%	\$ 76,000	\$ 200	\$ 22,275	71%	
Occupational Training	\$ 186,201	\$ 200	\$ 46,548	75%		\$ 780,000	\$ 54,880	\$ 578,937	26%	\$ 966,201	\$ 55,080	\$ 625,485	35%	
Supportive Services	\$ 139,704	\$ 11,345	\$ 86,351	38%		\$ 379,200	\$ 2,395	\$ 63,711	83%	\$ 518,904	\$ 13,740	\$ 150,062	71%	
Total	\$ 4,288,108	\$ 318,889	\$ 2,898,262	32%		\$ 4,540,221	\$ 249,080	\$ 3,760,499	17%	\$ 8,828,329	\$ 567,969	\$ 6,658,761	25%	

Analysis

Budget: The PY25 budget reflects expenditures from July 2025 through May 2026. The facilities line will be positive once we collect all 4th quarter rents for the partners. the contract/supplies line item is currently overspent for the year partially due to the moves, there are surpluses in other budget categories, so this is not a concern at this time.

The budget provides a breakdown of funding between WIOA (LWDB budget) and non-WIOA sources (Community Impact Funds), as well as combined totals. Direct client spending accounts for 35% of total expenditures so far this fiscal year, totaling \$2,014,971.

Recommended Action

Receive and file.

Item:

Workforce Alliance (WA) Executive Committee Actions

Background:

The WA Executive Committee provides leadership to the Board of Directors and other standing committees and task forces. The Executive Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the entire Board when action by the Board is not possible due to timing of full Board meetings and action is required, or as delegated by an approved motion from the Board. In addition, the Executive Committee is responsible for tasking the committees of the Board of Directors, and setting the agenda for meetings. The WA Executive Committee is appointed by the WA Board Chair.

Analysis:

Since the last WA Board of Directors meeting on April 22, the Executive Committee has taken the following actions:

May 15, 2026

Approved:

- The Demand Occupation List for Program Year 2026. Programs for which there is no approved training in the Local Area were removed and Dental Assisting was added to the list. The list can be reviewed for changes by the Board at any point during the program year if needed.
- The Program Operations and Performance Committee recommendation for an initial increase to the self-sufficient wage for Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Programs by 4% bringing it to \$17.39 per hour with the caveat that staff evaluate impacts on training providers and employers and broader regional entry-level wage indicators.
- An updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for WIOA One-Stop Required Partners with the authorization for President & CEO to sign and recommend to the Chief Elected Officials Board (CEOB) to approve at its meeting on June 4. The current MOU is expiring June 30, 2026 and is being renewed for Program Year 2026.
- Contract Amendments/Extensions for WIOA Youth Elements for Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation (CPRF), Butler Community College, WSU Tech, Allied Health Career Training, Pyxis, and Amber DiNapoli; Occupational Skills Training for Wichita Technical Institute and Heartland Welding Academy; Employer of Record contracts with Manpower and the Arnold Group as well as a One-Stop Operator contract modification with Goodwill.

June 10, 2026

- The proposed Program Year 2026 (PY26) budget with authorization to make adjustments once final carry over funding is known. The budget will be revised to reflect the recently received funding allocation information from the State of Kansas; the revised budget will be presented to the Committee for approval in August/September.
- On-the-Job-Training (OJT) contract for Prime Craftsman.

July 8, 2026

- On-the-Job-Training (OJT) contract for Yingling Aviation.

Recommended Action:

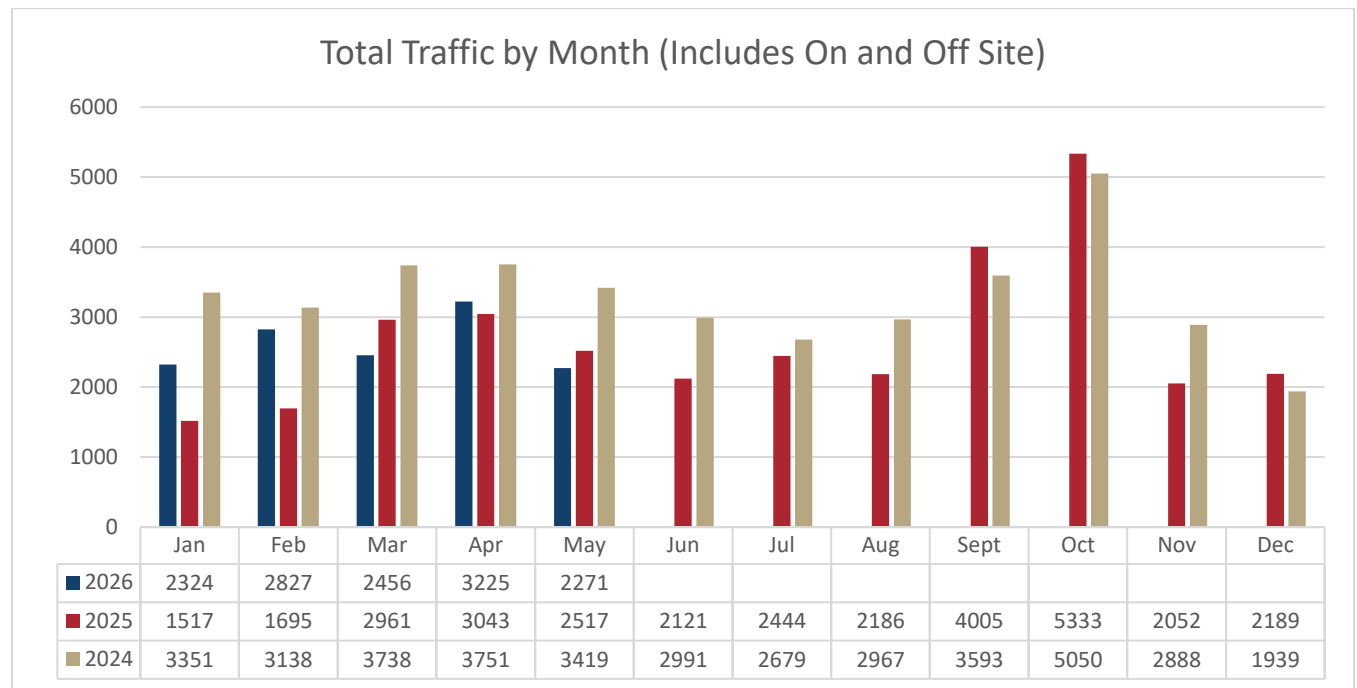
Adopt the actions of the LWDB Executive Committee as presented.

