



Iowa Workforce

DEVELOPMENTS

News, events, and success stories from Iowa's workforce leader

IWD Adds New Staff to Improve Engagement with Businesses



From left: Tim Goodwin, IWD Director Beth Townsend, Gov. Kim Reynolds, Sherri Behrendt, Jared Baldwin.

Iowa Workforce Development is reshaping itself to become more responsive to business needs and make it easier for Iowa employers to get the help they need with their workforce challenges.

Two new division administrators and a new deputy director of employment and training joined IWD in June (although Tim Goodwin won't officially start until September) as part of a restructuring to help the agency focus more effort at becoming a one-stop center for employers' workforce needs.

"As we continue to realign to make it easier for our customers and employers to find and access workforce services in Iowa, the hire of three new leaders will continue our efforts to get unemployed Iowans reemployed faster, return more unemployed to the workforce, and create a one-stop customer service center for employers," said Beth Townsend, Director of Iowa Workforce Development. "Under Governor Reynolds' leadership, we want to make it easier for employers to understand and use the workforce resources Iowa provides."

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VIDEO: Women Veterans Day



IWD celebrated Women Veterans Day in June with a summit event at Camp Dodge. **Click above** to see some of the sights and sounds of our afternoon celebrating women veterans.

IA Awards \$2.45M for Health Careers Training

The state of Iowa awarded \$2.45 million at the end of June to help 22 school districts establish Health Careers Registered Apprenticeships aimed at filling some of Iowa's most needed jobs.

The new grant program, based on the nursing/patient care program at the Career

**TOMORROW
STEMS
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Future Ready Iowa Summit Set for Sept.

The 2022 statewide Future Ready Iowa Summit: All Options on the Table will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

Academy of Pella, follows an innovative learning model that introduces health care opportunities to high school students with the support of virtual reality training and real-world work experience at a local nursing facility or hospital.

Gov. Kim Reynolds called the awards “an innovative opportunity to build and train our future healthcare workforce. Not only will this registered apprenticeship program combine the best available technology with hands-on experiences for high school students, but it will create long-term pathways that help keep career-ready young lowans in our state.”

The eight grants will feed money to programs in 22 school districts (16 of which are launching their first-ever registered apprenticeship programs) and fund 450 apprentices.

For more information, visit [this link](#).

Presented by the Iowa Governor’s STEM Advisory Council and Future Ready Iowa, the Summit brings together lowans from business and industry, education, nonprofits, elected officials, and students to amplify the public conversation about solutions for connecting education and the workforce.

This year’s summit will feature presentations from Gov. Kim Reynolds and leaders from all over Iowa representing businesses, K-12 education, higher education, economic development, workforce development, nonprofits and professional organizations. The event will include:

- Keynote speakers astronaut Raja Chari (invited) from Waterloo and MacArthur "genius" Dr. Lisa Schulte-Moore of Iowa State University;
- Iowa futurists interviewed live by Cedar Rapids Mayor Tiffany O'Donnell;
- Iowa leaders sharing resources to support your innovation;
- Exciting projects offering a slew of options for lowans to be future ready; and
- More than 30 showcases of local innovations in education and workforce development.

There is no charge to attend the event, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Substitute teacher reimbursement and licensure renewal credit is available through AEA Online for practicing PreK-12 educators at no additional cost.

Registration is now open.

[Click here](#) for more information.



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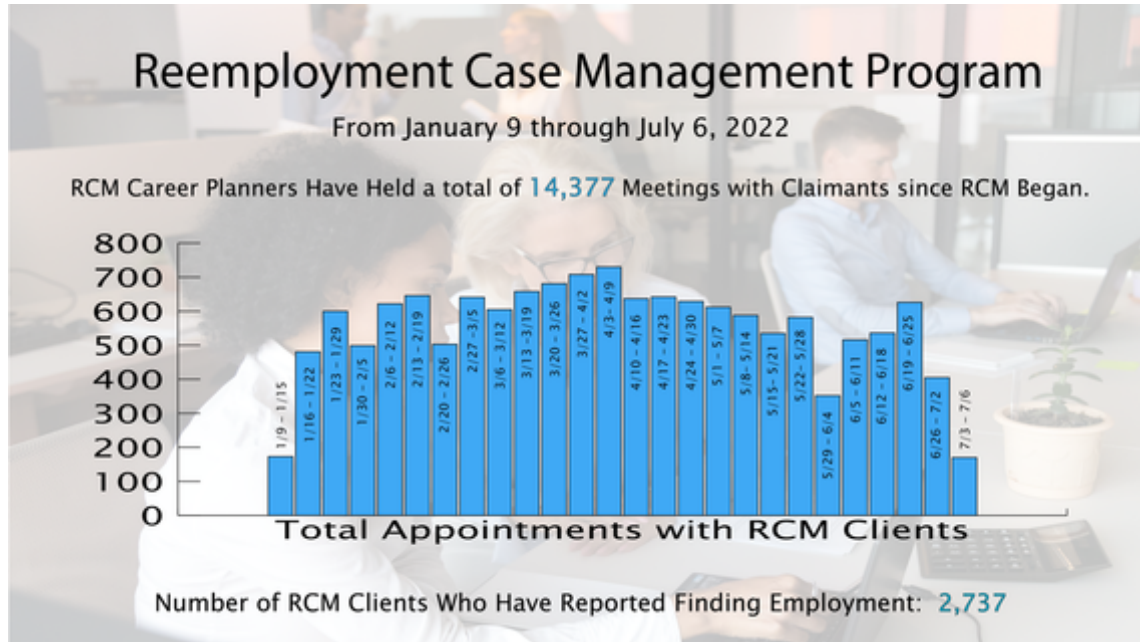
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RCM by the Numbers



IWD career planners have had more than 14,000 meetings with clients since the Reemployment Case Management program started earlier this year, while more than 2,700 claimants have left unemployment for new careers. [Click here for more information about RCM.](#)

New Mobile Unit will Bring IowaWORKS to a Broader Section of Iowa



IowaWORKS career planners and job search experts soon will be hitting the road to serve Iowans in a whole new way: They'll be bringing the office to you.

Iowa Workforce Development expects to take delivery next summer of a new 32-foot-long, custom-built bus – a mobile IowaWORKS on wheels that's expected to become a valuable tool for quickly delivering workforce assistance to far-flung areas of the state.

"The pandemic caused us to rethink how we serve people across the board," said Michelle McNertney, IWD's Division Administrator for Workforce Services. "This is another great tool for our toolbox. It adds flexibility and a new way to reach people who are not currently taking advantage of the wide variety of resources and services available through the IowaWORKS centers."

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Upcoming Events / Opportunities

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Webinar Dates

- June 23, 2022 1PM - 2PM
- June 30, 2022 1PM - 2PM
- July 7, 2022 1PM - 2PM



ECI Outreach

Opportunities for Returning Citizens

Learn More about:

• How the Iowa ECI Initiative has successfully helped returning citizens secure employment

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