

## Other sources of information about local employment include:

### Local newspapers:

- La Crosse Tribune
- Foxy Shopper

### Web-based employment searches:

- JobNet  
<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/jobnet>
- La Crosse Tribune  
<http://www.lacrossetribune.com>
- Foxy Shopper  
<http://www.lacrossefoxy.com>

### Library:

- La Crosse Public Library—Main  
800 Main St. La Crosse  
608-789-7100  
<http://lplcat.lacrosse.lib.wi.us>

### Employment Agencies:

- Please check the local Yellow Pages listings for agencies.

Aging and Disability Resource Center  
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300 North 4th Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601-3228

# Employment Resources Available In La Crosse County

This resource guide is  
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Internet: [www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/humanservices/adrc](http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/humanservices/adrc)

Toll free: (800) 500-3910

## Some tips on job search skills:

**Resume:** The purpose of a resume is to get someone interested in talking to you. Be brief. One page preferred. Two maximum. Include job titles, duties and responsibilities, and accomplishments. Details on education should include skill specific training. Never misrepresent yourself on your resume (skills, education, dates of employment).

**Face to Face Interviews:** Your first impression with each person you meet is very important. Prior to your visit, educate yourself about the company you are visiting. Check out their Web site or ask for information. People notice when you have knowledge of their company and/or products.

Be on time. Make sure you know the exact location of the interview. It's a good idea to drive to it ahead of time to plan for travel time.

Always dress appropriately for the interview.

Use a firm handshake with eye contact.

Be enthusiastic and friendly. Listen more than you talk. Be polite and use correct grammar.

Maintain good posture and eye contact. Be alert, enthusiastic, and articulate. Do not chew gum, use profanity, or smoke.

Answer questions to the best of your ability. If you don't know the answer to a question, say you don't know.

Listen to questions asked of you. Answer them fully and directly. Do not talk too much. Don't downplay or over sell your skills.

If present or desired salary comes up, furnish accurate information.

Make your best impression. Ask for the job.

Choose not to say negative things about past employers

Write a thank you.



- **Independent Living Resources, Inc.**  
4439 Mormon Coulee Rd.  
La Crosse  
608-787-1111  
<http://www.ilresources.org>  
\*ILR provides the following services to individuals working with DVR: assessment, assistive technology consultation, benefits counseling, case coordination, career exploration, assistance with applications and interviews, ongoing support, and job development. They also have a job club.

- **Riverfront, Inc.**  
3000 South Ave. La Crosse  
608-784-9450  
<http://www.riverfrontinc.org>  
<http://www.youcanwork.org>  
\*Riverfront provides the following services to individuals: community employment, assessment, planning, job search, job development, job coaching, and production plant work. To work with Riverfront, an individual must receive funding from DVR or another source, or be able to pay privately.



- **Challenge Unlimited, Inc.**  
608-269-4065  
<http://www.cuinc.org>  
\*Challenge Unlimited promotes the development of people with disabilities by providing educational opportunities, community-integrated housing and employment.

- **Couleecap, Inc.—Youth Employment and Training Program**  
2101 Victory St. Suite C  
La Crosse  
608-796-2929  
<http://www.couleecap.org>  
\*Couleecap's Youth Employment and Training Program offers tutoring, alternative secondary school services, summer employment opportunities, leadership development, mentoring, support services, occupational skills training, and work experiences to individuals who are age 14 to 21 and who meet income guidelines and have specific barriers to success.



- **University of Wisconsin—La Crosse Student Counseling Services**  
112 Wilder Hall La Crosse  
608-785-8073  
<http://www.uwlax.edu/drs>  
\*The Disability Resource Services' mission is to collaborate with students having disabilities to identify, reduce, or eliminate barriers in obtaining an education within the most integrated settings possible.
- **University of Wisconsin—Stout**  
<http://www.svri.uwstout.edu>  
\*The mission of the SVRI-Services is to provide quality rehabilitation programming for individuals with disabilities. Core services include vocational evaluation, job placement, and assistive technology.

- **Workforce Connections**  
402 8th St. N. 3rd floor  
La Crosse  
608-789-5620  
<http://www.workforceconnections.org>  
\*Workforce Connections provides opportunities for individuals who have experienced barriers to obtaining or maintaining meaningful employment. Some areas of assistance include: career planning, job search assistance, and skills training.
- **Disability Navigator**  
402 8th N. La Crosse  
608-785-1443  
608-89-5647 (TDD/TTY)  
\*The Disability Program Navigator helps people with disabilities “navigate” through the enormous challenges of seeking work.
- **Western Wisconsin Job Center**  
402 8th St. N. La Crosse  
608-789-5627  
<http://www.wwiobcenter.org>  
\*The Job Center offers a variety of services and programs to both job seekers and employers.
- **Workman's Compensation**  
608-266-1340



Local services specifically for individuals who have a disability and would like assistance with advocacy, assessment, support, or with securing a job include the following:

- **Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**  
333 Buchner Place, Wing B  
La Crosse  
608-785-9500  
<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr>  
\*DVR is a federal/state program designed to obtain, maintain, and improve employment for people with disabilities.
- **ORC Industries**  
2700 Commerce St. La Crosse  
608-781-7727  
[http://orcind.com/work\\_services.asp](http://orcind.com/work_services.asp)  
\*ORC's mission is “to advance the independence, productivity, and self-sufficiency of people with disabilities through employment opportunities.
- **Experience Works**  
402 8th St. N. Suite 201  
La Crosse  
608-789-5623  
\*Experience Works is a program for individuals age 55 and over who have low income.