Item

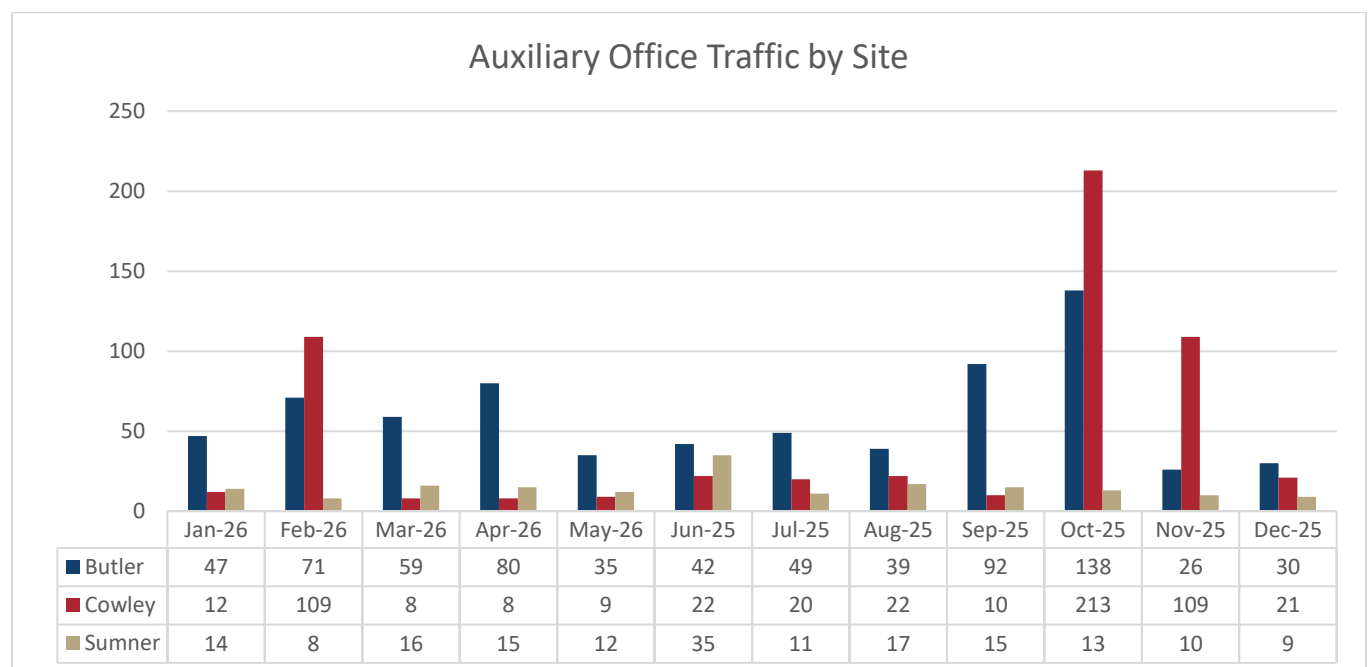
Workforce Centers Operations May 2026 Update

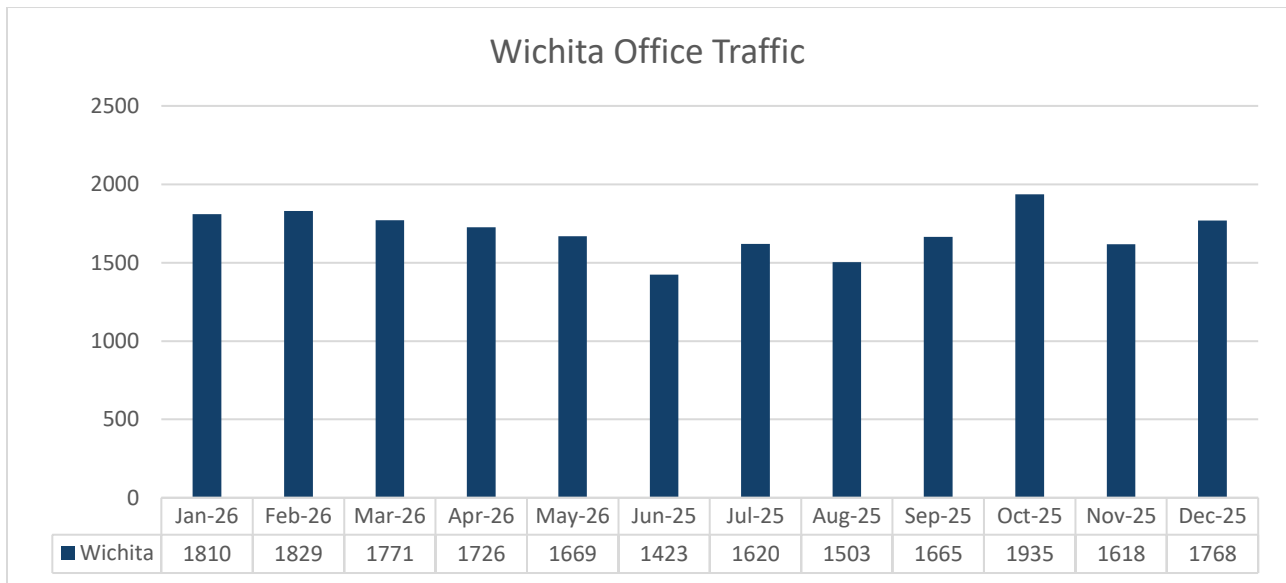
Job Seeker Traffic

The bar graph below provides a visual representation of job seeker traffic through May of 2026. Overall, job seeker engagement at all four centers is steady.



