

COMPASS NOW 2012 – VERNON COUNTY
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AGENCIES/PROGRAMS UNEMPLOYMENT AND JOB SKILLS	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	Comprehensive job assistance center and vocational assessments	Buffalo, Columbia, Crawford, Douglas, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Pierce, St. Croix, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties	Ashley Trautsch (FoodShare Employment & Training) Judi Rogness (WISE) Carol Wagenson/Wanda Palmer (Business Services/Workforce Investment Act) Kathy Neidert (Job Center and vocational assessments)	(608) 637-3280 (608) 789-5606 (608) 789-5620 (608) 637-2996
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) 785-9468
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	Unemployment insurance	Wisconsin	None listed	(800) 822-5246
VERNON AREA REHABILITATION CENTER – VARC	Vocational assessment and community based employment services for people with disabilities	Richland, Sauk, and Vernon Counties	Robin Ugo	(608) 637-3934
VERNON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Vocational assessment	Vernon County	Jean Klousia	(608) 637-5210
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

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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;	Laura Springer	(800) 236-2710 Ext. 1151
SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE	Vocational assessment for displaced homemakers	Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, and Vernon Counties	None listed	(608) 822-3262
LA CROSSE AREA HMONG MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION	Career counseling/job readiness support	La Crosse County and surrounding area	None listed	(608) 781-5744
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION WISCONSIN FARM CENTER	Job retraining	Wisconsin	None listed	(800) 942-2474
ORC INDUSTRIES, INC.	Employment services for people with disabilities	La Crosse, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties	Leilani Kremmer	(608) 784-9450
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	(608) 781-7727
CHILEDIA HABILITATION INSTITUTE	Vocational Rehabilitation	La Crosse County and surrounding area	None listed	(608) 782-6480
WISCONSIN DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	Vocational Rehabilitation	Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties	None listed	(800) 523-2139
LAKEVIEW HEALTH CENTER	Vocational Rehabilitation	La Crosse County	Pam Semb	(608) 786-1400
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

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UMOS – RICHLAND OFFICE	Vocational assessment and job placement for migrants	Wisconsin	Josie Garcia Dobbs	(608) 647-8821
CHALLENGE UNLIMITED	Vocational rehabilitation	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
EXPERIENCE WORKS OLDER WORKER EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	Senior community service employment programs	Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties	No contact listed	(608) 789-5623
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

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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	Rural economic loans	Vernon County	Katharine Lewison	(608) 637-2183 Kathy.lewison@wi.usda.gov
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN VERNON COUNTY OFFICE	Rural resource management and development assistance	Vernon County	Tim Rehbein	(608) 637-5276