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## Seminars to help local residents in finding jobs

The Madison County Employment and Training Department has joined forces with the Edwardsville Public Library to assist residents looking for a job by offering two information job search workshops. The first workshop will be held on Oct. 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Edwardsville Public Library. Presenters from both agencies will give job search tips and resources available on line, at the Southwestern Illinois workNet Center and at the library. Topics covered will include resume key word construction, the online application process, interview questions and following up after a job interview. A repeat session will be held on Nov. 1 at the same time and location. These sessions are free and open to the public. No registration is required; attendance will be on a first-come first served basis. As the need arises, this workshop may be repeated on an on-going basis.

“I am very pleased that we can work with such a wonderful resource as the Edwardsville Library.” said David Stoecklin, executive director of the Madison County Employment and Training Department. “Although there have been cuts to our budget and closing of some offices, we now have a great partner to help us outreach into the community. The assets that the local libraries have available work nicely with the many services our department can provide. We are excited about this partnership and the chance to serve residents in the community. The Internet offers a portal to many ways in which to search for work, assess career opportunities, and seek resources. We will be working with the library to provide access and expertise to help folks use these resources.”

Each workshop participant will be surveyed for additional services that either Madison County Employment and Training Department or the Edwardsville Library can provide such as career counseling or one-on-one staff assistance. These services may be provided at the library or at the Southwestern Illinois workNet Center in East Alton.

Madison County Board Chairman Alan Dunstan is also very pleased with the partnership.

“Bringing county services to the community and partnering with the local libraries is one way we are stretching the limited resources we all have available. Budget cuts have forced the closing of some Madison County offices and reductions in our

staff, but the need still exists. This partnership is helping us continue to assist folks in need of job search assistance. I am looking forward to expanding this service in the months to come. We need to work closely with all of the partners working to strengthen our economy and get people back to work,” Dunstan said.

The Edwardsville Library is committed to assisting residents with their job search and has expanded their services to accommodate the unemployed job seeker. Madison County Employment and Training will work in conjunction with the library to broaden the job resources made available to the community while continuing their dedication to economic and workforce development.

The MCETD implements WIA funding in Madison and Bond Counties. The department operated one comprehensive center and one satellite office to help individuals find a job and to assist business owners to find the right employees. Currently, the offices are called Southwestern Illinois workNet Centers. Visit [www.illinoisworknet.com](http://www.illinoisworknet.com) or [www.mcetd.org](http://www.mcetd.org) to learn more about the services available to find the location of the East Alton and Greenville offices. The East Alton office is accessible by riding the Madison County Transit.