
W-2 Contractors' Meeting Agency Updates – September 2023

- America Works of Wisconsin Inc (AWWI)
 - AWWI is focused on implementing:
 - Dual-generational programming including Youth Services, prenatal programs & father-based initiatives targeting non-custodial fathers.
 - GED/HSED growth using events like Paint & Sip (non-alcoholic), poetry readings, and tutoring to encourage enrollment.
 - Employment opportunities including an expansion of entrepreneurial options including food truck training, and collaboration with the Milwaukee Small Business Commission.
 - Bringing on new sites across industries for Work Experience to develop relevant skillsets for employment.
 - Sales is having employment events and tracking maintained employment for placements.

- Workforce Connections Inc (WCI)
 - WCI is exciting to be celebrating 40 years of connecting people, work, and training with a celebration on October 23, 2023
 - WCI's Child Support Liaison (CSL), Andrea Brownlee, will be part of the team presenting the CSL initiative next week for "Exploring Child Support & TANF Partnerships - Community of Practice".
 - We recently extended our contract to continue to provide our E-Learning Softskills online training opportunity for the upcoming year for our W-2 program participants.
 - WCI completed our Transportation Project in partnership with the La Crosse Community Foundation for this year. We were able to support 28 individuals and families with over \$35,000 in direct transportation support for repairs and tires to help keep these ALICE population customers connected to their employment.
 - Through the past three years of Transportation Projects in conjunction with the La Crosse County Foundation, WCI has been able to impact 135 household with over \$82,943 in transportation related support including hardship payments, gas gift cards, maintenance, tires, and vehicle repairs to ensure those who are employed and at or below the ALICE limit could access these funds and maintain their employment.
 - WCI has reopened our UPLIFT Project within the City of La Crosse to again be accepting applications. We are hoping to assist up to 30 individuals with level 1 services, 15 individuals with level 3 services, and 10 individuals with level 3 services to complete this project. Since July 2022, we have served 28 individuals in level 1, 21 individuals in level 2, and 13 individuals in level 3 with total direct payments and incentives of \$57,500.

No other updates were received.

Next W-2 Contractors' Meeting:

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI

(DCF Work Programs Conference – In-Person Only)