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News, events, and success stories about workforce programs in Iowa

IWD's Business Engagement Division:



Helping employers find and connect the pieces of their workforce puzzles

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**IOWA'S
ONE-STOP SHOP
FOR EMPLOYERS**

IowaWORKS

If you're an employer facing workforce challenges, Iowa Workforce Development wants to hear about it. That's why we're hitting the road to speak with as many of you as possible.

Earlier this week, IWD officially launched its new Business Engagement Division, reorganizing employees around the state to create a more efficient team for assessing and resolving the workforce challenges of Iowa employers.

The first to-do item for members of the new division is an employer outreach blitz. Over the next 100 days, IWD leadership and members of the Business Engagement team will deploy across Iowa to share information about available resources and provide specific points of contact for assisting employers with workforce needs.

"We're going to be asking Iowa employers about the challenges they're facing in terms of workforce issues, then we'll work to connect them with the solution," said Tim Goodwin, Division Administrator for the new division. "This is the first step in building a one-stop shop for employers at Iowa Workforce Development."

[Click here to continue reading and learn how to request a visit.](#)

Come Help Us Celebrate in September



September is Workforce Development Month, a time when professionals at IWD and sister agencies around the nation will be opening up their doors to remind the people we serve of all the possible ways you can get assistance in finding a new career.

To celebrate, Iowa Workforce Development and its partners have put together a collection of open houses, roundtables, and hiring events to help lowans learn more about the types of services we provide. Visit [this page](#) for more information about the events that are taking place near you.

“We’re here to serve any lowan, whether you’re freshly unemployed or simply exploring the possibility of changing careers,” said Linda Rouse, Division Administrator of the IWD unit that oversees 15 IowaWORKS job centers and three satellite offices. “We hope people will come out to learn more about what we do and about all the services that we can provide – both in person and online.”

[Click here to read more.](#)

VIDEO: What We Offer at IowaWORKS



IowaWORKS job centers offer one-on-one assistance for any Iowan in search of a new career. Visit a local center or make a virtual appointment to receive help with resumes, searches, interviews and more. [Click the video above](#) to see firsthand how IowaWORKS makes it happen every day.

New IWD Employee Honored for Serving Iowans

A new IWD employee is being honored by the Iowa World Language Association for her work helping students obtain the Iowa Seal of Biliteracy, a formal recognition of their mastery of a second language.

Linda Fandel, who left the Iowa Department of



Iowa Awards \$26.6M in Child Care Business Incentive Grants

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds this week announced \$26.6 million in grants to fund 23 projects intended to jumpstart new child care opportunities and make it easier for Iowans to find child care options through their employer.

the Iowa Department of Education this month to join IWD's Business Engagement Division as the governor's liaison for work-based learning, is scheduled to receive the "Friend of the IWLA" award at an October 1 luncheon. The IWLA website says the award is intended to "recognize an individual who has provided special and exceptional service or aid to the Iowa World Language Association." The IWLA represents more than 1,200 language instructors in Iowa across all educational levels.

"Students knowing more than one language is a huge asset in the workforce," Fandel said. "I'm looking forward to expanding that opportunity."

You can reach her at linda.fandel@iwd.iowa.gov.



Linda Fandel

These new Child Care Business Incentive Grants include \$25.9 million to assist 19 infrastructure projects – employers who are building their own child care center for employees. Another \$603,433 will go to four projects as support for agreements between businesses and local centers to create new child care slots. Combined, the grants involve 67 employers and are expected to create nearly 1,800 child care slots.

"Iowa businesses know that access to quality child care is a major factor in employees' ability to work," Gov. Reynolds said. "These awards will support and incentivize employer investment in child care resources on site or through community partnerships and strengthen our efforts to provide high quality child care throughout the state of Iowa."

Click [here](#) for a full list of awardees or [here](#) for a map.

To build on these successes, IWD and the Iowa Department of Human and Health Services are announcing a second round of funding for the Child Care Business Incentive slots grant. This new opportunity seeks to provide additional flexibility in the ways employers can partner with local child care providers to meet the needs of their employees. Grants will support projects that increase licensed or operational child care slots, add slots to meet new time/day requirements of employees, or fill currently licensed (but unfilled) slots for the benefit of employees.

Applications are now being accepted on IowaGrants.gov and are due by 11:59 a.m. on October 17. **Click [here](#) for Notice of Funding and Application information.**

You can learn more about applying for the new grant by attending an upcoming **Child Care Business Incentive Grant webinar** on Sept. 23 at 9:00 a.m. [Click this link to register.](#)

