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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.





A LOT TO “LIKE” ABOUT 2016

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2016 YEAR IN REVIEW



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A Chat with the CEO

June 30, 2016

“We need to make a stronger investment so that the skills of our citizenry keep pace. When you don’t do that, you see a widening skill gap and income gap.”-National Able Network’s President & CEO, **Grace Powers** in C-Suite Quarterly, Fall 2016. At National Able Network, we help individuals discover how their personal and professional assets can lead them into sustainable careers. Focusing on assets rather than barriers reframes the conversation and ushers in confidence.

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Tech Career Dreams Fulfilled

March 14, 2016

Arturo Contreras was always fascinated by technology. “There were a lot of roadblocks between me and my job in IT: inexperience, my financial situation,” Arturo said. “All these credits I was getting in college I still didn’t see myself getting the job that I wanted. I had to start looking elsewhere.” That “elsewhere” turned out to be National Able Network. And in a few short months, Arturo earned professional certifications from Cisco, and with the help of our team, turned his hobby into a career to support his young family. With the support of the Walmart Foundation, we helped Arturo and more than 1,000 individuals connect to careers in growing industries such as IT, retail, and transportation.

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Partner of the Year Award

February 26, 2016

Our partner, Atterbury Job Corps, awarded National Able Network its prestigious “Partner of the Year” Award. Once a year, Atterbury Job Corps formally recognizes a partner from the local business community who has had a significant and positive impact on its Job Corps students. National Able Network received this year’s award for the highly-regarded Retail Career Lab training that was provided to Columbus and Indianapolis Job Corps students. Student engagement and feedback regarding the Retail Career Lab training was overwhelmingly positive. Receiving the award on behalf of National Able Network was Ron Givens, Manager of Training and Organizational Development (pictured third from left).

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Job Seekers ‘Jumpstart’ New Careers

January 19, 2016

We are so thrilled to share this photo of Amy Stewart, Learning and Development Manager at National Able Network, helping clients build job search skills with our flagship training program “**JUMPSTART**” in a computer lab at National Able Network’s Headquarters in Chicago. JUMPSTART helps job seekers develop a job search plan, prepare for job interviews, and build an effective resume, cover letter and LinkedIn profile.

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Driving a New Career Path

October 22, 2015

Montez Bond was unemployed and seeking a new career path. With the help of his Career Coach, Matthew Daigler, Montez was enrolled into the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program. The program gave Montez the resources he needed to attend training at Expert Driving School, where he earned his Commercial Drivers License (CDL). With training and Matthew’s help, Montez is “driving” his new career path.

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Senior Ambassador Helps Peers

August 3, 2015

Dolores Cole came to National Able Network with a goal of building her technology knowledge and skills. Dolores not only built her own skills and knowledge, she decided to teach her peers! Dolores became a Senior Ambassador through the Senior Community Service Employment Program and helped individuals like herself build skills and confidence to enter the workplace. Dolores was hired at LAF, where she continued providing outreach and education to seniors regarding their legal rights and how to prevent elder abuse. For her fellow mature job seekers, Dolores offered this: “Believe that you have something to contribute to an organization. Embrace change as an opportunity to grow. Reinvent yourself.”

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Celebrating Veterans Day

November 11, 2015

With training and education as an artillery officer in the Illinois Army National Guard, **Bobby Springer** never thought finding a civilian job would be challenging. With no luck searching alone, Bobby received job search assistance from the Veterans Forward team. Bobby is now employed as a business manager at the University of Illinois at Chicago while also continuing his career in the National Guard. “The Veterans Forward staff and Job Search Work Team helped me focus on my most relevant experience and grow my professional network,” Bobby said.

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Nonprofit Collaboration Success

September 15, 2015

 Illinois Joining Forces is a statewide non-profit that helps service members, veterans, and their families connect with the network of service providers and resources throughout the state. When we were established by statute, we didn’t have expertise on staff to handle the required monthly financial management and reporting for fiscal compliance. In addition, we needed guidance on HR policies, standard procedures, and audit preparation. As our fiscal agent, National Able Network does more than just monthly reporting, they are a trusted partner that makes financial management easy. —**Ken Barber**, Executive Director, Illinois Joining Forces

