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News & Updates

ICN Welcomes Stephanie DeVault

ICN would like to welcome Stephanie DeVault as our newest leadership team member serving in the role of Business Services Bureau Manager.



ICN Launches Hotspot Service for Education Customers

In an effort to help close the homework gap and support remote learning, ICN has added a new mobile Hotspot service for our education customers.

K-12 Education & Library Users: Service qualifies for the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program.

[For additional information visit our service page.](#)

Emergency Connectivity Fund Program Application Filing Window is Open

Customer Notice for K-12 Education & Libraries

The application filing window for the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program opened on June 29, and will close on August 13.

During the application filing window, schools and libraries can apply for funding for purchases made between July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 of eligible equipment, including Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, and laptop and tablet computers, as well as commercially available broadband internet access services to meet the remote learning needs of students, school staff, and

library patrons who would otherwise lack access to connected devices and broadband connections sufficient to engage in remote learning.

For more information or to start an application, visit the [Emergency Connectivity Fund \(ECF\) website](#).

National Governors Association Highlights Iowa Communications Network

ICN was recently highlighted by the National Governors Association for our dedication to healthcare.

[Governors Lead On Expanding Access To Affordable Broadband For Telehealth Services](#)

ISU and Partners Receive National Science Foundation Research Grant

Iowa State University will lead a \$16M research project on the use of wireless technology to provide Internet access in areas of Story, Boone and Marshall Counties.

The ICN is a partner in this initiative.

Additional information about the project can be found at <https://arawireless.org/> or in this [video](#).

[Iowa State University Announcement](#)

Highlights from Social Media

Customer Appreciation

Thank you to the Fort Dodge Public Library for their continued support and recent service upgrade.

