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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. National Able Network's mission is *advancing workforce solutions and career pathways for an equitable future*, and Able's approach to workforce development programs and services is informed by our equity strategy which aims to address historic inequality and systemic injustices in the workforce such as employment discrimination based on race, gender, age, or sexual orientation.

Since its founding in 1977, National Able Network has maintained a reputation as a convener of community resources, a champion for bridging public and private investments in workforce development, and particularly during the past decade, a powerful advocate for creating a more equitable future for vulnerable populations and communities.

Each client receives personalized career support that integrates 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 75,000 individuals throughout Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

### **KEY STATISTICS**

- 75,000 job seekers receive assistance from National Able Network each year
- Clients received an average 19% 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 <u>52 weeks or longer</u>.)
- **1,500 Seniors** provide more than **800,000 working hours** at *hundreds* of community-based organizations in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska each year
- We help between 300-400 job seekers each day at our American Job Center in Chicago's Pilsen community, the largest and most comprehensive facility in Illinois

### **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**

- IT Career Lab (Information Technology Careers)
- JUMPSTART! (Career Preparation Training)
- On-the-job Training
- Incumbent Worker Training
- Senior Community Service Employment Program
- Career Pathways
- 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.

# Matt Weis President & CEO



Mr. Weis joined National Able Network in 2014 to oversee career pathway programs and lead significant programmatic expansion efforts. In 2020, he was appointed Chief Program Officer (CPO) where he developed and implemented a number of strategies to ensure operational continuity and ongoing adaptation to the changing job market for Able's core programs. Mr. Weis has served as President and Chief Executive Officer since early 2023. He aims to build upon Able's strong history of equity, while expanding the agency's programming and service delivery footprint through the creation of innovative solutions for the ever-changing job market. He is a strong advocate for and practitioner of transitional jobs and other subsidized employment programs and has managed employment contracts at all levels including city, county, state, and federal.

A full listing of Executive Staff and the National Able Network Board of Directors may be viewed on our website at <a href="https://www.nationalable.org">www.nationalable.org</a>.