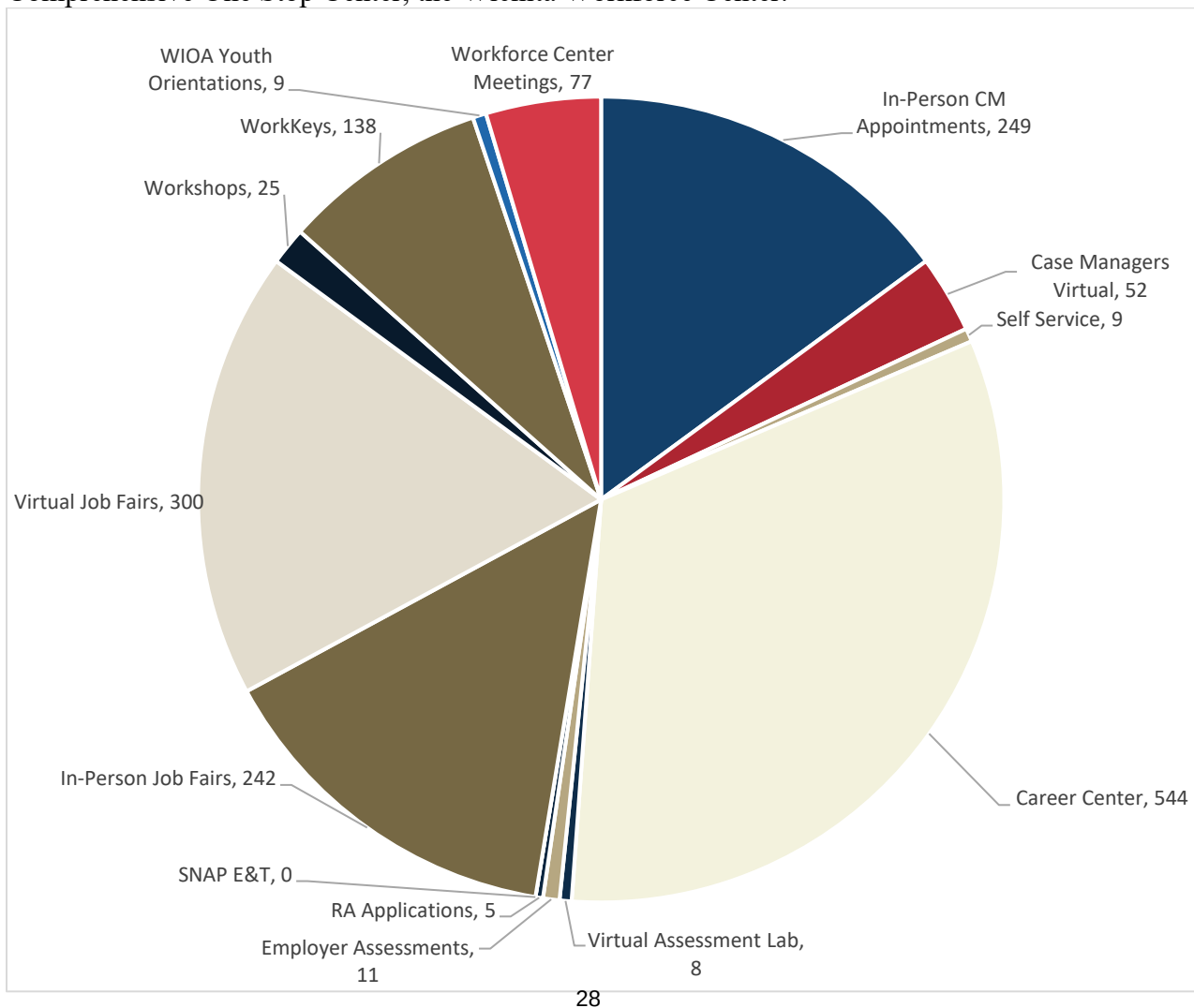
This bar graph offers a breakdown of the job seeker traffic by Auxiliary Offices in Butler, Sumner, and Cowley counties.



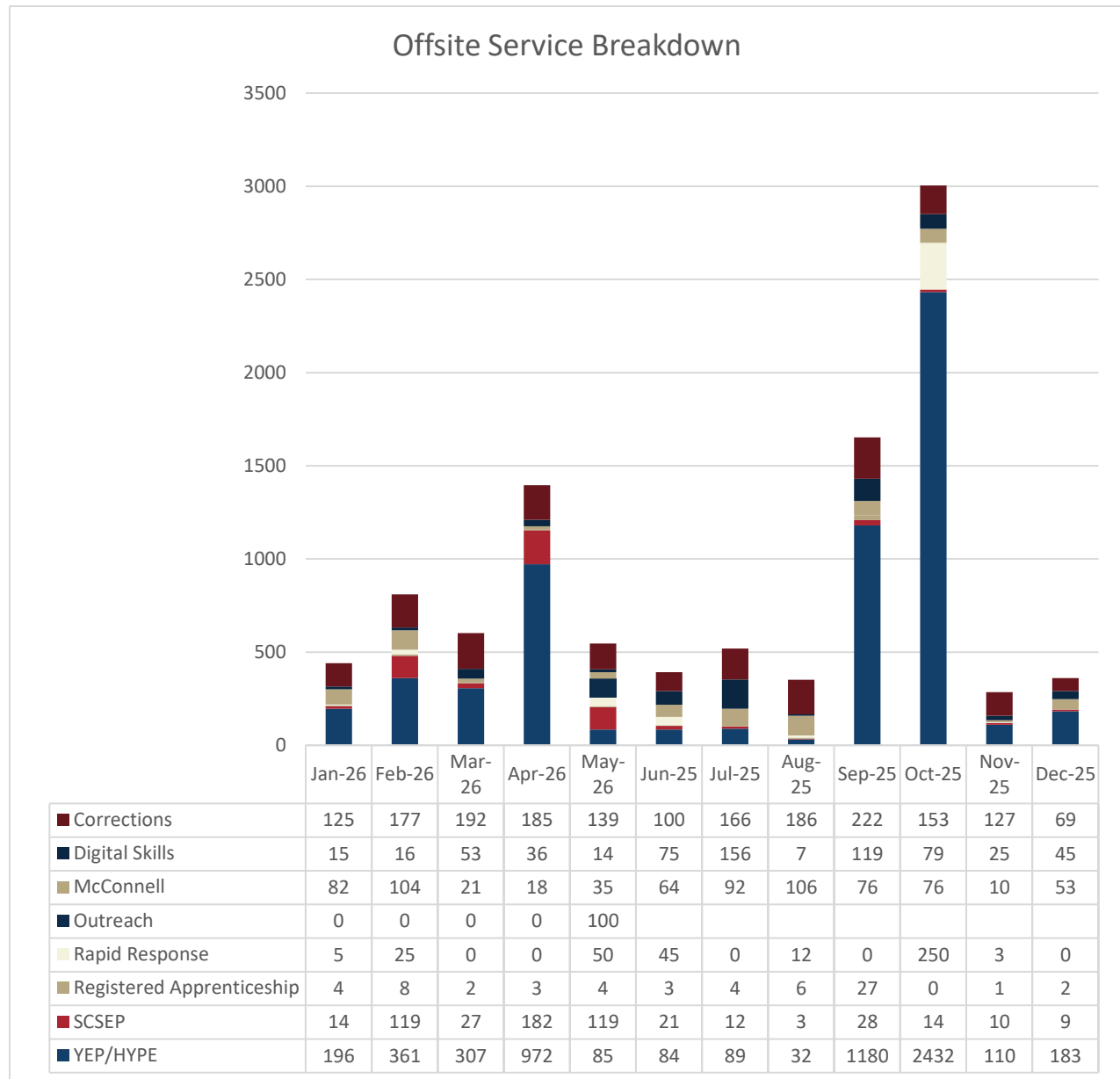


Job Seeker Services

This pie chart offers a breakdown of the comprehensive job seeker services provided by the Comprehensive One Stop Center, the Wichita Workforce Center.



This graph offers a breakdown of the comprehensive offsite services provided.

