OVERVIEW OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

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J. B. Pritzker, Governor

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IDES offers resources to provide employment assistance for everyone

- Those receiving unemployment insurance
- Those not receiving unemployment insurance
- Veterans
- Persons with disabilities
- Youth
- Returning Citizens (Ex-offenders)
- Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers
- Business Hiring Needs
Eligibility

- Served on “Active Duty” for a period of more than 180 days and was discharged or released therefrom with other than a “Dishonorable Discharge”;
- Was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability;
- Served on “Active Duty” during a period of war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized and was discharged or released from such duty with other than a “Dishonorable Discharge”.

Services Provided

- The Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) specialist provides the following intensive services to veterans with Significant Barriers to Employment:
  - Career / Employability Assessment
  - Co-Develop an Individual Employment Plan with Veteran
  - Referral to Supportive Service Organizations, as applicable
  - Coordinate with Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) for a “Job Development” opportunity
Eligibility

Ages 16-24

Targeted Populations

Students
Enrolled in high school, college, or training program

Disconnected and At Risk Youth
Not enrolled in school or training program
Low-income
(May or may not have a high school diploma/GED)

Juvenile Justice
Enrolled in a correctional institution or identified as a returning citizen

Outreach

School visits
State and local collaborations
Community and faith based organization collaborations
Juvenile detention
Eligibility
Formerly incarcerated or any individual with a criminal conviction who may need help finding employment.

Outreach
Prison and Correctional Center visits
State
Local collaborations
Community and faith based organization collaborations
Services Provided

Employment Assistance

IllinoisJobLink.com

Employer Incentives

Federal Fidelity Bonding

Tax Credits
Services Provided

Job Readiness and Workforce Development

Soft Skills Workshops and 1-on-1 Assistance

• Application preparation
• Resume writing
• Interview preparation
• Identifying resources
• Making referrals
Services Provided

Career Development

Career Information Systems website

• Jobseeker Success Mindset Training
• 100’s of occupations
• Career assessment to help identify career interests
• Compare quality of life with occupational interests
• Research colleges and the majors they offer
• Identify almost 3000 different sources of financial aid
Hiring Events - Not Just a Job Fair

A hiring event leverages IDES’ innovative pre-registration and outreach efforts.

Business Services Team

This statewide team is geared specifically to the needs of employers. Business Service Managers are assigned regionally to meet with businesses to assess needs, discuss available programs and services, and provide customized solutions.
Services Provided

**Unemployment Insurance**

Unemployment insurance is a state-operated insurance program designed to partially replace lost wages when an individual is out of work.

Unemployment insurance, however, cannot and does not protect an individual against wage losses while you are absent from work due to illness or while you are idle by choice.
Mandated by federal law, IDES administers a fast-track reemployment system targeting UI claimants most likely to remain unemployed during the entire benefit period.
Services Provided

Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA)
Collaborative Business Engagement

Our Goals:
Meet with businesses in their assigned regions
Meet with VR Counselors
Working with local offices collaborative activities
Work with Legislators on Fairs and Community Events
Prepare and Present “Usable” LMI data to Economic Groups relevant to their region
Questions?