

Career Transition Services

- Career Planning • Resume Design • Unemployment Insurance Benefits • Training Assistance •
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When a business faces workforce reductions, Career Link offers essential Career Transition Services to support the affected workers. To facilitate this process, Career Link activates a Rapid Response Team comprised of partner agencies, including the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), to assist workers in navigating their career transition. These services, funded by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, benefit both businesses and individuals.

The Rapid Response Team conducts thorough Rapid Response Informational Workshops designed to prepare affected workers for their upcoming separation. These workshops feature presentations from a range of experts, including representatives from Career Link, Illinois Central College, the Illinois Department of Employment Security, the Illinois Department of Insurance, and Mid Central Community Action, providing valuable insights and resources for a successful transition.

Workshop presentations include information on:

- Career Planning
- Financial Counseling
- Health Insurance Resources
- Job Search Assistance
- Resume Design Services
- Training Assistance
- Unemployment Insurance Benefits



Turning Potential into Progress

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Career Link is a non-profit organization that has administered federal job training programs in Central Illinois since 1975. We provide career services for individuals and tuition assistance at no cost through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Career Services for Individuals

Career Link operates eight local Resource Centers, open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Our knowledgeable Resource Room Technicians assist visitors in navigating services and resources related to high-growth careers, job opportunities, and training programs. We offer support with resume design, interview techniques, and cover letter creation. Additionally, computers are available for internet job searches and standard applications. These comprehensive services are accessible to the public, and no appointments are necessary.



Tuition Assistance

Career Link offers tuition assistance to individuals who have been laid off and meet eligibility criteria. This funding can cover up to two years of training at various local community colleges, private institutions, and universities. Please note that Career Link does not provide funding for individual courses unless they lead to a recognized credential.

**No tuition assistance or other benefits can be paid without prior approval.
Apply at CareerLinkIL.com before enrolling in training on your own.**

The tuition assistance provides:

- Funding for tuition, fees and books;
- Assistance with the cost of transportation during training;
- Assistance with the cost of child care during training;
- Reimbursement for supplies, uniforms and other requirements; and
- Payment of required licensing fees.



Career Link provides financial assistance to train for careers in high-growth occupations, including, but not limited to: Electrical Maintenance, Electronics Technology, Information Systems, Manufacturing Technology, Mechatronics, Nursing- RN & LPN, Radiography and Secure Software Development. Career Link can fund the last two years of a Bachelor's Degree in a high-growth field.

Tazewell County – 309/347-8492 – **McLean County** – 309/807-1386 – **Mason County** – 309/543-1035
Fulton County – 309/647-2946 – **Marshall County** – 309/364-4120 – **Stark County** – 309/606-9060
Woodford County – 309/467-4445 – **Peoria County** – 309/321-0260

Rapid Response Partners

Community College Partners

Heartland Community College, Illinois Central College, and Spoon River College provide career services at no cost services to their local residents. Community college staff provide free resume and interview workshops; free resume critique; job search assistance; career research assistance and more. Learn more online at www.heartland.edu, www.icc.edu, and www.src.edu.



Illinois Department of Employment Security

The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) administers Unemployment Insurance programs and provides Employment Services to Illinois residents. Unemployment Insurance is a state-operated insurance program designed to partially replace lost wages when you are out of work. The program ensures that, if you meet the eligibility requirements of the law, you will have some income while you are looking for a job. IDES also makes it easy for qualified job seekers to find employment. IllinoisJobLink.com is a web-based job search tool that features current job openings, connecting skilled job seekers to employers in Illinois and throughout the country. Learn more online at www.ides.state.il.us.



Illinois Department of Insurance – Office of Consumer Health Insurance

The Office of Consumer Health Insurance (OCHI) is a consumer assistance office that helps with your health insurance problems and questions. OCHI can explain your rights as a health care consumer; answer your questions about health insurance; help you understand the coverage provisions of your specific health care plan; and assist you when you have a problem or complaint. To contact the OCHI, call toll free at (877) 527-9431. Learn more online at <http://insurance2.illinois.gov>.



Financial Counseling Partner

Mid Central Community Action (MCCA) is non-profit organizations that provides no cost financial counseling. Certified credit counselors will work with you to gain an in-depth understanding of your unique financial situation, develop a personalized plan for moving forward and, when appropriate, serve as your advocate in working with your creditors. Learn more online at www.mccainc.org.