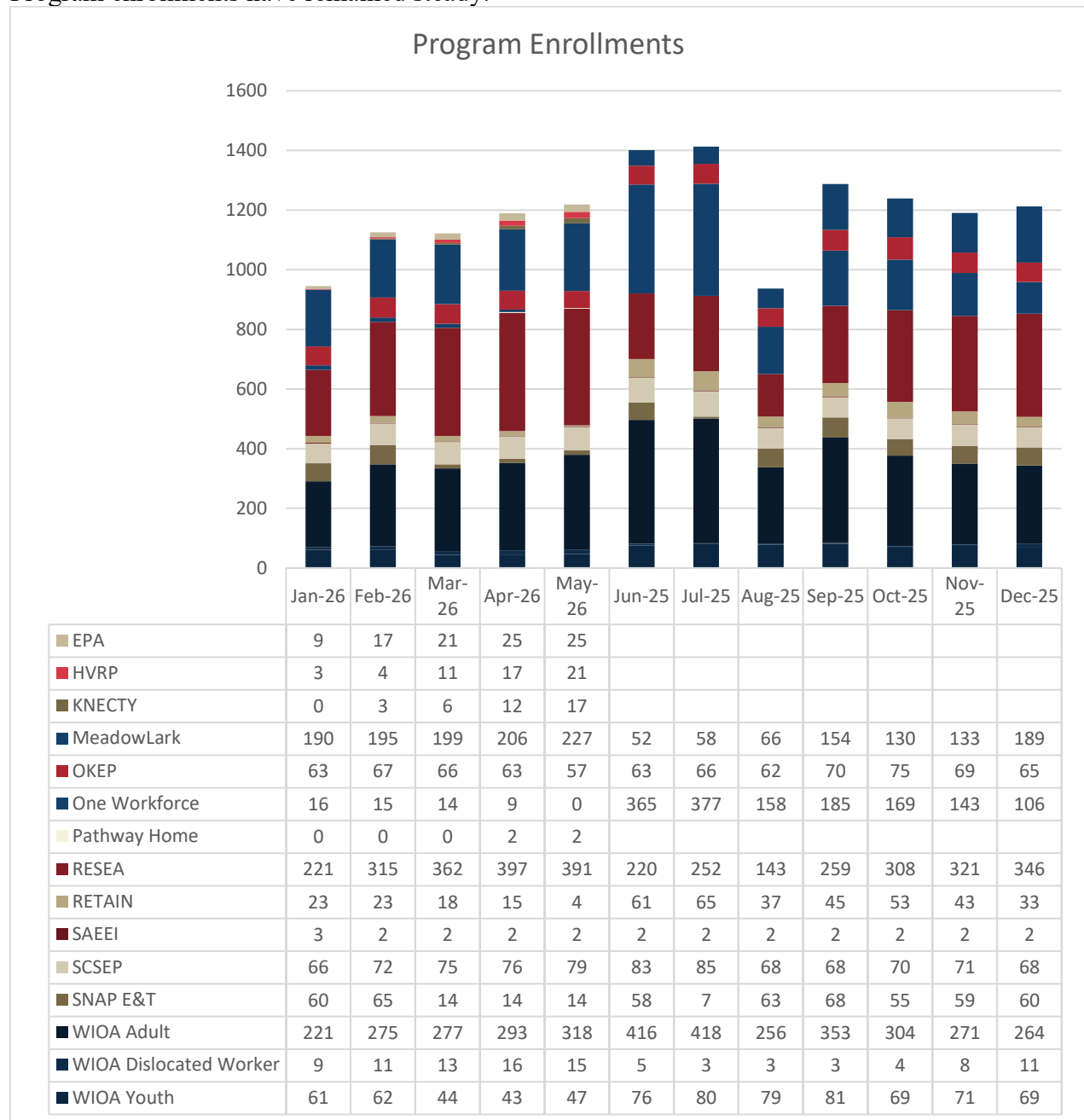


Throughout the last year, the Career Services staff has maintained a vital role in delivering comprehensive support to job seekers. Their unwavering commitment extends to helping job seekers craft effective resumes, conduct mock interviews, navigate job searches, address barriers to employment, and promptly respond to inquiries related to unemployment insurance.

In addition to conducting one-on-one appointments, the dedicated workforce center staff actively engages with customers through various avenues. This proactive approach encompasses returning calls from individuals receiving unemployment benefits, orchestrating group activities both within and beyond the Workforce Center premises, and providing timely responses to inquiries via the KansasWorks chat platform. This diversified approach underlines the center's dedication to delivering comprehensive and easily accessible support to job seekers.

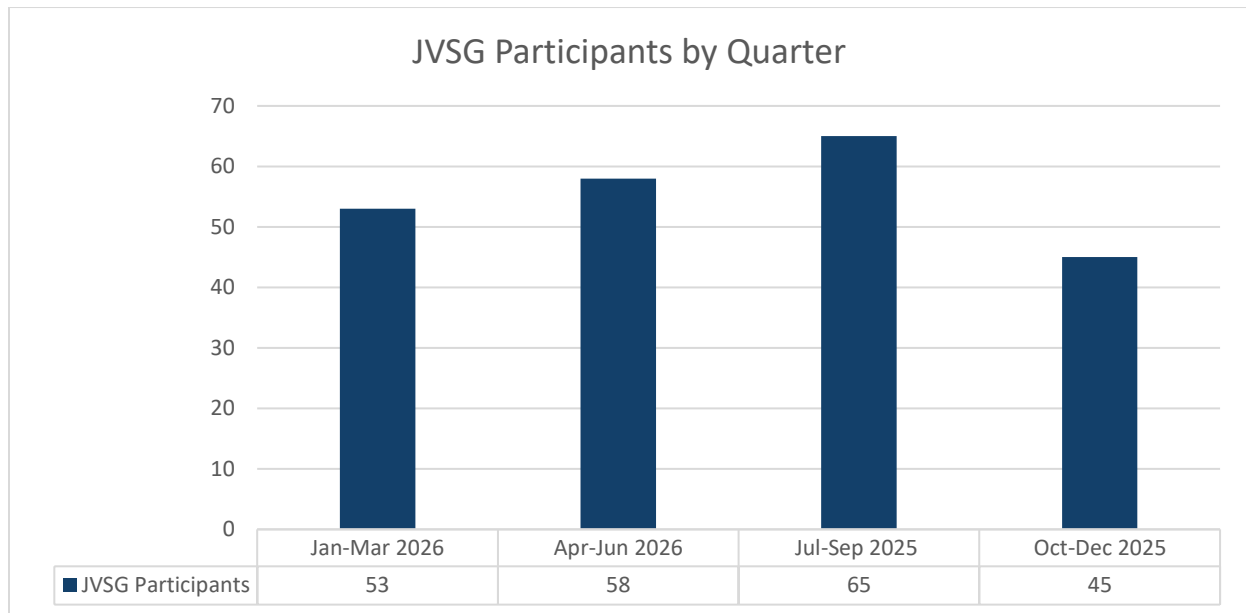
Program Enrollments

Program enrollments have remained steady.



