

IL DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY



IWIB Summer Quarterly Meeting Partner Update

Accomplishments		
Project	Objectives	Outcomes
Labor Market Information	IDES LMI Director, George Putnam, was recognized by LMI Institute Board for outstanding leadership in advancing the art and science of Labor Market Information. Receiving the 2023 Charles A. Benefield Award.	National Recognition

Initiatives with Impact on the Workforce Development System		
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Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program (RESEA) Expansion	New federal funding increase means IDES will serve more UI claimants who are likely to exhaust benefits with out reemployment. IDES has directed that all RESEA participants be provided with referral to Title I DW services in their area.	Intended outcomes: Decrease number of weeks of UI receipt Increase enrollment in DW services
Increased staffing of outreach to Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers	IDES is doubling its outreach staff temporarily from June through October to reach more MSFWs with information about services provided by IDES and in AJCs. Staff are based in Peoria, N. Aurora, Mt. Vernon, and Champaign	Intended outcomes: More MSFWs served Increased MSFW knowledge about how to report employment issues
Homelessness Administrative Data Project	As part of the Home Illinois strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness, IDES is <i>piloting</i> an administrative data match between Chicago’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and IDES employment and unemployment data, using the Administrative Data Research Facility. The purpose of the pilot is to see if the matching of administrative data records can help us to answer questions about the labor market experience of	Intended outcomes: Deeper understanding of the labor market journey of people experiencing homelessness

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	people who use local homeless services, and in turn, design/improve service strategies.	
WorkShare IL	IDES and DCEO partner to expand marketing on the WorkShare IL program, including social media, collateral materials, and a series of explainer videos for employers.	<p>Intended outcomes:</p> <p>Increased awareness of WorkShare IL program</p> <p>Increased use of WorkShare IL by employers to avert full, permanent layoffs</p>
UI Modernization Projects	IDES has received nearly \$11 million in grant funding from the U.S. Dept. of Labor for projects to improve equitable access to UI benefits. Together these projects are intended to improve claimant experience, and streamline work processes.	<p>Intended outcomes:</p> <p>Improved user experience</p> <p>Improved access to UI</p> <p>Streamlined internal IDES work processes</p>