

Significant Events List

Background: This list contains notable national and statewide awareness campaigns (days, weeks, months) applicable to workforce development that Illinois workNet refers to as “Significant Events.” Annual events are utilized to plan content topics on Illinois workNet to acknowledge, celebrate, and raise awareness.

Please Note: This list is current as of the date in the Header. This document is intended to provide a *general* overview and may change (updates, removals, additions). Dates vary each year. Visit the applicable website for each event to learn more details and dates. For questions or concerns, please contact Illinois workNet via email at info@IllinoisworkNet.com.

Event	Date(s)
National Mentoring Month	January
Career & Technical Education Month	February
Women’s History Month	March
SBDC Day	March March 15, 2023 March 20, 2024
Financial Literacy Month	April
National Volunteer Week	April April 16-22, 2023
Second Chance Month	April
National Small Business Week	April 30-May 6, 2023
National Construction Week	May May 1-5, 2023
National Foster Care Moth	May
National Military Appreciation Month	May
Older Americans Month	May
Mental Health Awareness Month	May
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month	June
National Safety Month	June
Juneteenth	June 19 th
National Black Business Month	August
National Workforce Development Month	September
National Support Latino Business Day	September 14 th
National Employ Older Workers Week	September (<i>Last Full Week of September</i>) September 14-30, 2023
National Hispanic Heritage Month	September 15-October 15

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National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week	September September 18-23, 2023
National Drive Electric Week	September/October September 22-October 1, 2023
Manufacturing Month	October
Manufacturing Day	October (<i>First Friday of October</i>) October 6, 2023
LGBT History Month	October
National Coming Out Day	October 11 th
Cybersecurity Awareness Month	October
National Disability Employment Awareness Month	October
National Women’s Small Business Month	October
College Changes Everything Month	October
Youth Justice Action Month	October
Veterans Day	November 11 th
National Apprenticeship Week	November November 13-19, 2023
American Education Week	November (<i>Week Before Thanksgiving</i>) November 13-17, 2023
Transgender Awareness Week	November 13-19
Small Business Saturday	November (<i>Saturday after Thanksgiving</i>) November 25, 2023
International Day of Persons with Disabilities	December 3 rd