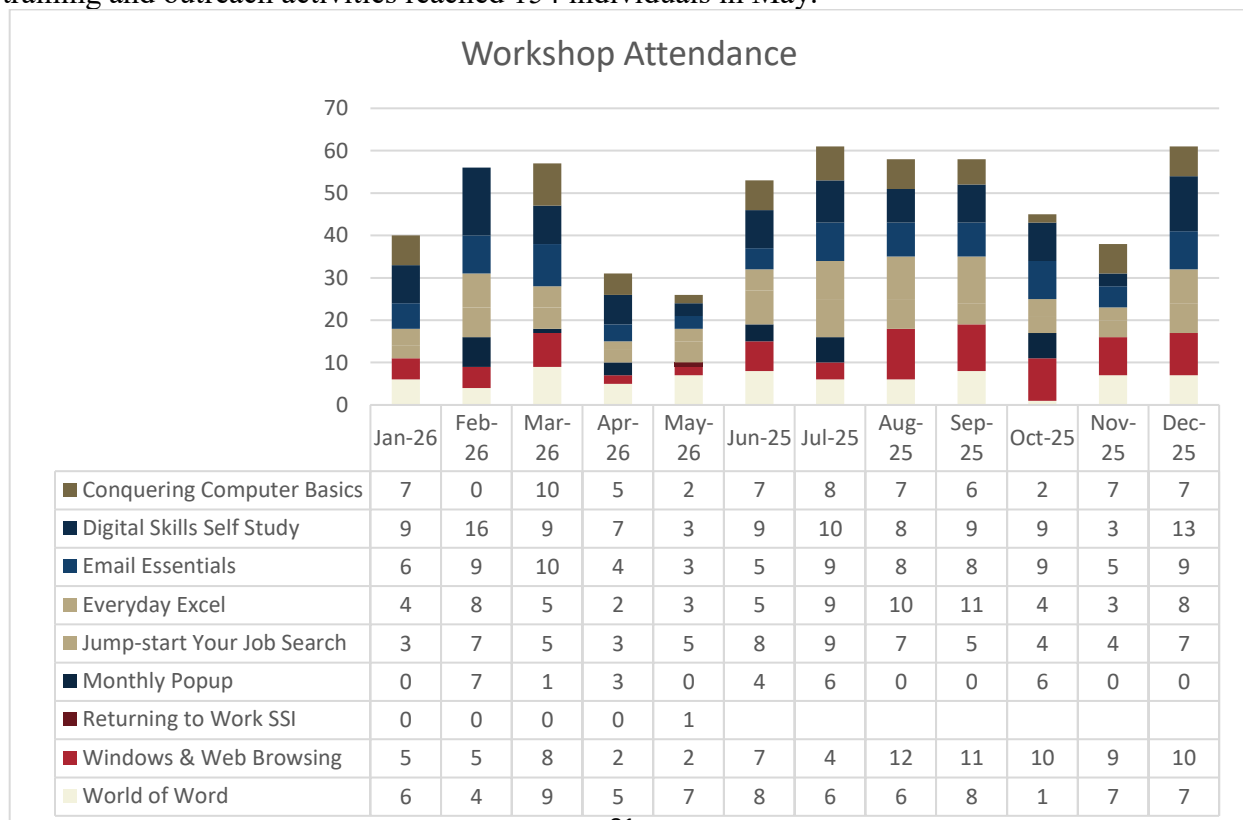
Program Enrollment Glossary

- EPA=EPA Brownfields Job Training Program
- HVRP=Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program
- KNECTY=Kansas Network for Employment and Career Transition for Youth
- MeadowLARK= Leading Apprenticeship Results in Kansas
- OKEP=Older Kansans Employment Program
- RESEA= Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment
- RETAIN=Retaining Employment and Talent After Injury/Illness Network
- SAEI= State Apprenticeship Equity, Expansion, and Innovation
- SCSEP= Senior Community Service Employment Program
- SNAP E&T= Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training
- WIOA= Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



