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PROGRAM ELIMATES BARRIERS FOR THOSE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

EVANSVILLE, IN - Southwest Indiana Workforce has a mission to grow the workforce throughout the region. The organization utilizes many programs and resources to do so. In order for those who need services to help them enter into the workforce, transportation may be a barrier.

SWIN Workforce developed the Neighborhood Navigators program. This program offers accessible services to everyone in all corners of the nine county region SWIN Workforce serves.

Kay Johnson serves as the Operations Manager at SWIN Workforce. She says, "Just as the WorkOne office does, Neighborhood Navigator sites build Southwest Indiana's workforce by providing job readiness services, job search activities, connections to employers and training services, job placement assistance, and continued contact for a year after job placement."

The Neighborhood Navigators program started in 2022 and has expanded to 20 locations throughout the region. Employment specialists work from the 20 designated locations to help those who desire to get into the workforce.

Executive Director of SWIN Workforce, Sara Worstell, says, "The Neighborhood Navigator sites help to expand the locations where people can access re-employment services. This eliminates the requirement to go to a WorkOne for most services and help people to get connected to suitable employment without the burden of traveling, in some cases, across town."

SWIN Workforce works to ensure that everyone who wants to gain employment has the opportunity to.

"As opposed to the 'you must come to us' concept, Neighborhood Navigators convey the message that we are willing to meet you in the neighborhood where you live." Kay shares.

For more on the times and locations of each Neighborhood Navigator site, visit our website at swinworkforce.org.



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The Southwest Indiana Workforce Board is comprised of business and community organization representatives in Southwest Indiana. The Board oversees the workforce development initiatives and the WorkOne Southwest offices in Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick counties.

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