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November 2020

Virtual Professional Development

Join us for our November Professional Development Webinar!

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United Way of Central Iowa

November Webinar: Serving Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

The United Way of Central Iowa will host a panel to discuss how workforce partners can better serve those experiencing homelessness. Panelists include Diana Mata Corvera, CIRCA Case Manager and Amber Ramirez, Director from Central IowaWORKS, and Luke Lynch, OpportUNITY Director from the United Way of Central Iowa. This panel will be moderated by Michelle Rich, Community Impact Manager – Income, from the United Way of Central Iowa. Participants will learn about how workforce programs and services can better serve those who are experiencing homelessness.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Register today!

Date: Monday, November 16th
Time: 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM CST
Cost: FREE!

Register for the November 2020 Webinar here!

November is National Career Development Month!

The National Career Development Association (NCDA) recognizes November as National Career Development Month!

Those engaged with career and professional development are encouraged to participate in and provide career development activities.

While National Career Development Month is observed all November long, National Career Development Week occurs November 16-20 and National Career Development Day is November 18th!

The NCDA provides an art and poetry contest every year, with opportunities for children and adults to participate. To register yourself or someone you know to participate in the 55th Annual NCDA Poetry and Art Contest, please click [here](#).



2020 NAWDP Virtual Youth Symposium

Registration for NAWDP's 2020 Virtual Youth Symposium is now open. The Youth Symposium will be held December 7th-9th and will be a combination of live and recorded sessions. Live events will also be recorded and attendees can access all sessions through the month of December.

Youth Symposium workshops will be centered around the following tracks:

- Educating and Training Our Future Workforce
- Employment, Retention and Advancement
- Overcoming Barriers
- Recruiting and Engaging Youth
- Self-Care for Workforce Professionals

Register Today!

Resources Worthy of Your Attention

2020 National Apprenticeship Week Webinar!

Learn about how Registered Apprenticeship programs can help you and your community build a skilled workforce across many industries like healthcare, advanced manufacturing and more. Registered Apprenticeship programs provide an "earn and learn" model that helps participants build their skills in a high-demand career. The webinar will also provide an overview of the programs available to both high school students and adult learners. This year's event will feature guest speakers from a few of the Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors:

- Unity Point
- Van Wall Equipment
- John Deere

Learn more about Registered Apprenticeship at www.EarnAndLearnIowa.gov

Register Here!



Case Studies in Collaboration

\$5.85 Million In Funding for Coronavirus Relief Fund Earn and Learn Grant Awardees

On November 3rd, Governor Reynolds announced that 46 nonprofits, adult training providers, small businesses, post-secondary institutions and unions were awarded Coronavirus Relief Fund Earn and Learn Grants. These grants range from \$10,000-\$250,000 and awardees will support short-term training programs to provide industry recognized credentials.

“The Earn and Learn grant program will lead to training opportunities in high demand occupations helping lowans find good-paying, family-supporting careers ,” said Gov. Reynolds. “These funds may be used toward tuition, training equipment, books, tools, work-related supplies, wrap-around supports, as well as administrative costs. I am proud to announce these awards to forty-six innovative projects with the potential of serving 1800 lowans whose employment has been affected by this pandemic.”

These funds must be expended by December 30, 2020, resulting in many lowans being enrolled in programs in the next coming weeks. Some of these new enrollees will receive industry recognized credentials by the end of February 2021.

[Read more about the Coronavirus Relief Fund Earn and Learn Grant and find a list of awardees here.](#)

WIOA Success Stories: Impacting Iowan's Everyday Lives



Baylee Pollard: WIOA Helped Get Me to Where I Am Today

I have been a WIOA participant since June 2016. I enrolled when I was just a sophomore in high school. During that time, I struggled with barriers such as my disability and lacked support from the school system. I felt like I couldn't do anything without some form of discrimination and the community seemed to be a barrier to me. Through WIOA I received Incentive Bonus

Payments for good grades. This came in handy as it provided me an incentive to do better and basic household expenses needed.

In January of 2019, my senior year of high school I participated in a work experience opportunity at the Chariton Public Library. There I gained a lot of skills and experience necessary to find employment. This gave me a great sense of purpose. It motivated me to want to do other things such as graduate high school. I learned a lot about the skills necessary to be successful in the workforce. The paychecks were tremendously helpful at the time as well.

I graduated Chariton High School in May of 2019 with my diploma. Prior to graduation

Miranda assisted me with researching labor market information. Miranda help me set goals to graduate and enroll in classes.

It was during this time my car broke down and Miranda helped provide the financial assistance for car repairs through WIOA. This was a huge help as this provided me the ability to continue my education. This past fall, with the help of Miranda and the WIOA Program, I enrolled in the Childcare Technician program at Indian Hills Community College. I moved into the dorms on campus and have been working hard to earn my Early Childhood Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree.

Now I am learning how to promote child development, as well as building family and community relationships. I am developing the professional skills necessary to support young children and families within our community just the way Miranda and WIOA has supported me.

I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to participate in such a wonderful program. It has truly impacted my life in ways I could have never imagined.

It is my belief that I wouldn't be here if it weren't for the help of Miranda and WIOA.

This success story was submitted by Jen Erdmann, Operations Manager at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa.

Do you want to feature a success story of your own in The AIWP Current?

Submit Your Success Story Here!

100 Years of Tracking the Women's Workforce

2020 marks 100 years since the creation of the U.S. Department of Labor's Women's Bureau. In it's 100 years of service, here are the top ten occupations women have held.

- 1) Other domestic and personal service
- 2) Teachers
- 3) Stenographers and typewriters
- 4) Clerks (n.e.c.)
- 5) Farm laborers
- 6) Launderers and laundresses
- 7) Salesmen and saleswomen
- 8) Bookkeepers and cashiers
- 9) Cooks
- 10) Farmers, general farms



To read more about women's participation in the workforce, please click [here](#).

Join the Association of Workforce Partners!

AIWP is now accepting new members!

The Association of Iowa Workforce Partners (AIWP) is an **advocacy organization** that works on behalf of workforce development professionals in the state of Iowa. AIWP ensures workforce service providers can focus on providing high-quality results to their customers by offering **legislative relations, communications, and professional development services to members and staff.**

Members have access to all of the services of AIWP, including:

- AIWP annual professional development conference,
- Legislative Days at the capitol,
- Advocacy event planning and coordination,
- Professional development opportunities,
- and more!

New members can join FREE now through December 31, 2020. If you're interested in joining AIWP, please contact Bri Steirer at (515) 237-0338 or bsteirer@sppg.com.



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