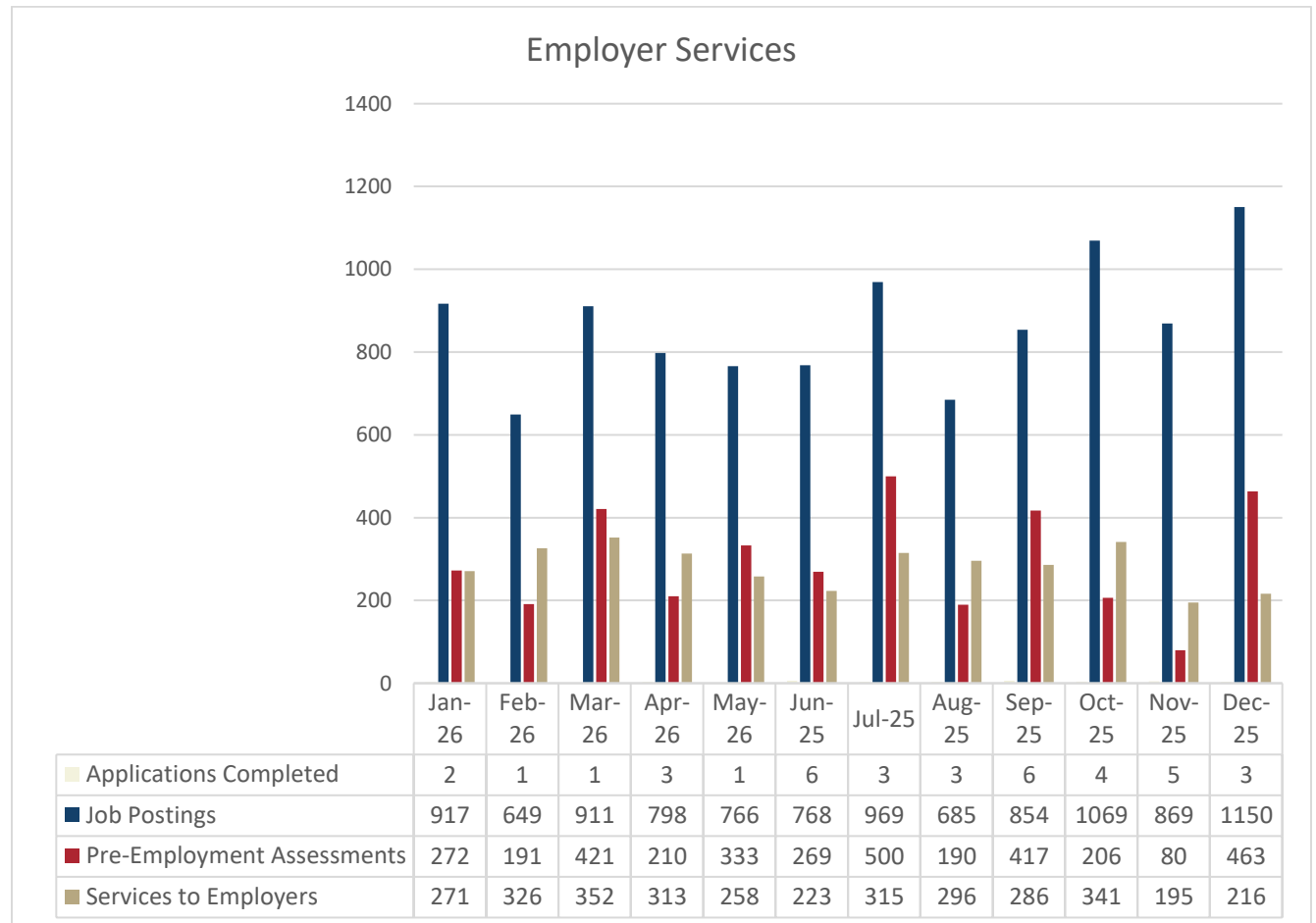
Community Outreach & Workshops

In May, staff focused on providing accessible digital skills training while continuing to expand awareness of available resources throughout the community. A total of 10 workshops and training sessions were delivered, with 40 participants participating in skill development activities. Learners started 23 training modules and completed 18, resulting in 18 digital credentials earned. Participants also logged 44 learning hours. Beyond direct training services, staff participated in three outreach events that connected an additional 114 individuals with information about available programs and services. One learner secured employment during the month. Combined, training and outreach activities reached 154 individuals in May.



Employer Services Overview

May saw a decrease of 4% in job postings compared to April. There were 766 total job postings across the 6-county radius for May. On a statewide level, there were 33,270 active positions available for job seekers to browse. Additionally, the system recorded a pool of 11,077 resumes for employers to consider during their recruitment efforts.



Job Fairs

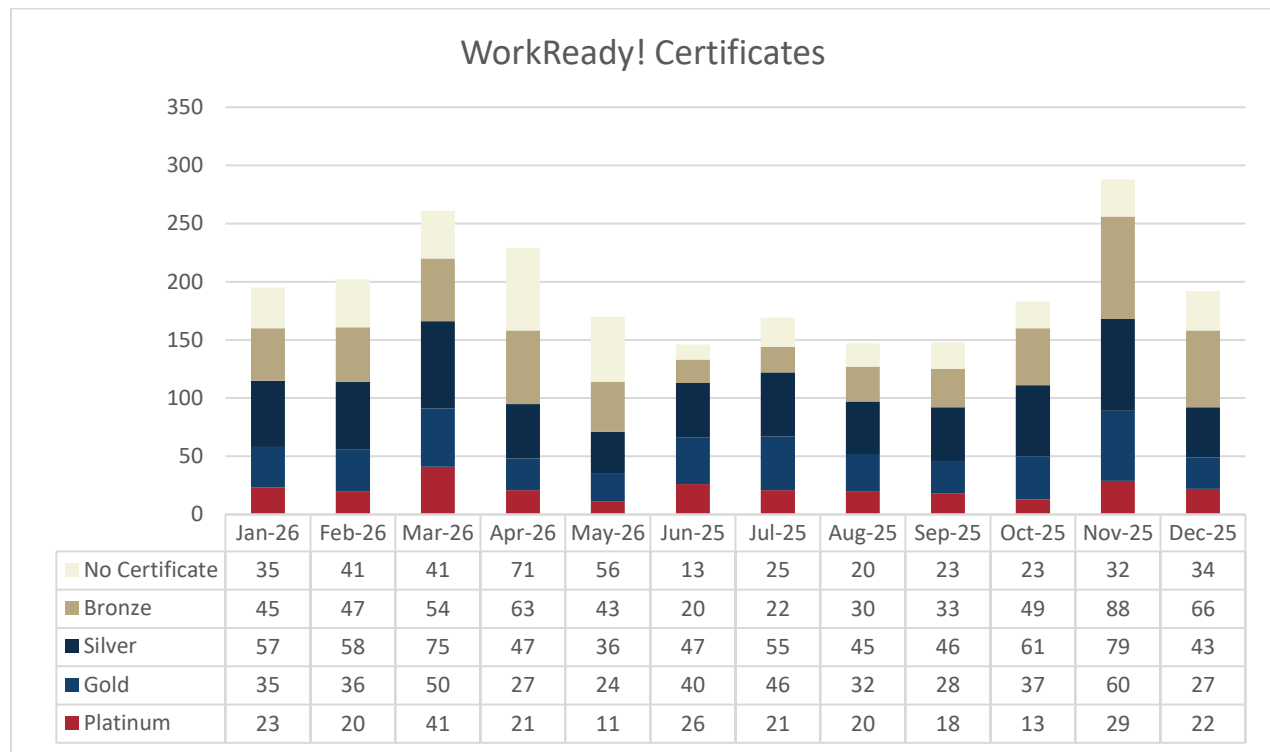
In May, the Workforce Center hosted two in person job fairs in partnership with 31 employers, bringing in 211 job seekers across both events. Additionally, 13 employers from our local area participated in the statewide virtual job fair, where 287 unique job seekers visited the local area employer booths.

July 22, 2026

Submitted By: Denise Houston

Kansas WorkReady! Assessment - ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

The Workforce Center has maintained a steady pool of applicants ready to take the WorkKeys Assessment. A total of 17 sessions were offered during the month of May, with 250 job seekers scheduled to complete. The area saw a decrease in attendance rate, sitting at 68%, with it being at 68.8% in the previous month. A total of 170 participants completed the assessment, and a 67.1% award rate was documented.

**One Stop Operator Report**

May saw continued growth by the One Stop Operations staff, Angela Slattery. Activities in the month of May included:

- One Workforce 101 session with 5 individuals attending. Sessions will continue to occur monthly.
- Outreached to two new community-based organizations and provided information on accessing services at the Workforce Centers
- Provided seven Goodwill vouchers to men who recently released from incarceration
- Led May all staff meeting and coordinated the guest speaker for the meeting
- Participated in the Employer Led Childcare Solutions Convening
- Provided resources and information about the Workforce Centers to individuals referred from Level Up Kansas
- Reviewed Customer Satisfaction data and reached out to customers who indicated they did not have a good experience
- Began training on how to complete the Operations Report
- Provided support to the Front Desk by assisting at busy times and when gaps in staffing occurred

Recommended Action

Receive and File.



Corrections Workforce Partnership Report

July 1, 2026

Since 2016, the Workforce Alliance of South-Central Kansas (WA), the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) and Sedgwick County Department of Corrections (SCDOC) have formally partnered to in the Kansas Offender Risk Reduction and Reentry Plan (KOR3P), which includes various strategies to provide risk reduction and reentry programs, services and interventions.

