

COMPASS NOW 2012 – MONROE COUNTY
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AGENCIES/PROGRAMS: UNEMPLOYMENT and JOB SKILLS TRAINING	DESCRIPTION	SERVICE AREA	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT INFO
COULEE REGION LONG-TERM CARE WORKFORCE COALITION	Employment-related advocacy group	Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon Counties	Andrea Hansen	(608) 785-6509
JOB SERVICE: TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE CASE MANAGEMENT JOB CLUBS JOB SEARCH RESEARCH CENTER	Comprehensive job assistance center	Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties		(608) 789-5627
WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS CASE MANAGEMENT FOODSHARE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM WISCONSIN SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (WISE) BUSINESS SERVICES/CLASSROOM TRAINING EX-OFFENDER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES DISPLACED HOMEMAKER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS	Comprehensive job assistance center	Buffalo, Columbia, Crawford, Douglas, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Pierce, St. Croix, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties	Jessica (FoodShare Employment & Training) Judi Rogness (WISE) Carol Wagenson/Wanda Palmer (Business Services/Workforce Investment Act) Terry Shreve (Vocational Assessment, Displaced homemaker programs)	(608) 374-7740 (608) 789-5606 (608) 789-5620 (608) 790-7913 (Ex-Offender Employment Program) (608) 374-7740
WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICES YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM DISPLACED HOMEMAKER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM)	Job search resource center for students	Buffalo, Clark, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties in Wisconsin; Fillmore, Houston, and Winona Counties in Minnesota; Allamakee County in Iowa	Jackie Helgeson (Student Employment) Bonnie Withrow (Displaced Homemaker Employment Program)	(608) 785-9091 (608) 785-9175 (Youth Apprenticeship Program) (608) 274-7700 (Displaced Homemaker Program)
COULEECAP, INC. SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM	Job search assistance	La Crosse, Monroe and Vernon Counties	Pam Wood (Skills Enhancement Program)	(608) 796-9069
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DIVISION YOUTH WORK PERMITS	Unemployment insurance, youth work permits	Wisconsin	None listed	(800) 822-5246 Unemployment (608) 266-3345 Youth Work Permits

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MONROE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Disability-related center-based employment services (contract for this service with local agencies)	Monroe County	Carl Phillips, Director	(608) 269-8600
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICAN – GATEWAY AREA COUNCIL	Career exploration for teens	La Crosse, Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, Monroe, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties in Wisconsin; Houston County in Minnesota	Sean Hennenman	(608) 784-4040
GIRL SCOUTS OF WISCONSIN – BADGERLAND COUNCIL, INC.	Career exploration for teens	Buffalo, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Trempealeau, and Vernon, Walworth Counties; Houston County in Minnesota; Allamakee County in Iowa; northern Winnebago County in Illinois	Laura Springer	(800) 236-2710 Ext. 1151
LA CROSSE AREA HMONG MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION	Career counseling/job readiness support	La Crosse County and surrounding area	None listed	(608) 781-5744
GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC. – GOODWILL RETAIL STORE AND TRAINING CENTER	Employment preparation services, ex-offender employment programs	Monroe County	Jennifer Marlett	(608) 372-7464
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION WISCONSIN FARM CENTER	Job retraining	Wisconsin	None listed	(800) 942-2474
COULEE REGION RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM	Employment for low income seniors who provide support to children	Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon Counties	None listed	
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE, INC. ADULT PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING SPECIAL NEEDS JOB DEVELOPMENT	Job skills training for adults with developmental disabilities	Buffalo, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe and Trempealeau Counties	Steve Burnette	(608) 785-0500
WISCONSIN DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	Vocational Rehabilitation	Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties	None listed	(800) 523-2139

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS	Vocational Rehabilitation	Monroe County	Mike Sallaway	(715) 254-1837
VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER	Vocational Rehabilitation	Adams, Clark, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lincoln, Marathon, Monroe, Portage, Price, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Waushara, and Wood Counties in Wisconsin; Houston County in Minnesota	Gordon Aleckson	(608) 372-3971 Ext. 61726
WISCONSIN JOB CENTER – MONROE COUNTY	Comprehensive job assistance center	Monroe County	Terry Shreve	(608) 374-7740
UMOS – RICHLAND OFFICE	Vocational assessment and job placement for migrants	Wisconsin	Josie Garcia Dobbs	(608) 647-8821
CHALLENGE UNLIMITED	Vocational rehabilitation and special needs job development	Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon Counties	Darlene Brunke	(608) 269-4065
HANDISHOP INDUSTRIES, INC.	Disability-related, center-based employment	Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon Counties	Patty Clark	(608) 372-3289
EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES, INC. ERI PLUS – TICKET TO WORK PROGRAM	Support for people with disabilities to enable them to maintain employment	Wisconsin	Kate Peterson	(608) 246-3444 Ext. 225
SPARTA GED CENTER		Sparta		608-269-3791
TOMAH GED CENTER		Tomah		608-374-7700
WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE		Sparta & Monroe County		608-269-1611
WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE		Tomah & Monroe County		608-374-7770
WI DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	Retraining grants	Wisconsin		800-947-8387 http://dva.state.wi.us/

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	Regional Economic Development	Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Trempealeau, Vernon Counties	Greg Flogstad	(608) 785-9396
LA CROSSE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCORE (SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES)	Business Consulting Services	La Crosse and surrounding area	Bob Dean	(608) 784-4880
WHEDA (WISCONSIN HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SMALL BUSINESS LOANS)	Small business loans	Wisconsin	Antonia Riley, Executive Director	(608) 266-7884
FARM SERVICE AGENCY	Farm loans	Monroe County	Wade Miller	(608) 269-8136 Wade.miller@wi.usda.gov
MONROE COUNTY UNIVERSITY EXTENSION	Farm/rural development information and assistance and community resource development assistance	Monroe County	Amy Schanhofer	(608) 269-8722