

Summer 2020

Because you are laid off, you are considered a “dislocated worker” under the federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act. You may have received a notice from your employer stating that you have been laid off. The letter provides proof of your layoff and allows you to enroll in the Dislocated Worker Program operated by our local WIOA provider. Services provided are listed below. Your layoff notice makes you eligible for this program for 5 years. You may also be eligible to participate in a number of the programs available through the local Job Center.

Rock County Job Center

At this time, job centers are not open to the public. In the meantime, staff are available via phone and online to assist with job search, providing referrals to training programs and information about community resources

Local Job Center Website: www.jobcenter.org

Rock County Job Center - Front Desk 608-741-3400 -Resource Room 608-901-5700

State of Wisconsin Website and Unemployment Insurance: <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/>
Tina.westman@dwd.wisconsin.gov

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA Title I-B)

Serving people ages 14 and older. Provides individualized career planning, including personal assessment, job search tools, training opportunities and guidance to reach goals. Services based on eligibility but can include: funding for tuition, books, transportation and mileage, childcare and other support services as needed.

To learn more contact: [Casey Dobson at c.dobson@jobcenter.org](mailto:c.dobson@jobcenter.org)

FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET)

<http://www.jobcenter.org/fsetInd.html> or call 608-314-3300 x351

The FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) program is a free program that helps FoodShare members build their job skills and find jobs. FSET will assess your strengths, needs and preferences to help you with getting a job.

Office of Veteran Employment Services (OVES)

<https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/veterans/>

Advances employment opportunities for Wisconsin veterans through targeted business engagement and Intensive Employment Services to eligible veterans and their spouses.

Contact: [Andy Phelps at andrew.phelps@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:andrew.phelps@dwd.wisconsin.gov)

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Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is a federal/state program designed to obtain, maintain, and advance employment for people with disabilities by working with DVR consumers and other partners.

Contact: 1-800-442-3477

Visit the DVR Website at: www.dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/

Wisconsin Senior Employment Program (WISE)

The WISE Program is a community based training program that provides subsidized, service-based training for low-income persons 55 or older.

Contact: [Harold Luther at h.luther@swwdb.org](mailto:Harold.Luther@swwdb.org)

Apprenticeship Training

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/individuals.htm#1>

Apprenticeship is a great way to move your career forward! Apprenticeship gives you the ability to move your career forward through structured training while trainees earn a living and hone skills on the job.

Local Technical Colleges

If you are interested in learning more about training programs, boot camps, certifications and classes at local technical colleges, visit the following.

Blackhawk Technical College
<https://www.blackhawk.edu/>
1-608-758-6900

Southwest Technical College
<https://www.swtc.edu/>
1-800-362-3322

Forward Service Corporation

<https://fsc-corp.org/>

Forward Service Corporation provides employment and training services. Services include Wisconsin Works (W-2), the TRANS program, Job Access Loan, WETAP, and Emergency Assistance.

Contact: sfsc-corp.org

Community Action Inc.

<https://community-action.org/>

By region, community action agencies provide an array of programs designed to reduce poverty and increase social and economic self-sufficiency. Contact: (608) 313-1324

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Job Corps

Job Corps is the nation's largest Job training program for youth ages 16 to 24. Our purpose is to improve the quality and satisfaction of life through educational and vocational training.

Please contact: Cari Picchioni

Picchioni.cari@jobcorps.org 715-315-0946

United Way 2-1-1

United Way 2-1-1 is a free resource and information hub that connects people with employment, health, human service and disaster services by phone, text, chat and search-able on-line database 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Dial 211 for assistance

Covering Wisconsin - Health Insurance navigator

For assistance with health insurance please contact: Kathie at 608-669-7440

www.coveringwisconsin.org

FoodShare, Badger Care, Medicaid, Caretaker Supplement and Child Care

Please contact the Southern Consortium at 1-888-794-5780

Or online at www.access.wi.gov

Paper applications are available in the entryway of the Job Center and may be left in the black drop box immediately outside the front entry of the Job Center.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions:

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