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Meeting with CDL ITA Providers & American Job Center Staff

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Agenda



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- 1. Welcome and Introductions-George Wright, CEO of the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership**
- 2. Current Issues-Anne Hogan**
 - a) CDL Provider referral system is overwhelming the WIOA offices
 - b) Suspension of ITAs for Adult and Youth
 - c) Participant time in training
 - d) Unsuccessful students
- 3. Review of Current Performance and ITA Usage by Provider**
 - a) Completion Rate
 - b) Entered Employment
 - c) Training Related Placements
- 4. Discussion Topics-Group**
 - a) Suitability for youth?
 - b) Driving time and overcrowding
 - c) Impact of Yellow Trucking layoffs
 - d) Pre-Requisite testing
- 5. Next Steps-How can we do a Better Job Going forward?**
 - a) Increased screening of referrals.
 - b) Better communication with the offices
 - c) Skills Gains and Credentials
 - d) Strengthening relationships with employers
 - e) Standardize DOT Exams and Drug Testing

Current Issues



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- The present CDL Provider referral system is overwhelming the WIOA offices and utilizing the majority of the ITA funds.



- The Adult and Youth funds have been suspended due to the high expenditures on CDL ITA's.



- Many Participants are spending far too long in training.



- Schools do not know what to do with Participants that are unsuccessful (e.g., how many times do they need to let them try to test).

Current Performance 1/1/22-12/31/23



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Name of Provider	Number of Exitors 1/1/22-12/31/23	Successful Completions	%	Entered Employments	% Entered Employment	Training Related Entered Employments	%
160 Driving Academy	640	469	73.28%	457	71.41%	346	75.71%
Blue Horizon	69	65	94.20%	65	94.20%	56	86.15%
Bulldog	62	49	79.03%	47	75.81%	37	78.72%
Alamo	19	19	100%	19	100%	19	100%
All Pro	35	28	80%	27	77.14%	17	62.96%
Columbia	41	29	70.73%	36	87.80%	20	55.56%
Division Truck Driving	27	10	37.04%	16	59.26%	8	50%
Expert Driving	60	39	65.00%	49	81.67%	37	75.51%
Mexico Juarez	34	32	94.12%	34	100.00%	25	73.53%
Mid-City	182	139	76.37%	148	81.32%	121	81.76%
Professional Truck	47	33	70.21%	31	65.96%	29	93.55%
Progressive Truck Driving	302	239	79.14%	267	88.41%	246	92.13%
Road Runner	85	52	61.18%	55	64.71%	23	41.82%
Star	23	20	86.96%	20	86.96%	17	85.00%
Viking	46	43	93.48%	36	78.26%	31	86.11%
Wolf	10	10	100.00%	10	100%	10	100.00%

Review of Current Performance % ITA Usage

Rank	Provider	Total Applicants	Paid Amount
1	160 DRIVING ACADEMY	535	\$ 2,326,046.90
2	PROGRESSIVE TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL INC CHICAGO	405	\$ 1,819,300.00
3	MID-CITY TRUCK DRIVING ACADEMY	204	\$ 1,010,740.00
4	BLUE HORIZON CO INC	95	\$ 443,625.00
5	ROAD RUNNER DRIVING SCHOOL	91	\$ 429,250.00
6	BULLDOG DRIVING SCHOOL	89	\$ 405,000.00
7	JUAREZ DRIVING SCHOOL	69	\$ 336,030.00
8	EXPERT DRIVING SCHOOL, INC	55	\$ 256,745.00
9	VIKING DRIVING SCHOOL, INC	42	\$ 205,540.00
10	PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOL INC	50	\$ 202,950.00
11	STAR TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL	44	\$ 200,510.00
12	ALAMO TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL	37	\$ 169,830.00
13	COLUMBIA DRIVING SCHOOL	40	\$ 155,100.00
14	DIVISION TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL	31	\$ 148,475.00
15	ALL PRO TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL LLC	29	\$ 133,000.00
16	WOLF DRIVING SCHOOL	21	\$ 87,140.00
17	ALL PRO TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL LLC	8	\$ 40,000.00
18	ADVANTAGE DRIVER TRAINING	2	\$ 8,200.00
19	ALPHA TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL	5	\$ 0.00
20	BLUE HORIZON CDL DRIVING SCHOOL	3	\$ 0.00

TOTAL CDL Applicants	1,855
TOTAL ITA Applicants	3182
PERCENTAGE	58%

Group Discussion Topics



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Should we be training Youth?



We hear a lot about overcrowding and how hard it is to get driving time. What can be done about this?



What has Yellow Trucking going out of business doing to affect your candidates' chances of being placed?



At what point do you do the DOT Physical Exam and Drug Testing?



How can we do a better job going forward?



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Increased screening of referrals.



Better communication with the offices.



Forwarding copies of the Skills gains while in training and credentials upon completion.



Strengthening relationships with employers for increased training-related placements.



Standardize DOT Exams and Drug Testing to be done at the beginning of training (e.g. referrals should be tested in advance).



Q & A



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