The WA has been contracted to provide an Offender Workforce Development Specialist (OWDS) to assist with job readiness for individuals referred by KDOC and SCDOC and desires to continue and build on this partnership. Quarter 2, 2026 Program Outcomes are below:

Quarter 2 2026	Sedgwick County Department of Corrections	Wichita Parole Office	Total
Employment Lab Attendees	63	0	63
Direct Referrals*	28	28	56
Individual Employment Services Provided	173	207	380
Appointments scheduled/NS or cancel	33/18	33/20	66/38
Individuals Entering Employment**	76	14	90
Entered Employment Rate	87%	52%	70%
Employment Retention: 6 Months	90%	78%	84%
Employment Retention: 12 Months	89%	79%	84%
Average Wage: 6 months	\$15.07	\$14.50	\$14.78
Average Wage: 12 months	\$15.96	\$16.23	\$16.10

**Total number of appointments held, does not count no show/reschedules*

***Includes referrals from previous quarter who gained employment this quarter*

Referrals declined this quarter, particularly from Probation. This decrease may be attributed to the increased emphasis on cognitive skills classes as an intervention for unemployment. Workforce staff have begun discussions and strategic planning efforts to address this decline and strengthen referral partnerships. Despite the reduction in referrals, employment retention rates continue to remain strong, and participant wages have remained steady throughout the quarter.

Workforce Alliance staff maintains monthly contact with the staff at the Wichita Work Release Facility.

Annual cumulative numbers for 2026 are below based on data available.

Quarter 2 2026	Sedgwick County Department of Corrections	Wichita Parole Office	Total
Employment Lab Attendees	135	0	135
Direct Referrals*	78	62	140
Individual Employment Services Provided	469	377	846
Appointments scheduled/NS or cancel	91/45	79/48	170/93
Individuals Entering Employment**	151	26	177
Entered Employment Rate	93.5%	66%	79.75%
Employment Retention: 6 Months	80.5%	82.5%	81.5%
Employment Retention: 12 Months	92%	75.5%	83.75%
Average Wage: 6 months	\$15.11	\$15.15	\$15.13
Average Wage: 12 months	\$15.73	\$17.44	\$16.59

**Total number of appointments held, does not count no show/reschedules*

***Includes referrals from 2025 who gained employment in 2026*



Registered Apprenticeship Report

As of 6/30/2026

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 26 approved programs and 20 employers: CDH, Inc., Don Hattan Dealerships, UV&S, Cox Machine, ISG Tech, F&H Insulation, Child Start, Bailey's Learning Academy, Design One, Yingling Aviation, CMJ Manufacturing, Inc., and Little Kings and Queens Daycare, Rainbows United, Miracle Home Care, Kiddy Kollege, Rusty Eck Ford, Goodwill Industries, Azara Home Health, Greater Wichita YMCA, and JDR Painting, Inc.

Employer	Occupation	Status	Active Apprentices
Bailey's Learning Academy	Early Childhood Educator	Approved	6
CDH	Construction Craft Laborer	Approved	5
	Welder	Approved	0
Child Start	Early Childhood Educator	Approved	0
CMJ Manufacturing, Inc.	Machine Operator	Approved	0
	CNC Operator	Approved	2
Cox Machine	Router Operator	Approved	0
	Machine Operator	Approved	0
Design One	Upholsterer Technician	Approved	3
Don Hattan	Automotive Mechanic	Approved	0
	Tune Up Mechanic	Approved	3
F&H Insulation Sales and Services, Inc.	Coatings	Approved	1
	Insulation Worker	Approved	1
Goodwill Industries	Employment Training Specialist	Approved	0
Greater Wichita YMCA	Preschool Teacher (CDA)	Approved	0
	Preschool Teacher (CCC)	Approved	1
ISG Tech	Service Technician 1	Approved	0
JDR Painting, Inc.	Painter	Approved	0
Kiddy Kollege	Lead Child Care Teacher	Approved	10
Little Kings and Queens Daycare	Early Childhood Worker	Approved	0
Miracle Home Care	Certified Nursing Assistant	Approved	3
Azara Home Health			4
Rainbows United	Childcare Development Specialist	Approved	1
Rusty Eck Ford	Automotive Technician	Approved	1
UV&S	Computer Support Specialist	Approved	1
Yingling Aviation	Avionics Technician	Approved	24



Registered Apprenticeship Report
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Below is the status on new program activity through the WA intermediary for the month:

Employer	Occupation	Status
Prime Craftsman Homes	Multiple	In Development
HCA Healthcare	Patient Care Technician	In Development
Sumner-Cowley Electrical Co-Op	Power Lineman	In Development
Vermillion, Inc.	Term Tech Assembly	In Development
Thrive Therapy of KS	Support Staff	In Development

The WA accepts onsite applications for five RA programs. In June, 9 individuals engaged in the RA application process, resulting in 4 completed application, details are below:

RA Application and Prescreen Activity			
2026	Applications and Prescreens	Completed Referrals	Completion Percentage
January	3	2	66%
February	4	1	25%
March	3	1	33%
April	4	3	75%
May	2	1	50%
June	9	4	44%
Totals	24	14	58%

The WA works in partnership with





Communications Report
As of 7/5/26

June 2026 Feature Stories

[KWCH Newstalk: Upcoming AI Starter Lab Workshops and Updates in El Dorado and Wichita](#)

June 2026 Job of the Day		
Date	Job Title	Employer
6/1/2026	Walk-behind Concrete Saw Operator	Kansas Paving / Kansas Ready Mix
6/2/2026	Adult Detention Facility (ADF) Building Maintenance Worker I	Sedgwick County
6/3/2026	Maintenance Mechanic	Balco, Inc.
6/4/2026	Project Engineer	Central Consolidated, Inc.
6/5/2026	Excavator Operator-Earthworks Division	Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co., Inc.
5/8/2026	Machinist (Multiple Positions)	Pinnacle Aerospace, LLC
6/8/2026	Aquatics - Head Lifeguard	City of Wichita
6/9/2026	Public Health Data Specialist - NBE WSU Temp	Wichita State University
6/10/2026	Seasonal Package Delivery Driver	UPS
6/11/2026	Faculty, Welding (9Mo)	WSU Tech
6/12/2026	Substitute Bus Drivers	Derby Public Schools
6/15/2026	Scraper Operator-Earthworks Division	Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co., Inc.
6/16/2026	Environmental Cleanup Laborer	iSi Environmental Services
6/17/2026	Warehouse / Forklift Operator	Metal-Fab, Inc.
6/18/2026	End Dump Truck Driver	A Plus Trucking
6/19/2026	Plumber / Helper	Carlisle, Inc.
6/22/2026	Registered Nurse Labor and Delivery	Wesley Medical Center
6/23/2026	CNC Programmer	Aero Metals Alliance (Sunshine Metals)
6/24/2026	Clinical Informatics Specialist	GraceMed Health Clinic
6/25/2026	Licensed Practical Nurse	Catholic Care Center
6/26/2026	Nurse Specialist	Maize USD 266
6/29/2026	Home Assistant Supervisor	Heartspring
6/30/2026	Customer Care Supervisor (Call Center Supervisor)	Equity Bank

