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Staff News for the Iowa Department of Human Services

A Growing Team: HHS Announces New Leaders in Finance and IT



Jess Benson on the left, Jeff Engelenhoven on the right.

HHS announces Jess Benson will serve as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) overseeing budgeting and accounting for HHS. Jeff Van Engelenhoven will serve as Division Director for Public Health IT overseeing current and future public health IT initiatives and infrastructure projects.

“As we inch closer to aligning as HHS, we are excited to add additional team members who have extensive knowledge and experience in understanding both our programs and the lowans they serve,” said Director Kelly Garcia. “Both Jess and Jeff have invaluable skill sets that make them perfect additions to our executive leadership team. We are fortunate and excited to have them a part of team HHS.”

National Suicide Prevention Month

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To bring awareness to National Suicide Prevention Month, [Say Something About Suicide](#) was created to encourage adults to say something if they notice a young person in their life is struggling.

Much of our work in mental health service delivery and suicide prevention is about reducing stigma. The first step is to reach out for support when you or someone you care about is struggling. Mental Health is part of our overall health and is just as important as taking care of your physical health.

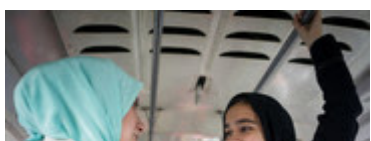
You might not know what to say to someone who you think might be struggling, [Your Life Iowa](#) can help you with what to say and [how to start the conversation with your children](#).

Your Life Iowa provides free, 24/7 support available for anyone dealing with mental health concerns, thoughts of suicide, substance use, problem alcohol use, or problem gambling.

How Can You Help Afghans and Ukrainians?



Welcome.US announces goal to mobilize 100,000 Americans to sponsor Ukrainians seeking refuge in the United States. Learn how you can directly sponsor people fleeing the war in Ukraine and other ways you can help [here](#).



Many Afghans have fled the country when the Taliban took control in August 2021 and came to the U.S. as refugees. As of April 2022, more than 900 Afghan refugees have made their way to Iowa. Learn how you can help Afghan



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Briefs



DHS Featured Jobs

DHS is now hiring for the following featured jobs. Browse all open DHS positions here: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/iowa> and filter by agency or location.

Purchasing Agent 2

DHS is seeking a Purchasing Agent to join the Glenwood Resource Center. This position is responsible for the procurement of materials, supplies, equipment, and services necessary to support the needs of the Glenwood Resource Center. This person will lead work/manage the workload and assign to Purchasing Agent 1 and Purchasing Assistant. This is a full-time opportunity with a five-day work week. Position closes May 30.

[A detailed job description is available here.](#)

Social Workers

DHS is seeking multiple social workers to join the Community Service Areas teams throughout Iowa. The person in this position will work with individuals diagnosed with Intellectual Disabilities (ID), Developmental Disabilities (DD), and Brain Injury (BI), and individuals utilizing the Health and Disability (HD), Physical Disability (PD), Elderly and AIDS/HIV waivers. This position will act as an advocate to help people with the above disabilities identify service needs, obtaining services to meet those needs, and evaluating progress in the provision of those services. This is a full-time opportunity with a five-day work week. Position closing dates may vary.

[Current openings available here.](#)

Nursing (ARNP, RN, LPN)

DHS is seeking multiple Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses to join our facilities across Iowa. The job duties and schedules differ based on specifics to the job posting. Closing dates may vary.

[Current openings are available here.](#)



Tell Us Why You Love Working For DHS

The work we do is important and deeply rewarding. As we recruit to build our team, we'll highlight **#TeamDHS** members in a social media campaign – **#IAMDHS**. Posts for this campaign feature quotes on what we do and what we love most about our work. **If you'd like to be featured, email Danielle Tesch at dtesch@dhs.state.ia.us.**



Follow DHS, Share Open Positions on LinkedIn

DHS is now active on [LinkedIn](#), an online professional network with 756 million members in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide. DHS will be using the platform to boost our recruitment efforts by sharing job opportunities and more.

Follow us on LinkedIn and bookmark or add the following link as a favorite in your browser: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/iowadhs>.

For inquiries on sharing a DHS job listing or related information on LinkedIn, reach out to Danielle Tesch at dtesch@dhs.state.ia.us.

Years of Service

Thank You for Your Service:

5 years of service

Chanton Smith, Woodward Resource Center

Caroline Woods, Independence MHI

Jason Neddermeyer, Cherokee MHI

10 years of service

William Stanley, Glenwood Resource Center

Sonya Hemphill, Scott County DHS

Carrie Stanley, Hoover Building

15 years of service

Jennifer Roeder, CSRU/Waterloo Regional Office

Gloriana Fisher, Hoover Building

Angela Barton-Griffin, Glenwood Resource Center

Susan Krahenbuhl, Hoover Building

William Rice, Glenwood Resource Center

20 years of service

Chase Roller, Cass County Courthouse

Meagin Wallis, Glenwood Resource Center

Jennifer Carlson, Story County DHS

Tamela Skokan, Glenwood Resource Center

India Stephens, Glenwood Resource Center

25 years of service

Archie Hall, Jasper County DHS

Kurt Beenk, Scott County DHS
Denise Dutton, Hoover Building
Kristin Jones, Hoover Building
Bryan Manross, Black Hawk County DHS
Allan Olney, DHS and DPH
Jennifer Richardson, Henry County DHS
Valerie Brooks, Polk-Carpenter Office
Susan Kraklio, Independence MHI
Amanda Harken, Marshalltown CSRU
Marie Fickensher, Scott County DHS
Susan Houghton, Linn County DHS/CSRU
James Swenson, Linn County DHS/CSB

35 years of service

Brenda Foster, Glenwood Resource Center

40 years of service

Danette Nelson, Linn County DHS/CSB

Mark Cameron, Hoover Building

Every day at DHS, we work to improve the lives of our fellow Iowans. As an agency it is important to keep focused on our mission; to help Iowans achieve healthy, safe, stable, and self-sufficient lives through the programs and services we provide. If you know of a staff member or success story that exemplifies this mission, please email dtesch@dhs.state.ia.us or mhighla@dhs.state.ia.us to include it in our DHS newsletter.

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