

Someone You Should Know: Mary Fitzhugh

As a job seeker Mary has accessed many of the services available to job seekers through Illinois workNet, including online assessments in addition to computer training and volunteering. She recommends that job seekers maintain a positive attitude and utilize a program such as WIA (Workforce Investment Act) which can help to improve career skills, and enhance a person both professionally and personally.

“You can’t sit and feel sorry for yourself. There’s a lot of help and resources out here – and there’s always someone here to help you. You either ARE marketable or you CAN be marketable—it depends on your attitude.” The benefits Mary received from WIA funding have helped create some exciting opportunities for her. Renewed enthusiasm, upgraded skills and increased confidence will no doubt help with her future. Mary is currently seeking a permanent human resources management opportunity while working on temporary assignments.

WIA’s goals are to improve the quality of the nation’s work force, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance productivity and competitiveness. To do this, WIA supports a variety of career-development services for dislocated workers, disadvantaged adults and youths, and others who need extra help to enter or move up in the work force. Services are customized and often include financial aid for job training.



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