



National Able Network®

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ABOUT NATIONAL ABLE NETWORK, INC.

National Able Network, Inc. is a leading non-profit organization specializing in providing employment counseling, training, and placement services for disadvantaged job seekers. At National Able Network, our mission is to help make careers happen. Each client receives personalized career supports that integrate career coaching, specialized training, and direct connections to the job market. Our programs are designed to assist jobseekers from all backgrounds, including the unemployed, career changers, military veterans, seniors, and aspiring IT professionals. Each year, National Able Network serves more than 76,000 individuals throughout Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska.

KEY STATISTICS

- **76,000 job seekers** receive assistance from National Able Network each year
- Clients received an **average 19% average increase** in annual wages
- **85% of clients** enrolled in our programs **gain employment**
- On average, our clients **gain employment within just 17 weeks.** (*Nationally, more than half of unemployed job seekers have been looking for work for 52 weeks or longer.*)
- **1,500 Seniors** provide more than **800,000 working hours** at *hundreds* of community-based organizations in Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska each year
- We help between **300-400 job seekers each day** at our **Chicago Workforce Center**, the largest and most comprehensive facility in Illinois
- **500 Military Veterans** receive civilian career transition services through our *Veterans Forward!* programming each year
- For **every \$1 invested** in our clients, **\$5.95 is contributed back** into the local economy
- Approximately **30% of our students** enrolled in IT Career Lab are **military veterans** (*IT Career Lab is GI Bill approved*)

WORKFORCE STRATEGIES

- Career Coaching
- Career preparation training
- Military-to-Civilian Career Transition
- Pre-vocational Training
- Vocational Training
- Workforce Centers
- Economic Development
- Strategic Partnerships

CORE PROGRAMS

- Adult Education/GED
- IT Career Lab (*Information Technology Careers*)
- JUMPSTART! (*Career Preparation Training*)
- On-the-job Training
- Trade Adjustment Assistance
- Senior Community Service Employment Program
- Veterans Forward
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



EXPERTS

National Able Network's subject matter experts offer the latest views into local and national economic and employment developments.

Grace Powers President & CEO	Grace Powers has served as President & CEO since 2003. Ms. Powers is a former US Air Force officer and business executive. She is a strong advocate for workforce development and leads the Illinois delegation of the annual National Skills Coalition summit each year.
Bridget Altenburg Chief Operating Officer	Bridget Altenburg leads efforts in key areas of strategic growth including National Able Network's veterans programming, job search and technology training, corporate relationships, and social enterprise. Ms. Altenburg's career includes executive level positions in both for-profit and non-profit. Along with her professional experience. Ms. Altenburg began her career as an engineer officer in the US Army and served in three deployments in Bosnia and Kosovo.
Patricia Wilkins Vice President, Workforce Development	Patricia Wilkins oversees 45 full-time staff in five states in National Able Network's Senior Services. Ms. Wilkins is an expert in workforce development programming, employment issues faced by mature workers, and the implementation of best-practice solutions.
Andi Drileck Vice President, Workforce Programs	Andi Drileck manages multiple workforce development contracts that serve more than 76,000 job seekers each year. Ms. Drileck is responsible for the oversight of two high-capacity workforce centers that are home to more than a dozen active programs. Under her leadership, Ms. Drileck's programs have been recognized for multiple best practices in compliance, reporting and management.

A full listing of Executive Staff and the National Able Network Board of Directors may be viewed on our website at www.nationalable.org.

