

Iowa Care Center Uses Grant-Built Lab to Train Certified Nursing Assistants



Bridget Hanner walked into the Pleasant View Care Center in Whiting last year hoping that they would pay her to wash dishes or fold laundry. Instead, she suddenly found herself on a path to a new health care career.

Hanner, a lifelong resident of northwest Iowa, had a large gap in her resume after quitting work 26 years ago to raise a daughter and care for ailing parents. But Katherine Keane, Pleasant View Care Center's administrator, thought Hanner's caring nature would fit well in the center's new apprenticeship program.

Last fall, Hanner became a Certified Nursing Assistant – one of roughly 50 people who keep Pleasant View running by handling duties such as gathering medical supplies and grooming or moving patients. She's also an example of the powerful tools that many health care organizations are now using to fill needed positions.

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New Grants Awarded: \$2.26M for Summer Youth Internships

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds this week awarded nearly \$2.26 million to 35 projects designed to help Iowa youth gain access to meaningful work experience while exploring and preparing for high-demand careers.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the state is awarding Future Ready Iowa's Summer Youth Internship Program grants. The grants will directly support efforts to increase the career



Grow with Google Trains Iowans for High-Growth Tech Jobs – at No Cost

Iowa job seekers now have access to a valuable professional training program that's designed to prepare participants for high-growth technology jobs in less than six months.

In March, IowaWORKS offices throughout the state began offering access to Grow with Google training certificates at no cost to Iowans through Google's Career Certificates Scholarship Program.

IowaWORKS offices are receiving no-cost access to the program through a partnership between the National Association of State Workforce Agencies

opportunities available for Iowa's youth, including in areas with at-risk or under-represented communities.

Across Iowa, the grants will fund internships for an estimated 659 students from 85 communities.

For more information, read the [IWD news release](#).

National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) and Grow with Google. Grow with Google is making 30,000 program scholarships available nationwide. Through the program, participants can earn certificates in the fields of data analytics, IT support, project management, user experience design and/or Python.

Classes will be offered through the [Coursera.org](https://www.coursera.org) learning platform and are intended to provide another tool that will enhance, but not replace, existing Iowa training programs. Certificates and scholarship opportunities will be particularly focused toward low-income adults, Veterans and their spouses, and participants in IWD's Reemployment Case Management (RCM) program. Career Planners will work with individuals directly and conduct a short assessment to ensure they are prepared before they are enrolled in the program.

Interested job seekers should consult their [local IowaWORKS office](#).



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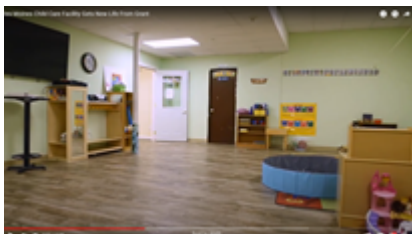
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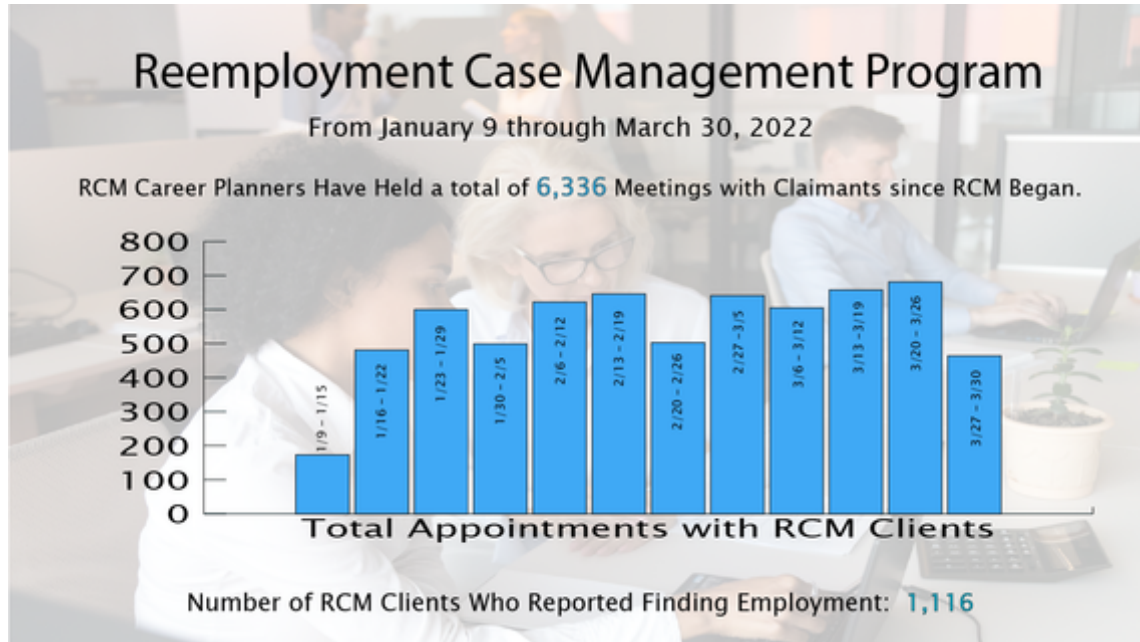
Video: Grant Creates New Possibilities for Des Moines Child Care Center



IWD visited Precious Beginnings, a child care center in Des Moines, to talk about how a Child Care Challenge grant helped the center finally meet longstanding needs. *Click the photo at left to view the [video](#).*

Visit the Future Ready Iowa website to learn more about [Child Care Challenge grants](#) and other Iowa facilities that received awards.

RCM By the Numbers



Iowa Workforce Development launched its Reemployment Case Management system earlier this year to add a new sense of urgency to getting unemployed Iowans back into the workforce. The new program provides most unemployment claimants with weekly assistance from an IWD Career Planner to help them assess their skills and match those skills with in-demand jobs.

IWD career planners have had more than 6,000 meetings with clients since the program started, while more than 1,100 claimants have left unemployment for new careers. [Click here for more information about RCM.](#)

Axis U Using Free Online Education to Help Companies Find Workers



Despite the fact that demand for workers has never been higher, Christian Gray still believes that there's plenty of untapped potential out there – people who Iowa employers never meet, because they only interview people who apply for jobs bearing two- or four-year degrees.

Gray, who two years ago formed a new company aimed at helping Iowa employers establish a wide range of apprenticeships, believes on-the-job learning can help firms access a new, untapped pipeline of potential workers.

All you have to do, he contends, is make the education free.

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2022 IHCA Foundation Scholarship Program
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Made possible by the Linda Juckette Family Gift Fund

This scholarship is for annual funding to a rural Iowa county or a veteran interested in pursuing education with the goal of working in long-term care. This scholarship covers the cost of health care and nursing degree programs, and long-term care certifications, up to \$2,000.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Applicants for this scholarship must meet the criteria listed below to qualify:

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