

Get involved and join the team!

BUILDING BRIDGES BREAKING BARRIERS

Location: Indianapolis Urban League

The training program consists of three blocks, each 4 1/2 days in length, totaling 112 hours of classroom instruction. In addition, 68 hours of practicum and homework assignments must also be completed.

The three training blocks are scheduled approximately five weeks apart to allow participants adequate time to deal with everyday work duties as well as completing mandatory practicum and reading assignments. Before applying for the program, discuss the course requirements with your supervisor.

The training program addresses the following competencies:

- Career development theory and application
- Understanding and using facilitation skills
- The role of assessment in career planning and job placement
- Instruction and group facilitation
- Designing and implementing training and work development services
- Barriers to employment
- Ethics of the career development facilitator
- Transition interventions for the offender population
- Job-seeking and employability skills
- Job retention
- The role of information and computers in career planning

The program objectives are to:

1. Provide participants with the knowledge and skills required to deliver effective workforce development services
2. Promote collaborations that will result in increased positive employment outcomes
3. Prepare trainees to facilitate the basic skills modules of the OWDS curriculum

Offender Workforce
Development Specialist
Team Indiana



2018 Training Schedule

Training Sessions
September 9 - 14
October 22 - 26
December 3 - 7

(Participants must attend all scheduled dates above)

Lodging not included
Training fee
\$400 per participant

The team-focused training allows for networking from various areas of pre and post release service providers

(County jails, DOC, probation, parole, faith-based and non-profit service providers, community corrections, Bureau of Prisons, Dept. of Workforce Development, etc.)

- Become a certified Offender Workforce Development Specialist (OWDS)
- Eligible for the Certified Career Services Provider (CCSP) credential

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