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Workforce Development Working Group

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Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)



- President Barack Obama signed WIOA into law on July 22, 2014.
- Passed with wide bipartisan majority in both the U.S. House and Senate
- Reauthorizes WIA for six years, 2015-2020

Unified Strategic Plans



- Unified planning across four core programs
 - Title I: Adult, Dislocated Wkr, Youth Workforce
 - Title II: Adult Education and Literacy
 - Title III: Wagner- Peyser employment services
 - Title IV: Vocational Rehabilitation

- 4 Year Unified State Plans

WIOA Planning in Illinois



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WIOA Resources



Department of Labor:

www.doleta.gov/WIOA

Department of Education:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/AdultEd/wioa-reauthorization.html>

National Skills Coalition:

<http://www.nationalskillscoalition.org/federal-policy/workforce-investment-act>

Gubernatorial Policy Recommendations



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- An #ILGov who invests in workers invests in #AStrongerIL
<http://bit.ly/1tZabFV> @GrimmForLiberty @BruceRauner @QuinnForIL
- **Dear [Quinn/Rauner] Campaign:**
Successful economic development strategies depend upon a skilled workforce. At the same time that we are recruiting businesses to Illinois, it is vital that we are preparing residents for these employment opportunities. Currently, nearly 15 percent of Illinois residents are unemployed or underemployed. It is vital that the next Governor make employment and training an important part of his agenda.

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- **Dear Editor:** The (fill in the blank) and its members call on the next Governor of Illinois to make workforce development his top policy priority. With unemployment rates over 10% in some communities, Illinois can't afford to ignore this challenge to our economic growth. We ask the next Governor to take the following actions immediately after the election (people can choose which ones to select from our recs): create a high level policy position in his office to coordinate education and workforce initiatives across the state; expand the Job Training and Economic Development (JTED) program, which trains incumbent and unemployed workers in a specific sector like healthcare; and invest resources in the 21st Century Workforce Development Fund, which focuses on strategies for people with the most barriers to employment. The economic well-being of our state depends on our next Governor making the reduction of long-term unemployment a top priority.

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