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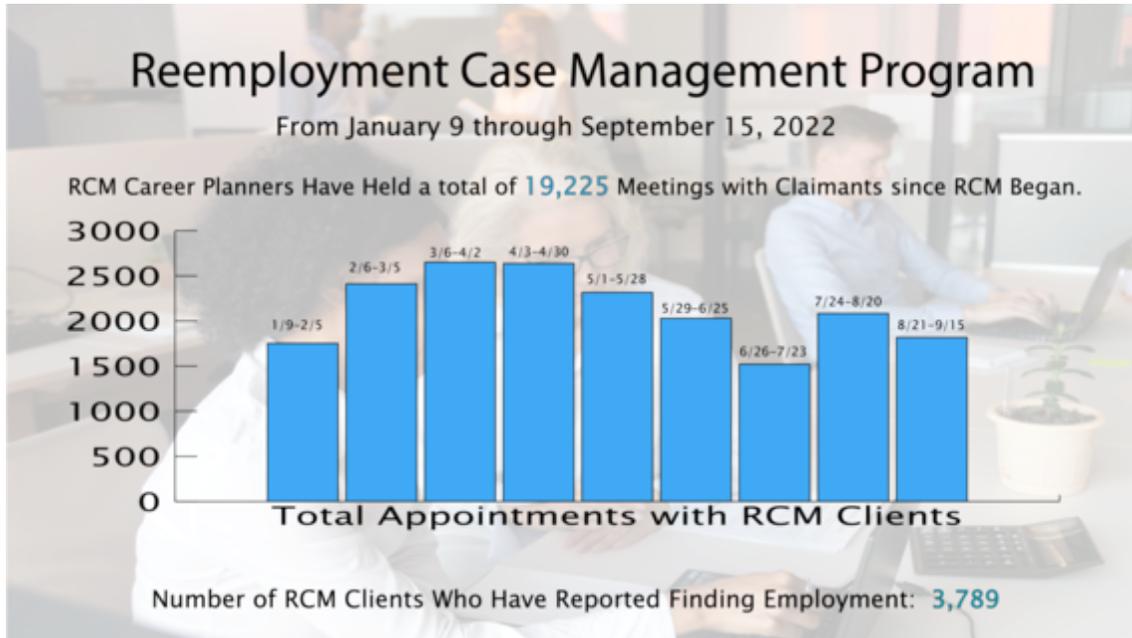
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RCM by the Numbers



IWD career planners have had more than 19,000 meetings with clients since the Reemployment Case Management program started earlier this year, while nearly 3,800 claimants have left unemployment for new careers. [Click here for more information about RCM.](#)

\$2.9M in Unemployment Improvements



Iowa Workforce Development is receiving \$2.9 million from the U.S. Department of Labor to make targeted improvements in several high-use services tied to unemployment insurance.

The money will fund enhancements intended ultimately to eliminate additional barriers, reduce backlogs, and improve the overall timeliness of unemployment payments.

“Iowa Workforce Development is grateful to receive this award, which will help our agency make targeted improvements in multiple areas,” said Beth Townsend, Director of Iowa Workforce Development. “We are continually looking for ways we can provide better service to lowans.”

[Click here to read the news release detailing how money will be spent.](#)

Upcoming Events / Opportunities

September Employer Panel: Rewarding Careers in Direct Care
Virtual Workshop

Thursday Sept 22
12pm-3pm

Employers will discuss organizational culture, job perks, & schedules.

Employers will share experiences with personal fulfillment and their career paths.

Learn about:

- ✓ Hiring Practices
- ✓ Opportunities for Training
- ✓ Wages/Benefits
- ✓ What to Expect After Applying

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10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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How To Sign Up
Call or Email your local office to register
<https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/contact>

Or Register through IowaWORKS.gov

1. Login to your account
2. Locate "Current Month Events" widget on your dashboard
3. Select "Meetings"
4. Find the date and time that works for you and click on the event
5. Scroll to the bottom and click on the green "register" button
6. Watch your email for a calendar invite

**HOME BASE IOWA
CAREER FAIR
FOR MILITARY AFFILIATED STUDENTS**

September 26, 2022
2PM - 4PM

Pride works here.

We're looking for full and part-time health care professionals to join our circle of care.

Join MercyOne
Sept. 22-26
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NOW HIRING

Monmouth, IL

- Meat Processing, 1st + 2nd shift, \$16.75/hr
- Career advancement during temp to hire period

Burlington

- Assembly, 1st + 2nd shift, 10hr shifts, \$12.00/hr
- Production, 1st shift, \$14.50/hr
- Open to bid on positions day 1 of being temp
- Representation provided by QPS Burlington in Burlington

Des Moines

- Machine Operator, 1st shift, \$15.00/hr
- Construction Production, 1st shift, \$16/hr

Fairfield

- Machine Operator, 1st shift, 10hr shifts, \$16.25/hr
- Production, 1st shift, \$14.50/hr
- Open to bid on positions day 1 of being temp
- Representation provided by QPS Burlington in Burlington
- Machine Operator, 1st shift, \$16.25/hr
- Open to bid on positions day 1 of being temp
- CNC Operator at shifts, \$18.25/hr

Kennett

- Machine Operator, 1st + 2nd shift, \$15/hr
- Final Assembly Warehouse, 1st shift, \$15/hr
- \$2000 sign on bonus, \$1.75 raise upon conversion

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