

## Virtual Job Club: Expert Online Advice about Resumes, Interviews, Etc.



It was roughly 90 minutes into the Zoom meeting when Kyle Welter unmuted to ask the IowaWORKS audience for advice.

“You know, the biggest issue I’m struggling with is just getting people to respond back to me,” said Welter. His recent interview for a human resources job had gone well, and the interviewer had given every indication that an offer would be coming. Then, silence.

“I know that she’s busy, and I’m trying not to, you know, constantly bombard her to the point where she doesn’t want to hire me... I’m just in that weird bubble stage.”

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## \$46M Grant Supports Apprentice Teachers

Iowa is awarding \$45.6 million as part of a pilot project to help school districts create registered apprenticeships for teachers and paraeducators.

Nineteen grants were awarded last week as part of a pilot project to provide opportunities for current high school students and adults to earn a paraeducator certificate and associates degree and for paraeducators to earn their bachelor’s degrees, all while learning and working in the classroom.

Combined, the grants will



## Iowa Urges Employers to Assist with Child Care

Gov. Kim Reynolds last month announced two new Business Incentive grants that will provide a combined \$25 million to support local investment by employers to expand the child care infrastructure or number of slots available for their employees.

The new programs are designed to alleviate problems targeted as priorities by the governor’s 2021 Child Care Task Force. Iowa has faced a dwindling number of child care businesses over the past decade – a shortage that costs the state’s economy an estimated \$935 million annually in lost tax revenue, worker absences, and employee turnover.

Potential projects for grant funding include the creation and development of on-site child care centers at Iowa

serve more than 1,000 paraeducators and students in 134 schools, ultimately creating more than 500 new paraeducators and 500 new teachers. Of these, 110 recipients are creating their first-ever registered apprenticeship programs in their schools.

[Click here](#) for a list of award recipients.

companies or partnerships with local and regional child care services to increase the number of available slots for an employer's employees. IWD will be in charge of awarding \$20 million of infrastructure grants, while the Iowa Department of Human Services will award \$5 million to projects that increase the number of employee child care slots.

DHS federal funds and ARPA funds are being allocated for this grant program. Applications for both grants will be accepted at [www.iowaGrants.gov](http://www.iowaGrants.gov) until July 18.

[Click here](#) for more information, or see our events list below for link to an explanatory webinar.

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## VIDEO: State Contribution Jumpstarts Fundraising for Child Care Center



Community leaders in Jefferson, Iowa, used a Child Care Challenge Grant to raise money for a badly needed new building. [Click the image above](#) to watch our video.

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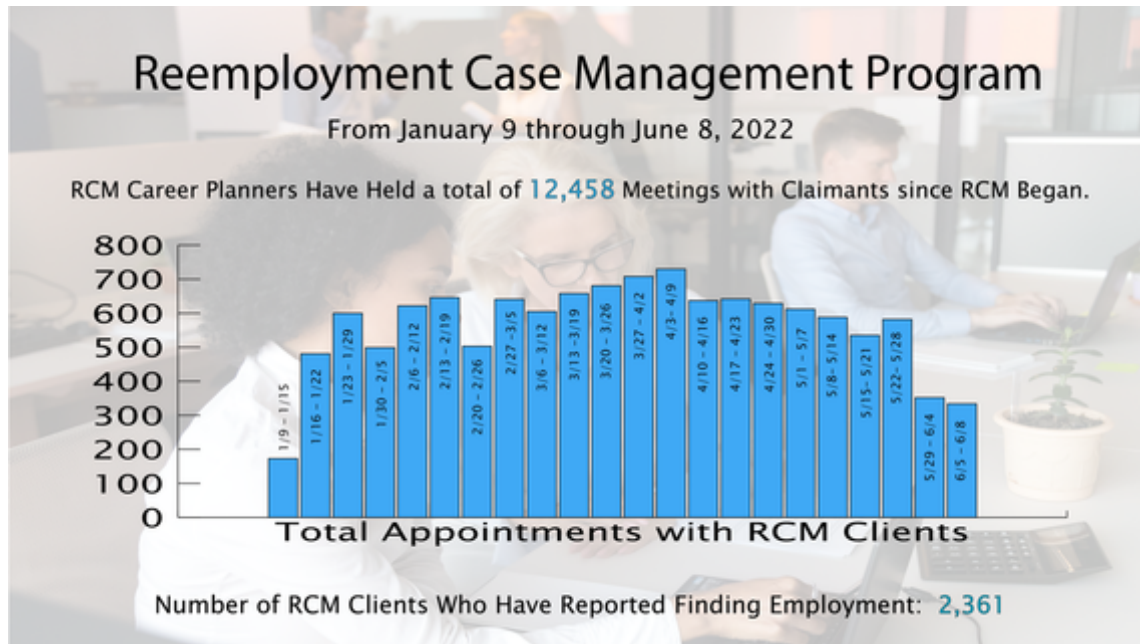
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# RCM by the Numbers



IWD career planners have had more than 12,000 meetings with clients since the Reemployment Case Management program started earlier this year, while more than 2,300 claimants have left unemployment for new careers. [Click here for more information about RCM.](#)

# Celebrating Women Veterans Month

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## IOWA WOMEN VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

**BETH TOWNSEND**

U.S. AIR FORCE  
21 YEARS OF SERVICE

DIRECTOR  
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

HOW THE MILITARY PREPARED ME FOR CIVILIAN WORK

SERVING IN THE MILITARY HELPED INSTILL A DEEP COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE, ESPECIALLY IN SUPPORT OF MY COUNTRY. IT MADE ME A BETTER COMMUNICATOR AND TAUGHT ME HOW TO UNDERSTAND AND WORK CLOSELY WITH PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS WITH VARIED PERSONALITIES. I LEARNED THE IMPORTANCE OF THINKING STRATEGICALLY, ACTING TACTICALLY, AND COMPLETING THE MISSION - INSTEAD OF

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Iowa Workforce Development is celebrating Women Veterans in June, including a special panel discussion at [Camp Dodge on June 17](#). Watch our social media channels for more posts throughout the month spotlighting women veterans who work at IWD.

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## Stalled Des Moines Child Care Center Pushed to Completion by State Grant



The long story of Precious Beginnings Children Center began with a need: A majority of children in some Des Moines neighborhoods were turning up for Kindergarten unprepared to start school.

“We basically identified that if we were going to change the trajectory for these kids, we had to get them into child care,” said Philip Herman, pastor at Highland Park Community Church, noting a longtime lack of quality, nearby options for working parents.

“If we don’t do child care right, if we don’t prepare these kids for the next step in their lives, which is school, then we end up with kids that aren’t prepared for school and never catch up,” he said. “We end up with people who go out into the world and don’t have employable skills.”

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# Upcoming Events / Opportunities

**CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE  
JOB FAIR**

Meet virtually with employers across the state of Iowa about careers in the public sector. Between federal, state, and local government, there are a wide variety of opportunities available!

**JUNE 30, 2022  
2:30 - 4:30 P.M.**

Register online at [tinyurl.com/PublicServiceFair](https://tinyurl.com/PublicServiceFair) or by scanning the QR Code

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