

## What is WIA?

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 provides the framework for a unique national workforce preparation and employment system. The system is designed to meet both the needs of the nation's businesses, job seekers, and individuals who want to further their careers.

The WIA focuses on meeting the needs of businesses for skilled workers and the training, education, and employment needs of individuals. Key components of the WIA are:

- Enable access to information and services through the Illinois workNet Center (IwC) network. For more information on the Illinois workNet portal, please go to [www.illinoisworknet.com](http://www.illinoisworknet.com).
- Empower adults to obtain the training they find most appropriate through individual training accounts.
- Ensure that all State and local programs meet customer expectations.



### For More Information

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[prairiestate.edu/bus/bus-ietc.html](http://prairiestate.edu/bus/bus-ietc.html)



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The Workforce Investment Act is at work  
for you in your community.

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## What is the Illinois workNet Center?

The Illinois workNet Center (IwC) provides employment support services to help individuals become employable and self-sufficient. The IwC, formerly called Illinois Employment Training Center (IETC), is funded through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998.

Our state-of-the-art facility offers a Resource Room with 16 computers, employment preparation reference materials, a network printer and scanner, copier, fax machine, and phone lines to call employers. The Resource Room is open to the community. Most important, we have a well-trained, friendly staff to assist you in your efforts.



## What does all this mean to you?

As Prairie State College's (PSC) IwC Affiliate, we are dedicated to serving you by providing the highest-quality job search assistance available. We are here to give you assistance before and during employment. We also can assist if you need to seek new employment.

If you need additional training to obtain employment after receiving job search assistance, you may qualify to receive an Individual Training Account (ITA) voucher. For those who meet the eligibility requirements, ITAs are available through a grant-funded relationship with Cook County Works (CCW).

For a list of WIA certified training programs, please visit [www.iwds.state.il.us/iwdshome](http://www.iwds.state.il.us/iwdshome).

## What services are available to job seekers?

- Orientation about the WIA law, eligibility requirements, and resource referrals (Call (708) 709-3911 for more information or to schedule an appointment.)
- Career skills evaluation and testing to determine basic skills (Reading and Math testing are required after completing the orientation and application process.)
- Career development workshops on interviewing skills, resume assistance, becoming a member of the Job Support Group, labor market information, and Illinois workNet registration
- Access to training tutorials through the Resource Room
- Assistance in applying for training opportunities at PSC or other approved training facilities
- Referrals for support services
- Job Postings
- On-site interviewing with prospective employers and webcam capabilities

## What services are available to employers?

- Assessment, screening, and referral of qualified candidates
- Job description preparation
- Employee skills assessments
- Personalized "Account Executive" services
- Employment retention
- Local workforce development information
- Illinois workNet business tools

The PSC Illinois workNet Center Affiliate is in staff partnership with Cook County Works.