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Welcome to Delaware

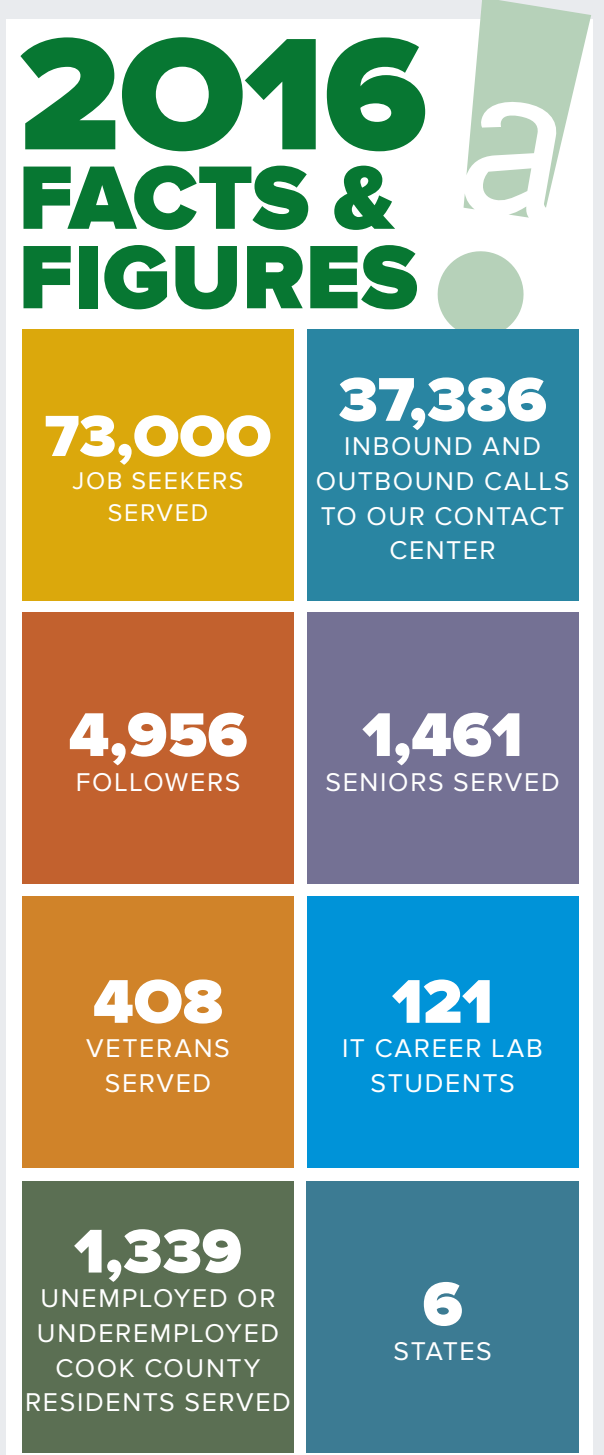
July 1, 2015

We are now offering the Senior Community Service Employment Program in New Castle County, Delaware! National Able Network has operated the program continually since the early 1980s, but this is the first time in Delaware. Of the expansion, Grace Powers, President & CEO said, “We are thrilled to have the opportunity to serve New Castle County seniors, nonprofit organizations, and area businesses.” Our New Castle County office is located at the Delaware Goodwill Center, 300 E. Lea Blvd. in Wilmington.

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2016

EVENTS
HIGHLIGHTS

WHAT

7 Smart
Strategies
for 50+
Jobseekers

WHEN

March 21, 2016

WHERE

Prairie State College
202 S. Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, IL

RESULTS

With the AARP Foundation, we operate the BACK TO WORK 50+ program. 17 jobseekers attended.

WHAT

Unilever
Hiring Event

WHEN

April 14, 2016

WHERE

Unilever
2816 S. Kilbourn Ave.
Chicago, IL

RESULTS

29 job seekers attended.
17 job seekers hired.

WHAT

Sodexo
Hiring Event

WHEN

April 14, 2016

WHERE

Chicago Workforce Center
1700 W. 18th Street
Chicago, IL

RESULTS

65 job seekers attended.
50 job seekers received job offers.

THANK YOU!

We extend our sincere gratitude to all of our supporters, followers, clients and partners for making 2016 an unforgettable year at National Able Network. We hope you continue to follow us into 2017 as we share stories of success, partnership, and mission advancement.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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mission possible.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	2016
Revenues	
Total Revenues	\$ 18,133,514
Expenses	
Program Services	16,264,882
Support Services	1,835,915
Total Expenses	18,100,797
Change in Net Assets	32,717
Net Assets	
Beginning of Year	1,484,661
End of Year	\$ 1,517,378

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

	2016
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$1,340,996
Net Receivables	1,882,523
Promise to Give	177,500
Prepaid Expenses	119,663
Total Current Assets	3,520,682
Net Furniture and Equipment	19,918
Deposits	81,622
Total Assets	\$3,622,222

	2016
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable – Trade	\$ 341,597
Other Liabilities	719,088
Total Current Liabilities	1,060,685
Long-Term Liabilities	
Deferred rent obligations	1,044,159
Total Liabilities	2,104,844
Net Assets	
Net Assets	1,517,378
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,622,222

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