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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 Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, 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 <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 Near West American Job Center, the <u>largest and</u> 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.

## Bridget Altenburg President & CEO

Bridget Altenburg joined National Able Network in September 2013 as Chief Operating Officer and was appointed President & CEO in April 2018. Her career includes experience in the non-profit and for-profit sectors as well as military service in the U.S. Army. Bridget came to National Able Network from Chicago Cares, where she served as the Executive Director for almost three years. Prior to her work with Chicago Cares, she directed the development, marketing, and communications for the Academy for Urban School Leadership. She also served as an Army Engineer officer for five years, deploying three times. Bridget earned a BS in Russian and French from the United States Military Academy at West Point and an MBA from Columbia Business School in New York. She was appointed by President Obama to serve on the Board of Visitors at West Point.

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>.

