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Mobile job lab opens at Oshkosh Correctional

Lab helps individuals connect with employers before release

OSHKOSH, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) recently opened its newest job lab at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution (OSCI). The job labs are a collaboration between DOC and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to offer job readiness services to incarcerated individuals prior to their release to the community.

“This lab, and these types of interventions, are key to setting persons in our care up for success prior to their release,” DOC Secretary Jared Hoy said. “We are thankful for our partnerships with DWD and the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board. The individuals at OSCI now have enhanced opportunities to find and obtain meaningful employment, which is a critical component to successful reentry.”

"When looking at efforts to provide structure and direction after release, connecting someone with a good job is hard to beat," DWD Secretary Amy Pechacek said. "Job Centers help connect abilities with opportunities to build Wisconsin's workforce and position our economy for success."

The lab at OSCI is a mobile unit, and was previously located at New Lisbon Correctional Institution, which has since created a permanent space.

Last month, the first OSCI clients were able to access the job lab, creating Job Center of Wisconsin accounts, and searching for open employment opportunities. The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board is providing staffing resources in the lab.

"By partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, we are not only providing individuals with meaningful employment opportunities but also tapping into a valuable labor force that will strengthen Wisconsin's economy," said Anthony Snyder, CEO of the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board. "This collaboration bridges the gap between rehabilitation and workforce development, paving the way for long-term success for all."



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Individuals at OSCI will be able to receive assistance with resume development, career assessments, job searching and applications, and interviewing skills. Further, clients may have an opportunity to interview for jobs prior to release.

During the first quarter of 2025, 681 persons in our care have received services in the institution-based job labs throughout the state. With nearly 400 individuals releasing from OSCI each year, this mobile job lab can provide critical opportunities for success.