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:

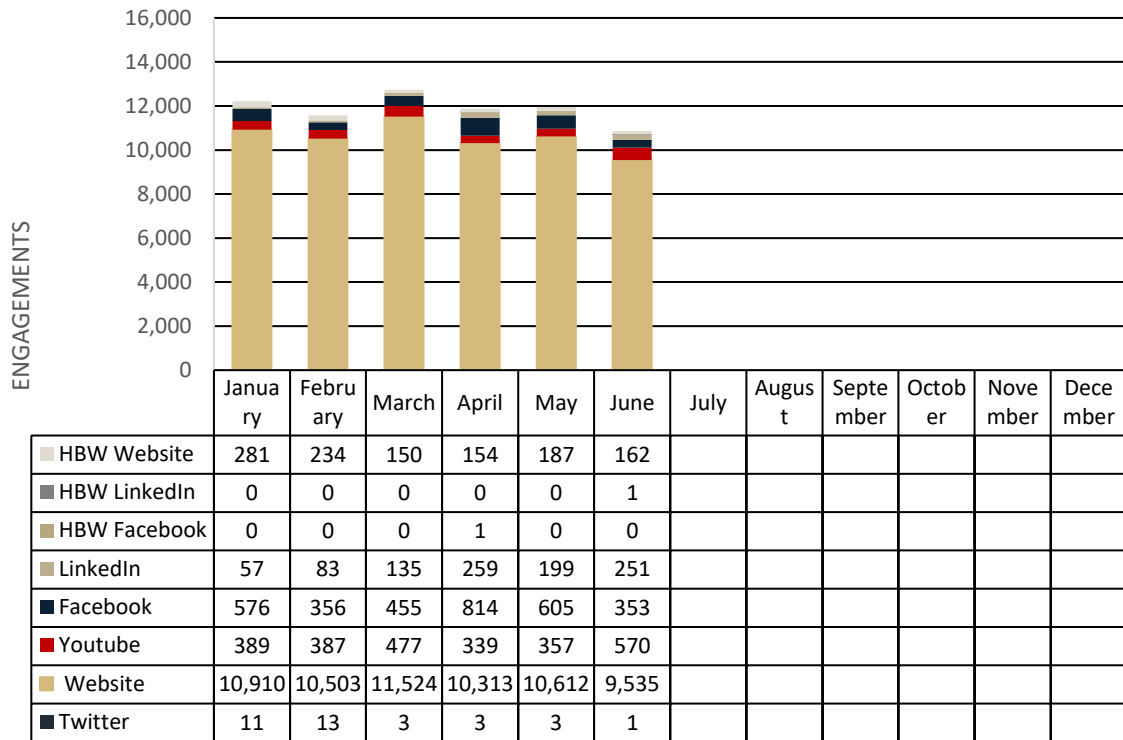
- Engagements - measures the total number of public interactions including shares, likes and comments
- Total Impressions - the number of times content is displayed to a user
- Followers – unique users who subscribe to receive updates

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

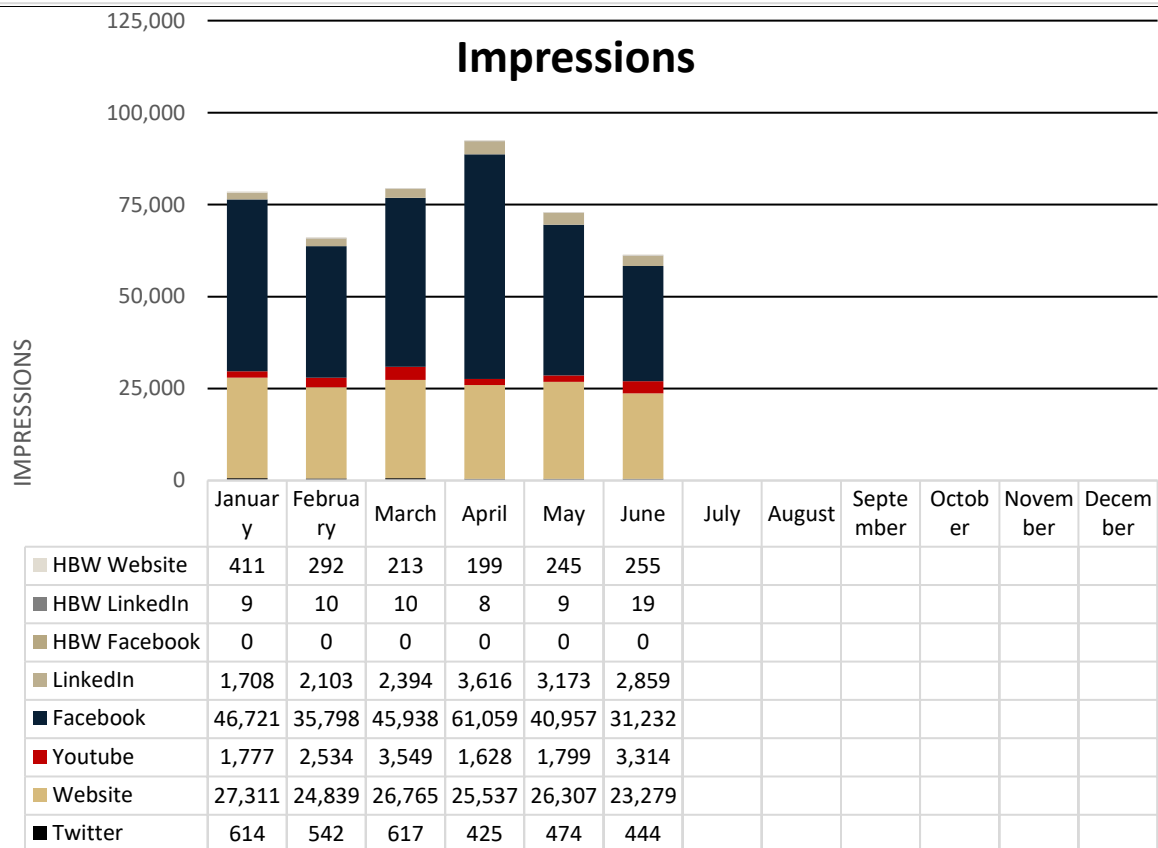
- Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WorkforceCenter/>
- Home Base Wichita Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HomeBaseWichita>
- YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/c/Workforce-ks>
- Twitter at <https://twitter.com/workforcecenter>
- LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/workforce-centers-of-south-central-kansas/>
- 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 June saw decreased engagement on all platforms except YouTube, and both LinkedIn pages. Impressions decreased across all platforms except YouTube, HBW LinkedIn and HBW Website. Followers increased on all platforms except WA Website and HBW platforms.

Engagements



Impressions



Followers/Subscribers

