WESTERN ILLINOIS WORKS

Serving Adams, Brown, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, Pike, Schuyler, and Warren Counties

Staff Testimonial Crystle Adams

Western Illinois Works (WIW) Beginnings

I was working at a newspaper, a valuable experience, but I was not really loving the corporate feel. I had worked at a nonprofit right out of college and liked that atmosphere better, and I wanted to help people.

What Makes Crystle Proud to Represent WIW

I feel there is tremendous value in helping others find the educational and career paths that will be a good fit for them, provide for their families, and put them into positions to be contributing to the common good.

The Purpose of WIW in Crystle's Community

We help connect people to resources that they may not know are available. We can help alleviate some of the struggles individuals in our community face, allowing them to become happier, more productive citizens.

Crystle's Purpose at WIW

My purpose is to be a staff resource to help staff to do their jobs more effectively, thereby serving our clients better. I started as an educational and career counselor and job developer and spent about 15 years directly working with participants, helping them decide on training choices. Now, I use my expertise to help staff work more effectively.

WIW Impact

Over the years, we have helped hundreds of participants find their best fit in training and job options. These people have gone on to raise families, become business and industry leaders, and participate in decision making in their communities. That has tremendous value to all of us in the region.

The Most Challenging Aspect of Crystle's Role at WIW

The most challenging thing for me is staying on top of the numerous federal and state guidelines and managing work time to fit everything in.

Why Crystle Works at WIW

I like to help others explore and find their best selves, so they can be a positive influence on their families and community. There is tremendous satisfaction in seeing someone get excited about their achievements and path in life.

"The most rewarding thing about my job is knowing that we are making a positive impact in our communities."

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- Title: Program Coordinator /
 Interim Program Manager
- Location Served: 9 Counties
- · # of Years at WIW: 23