

# THE WIOA CURRENT

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## Association of Iowa Workforce Partners Announcements

- **SAVE THE DATE!** The 2020 Annual AIWP Conference will be held March 25th-27th, 2020 at Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston, IA.
  - **THE CALL FOR PRESENTERS FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL AIWP CONFERENCE IS NOW OPEN!** [CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO PRESENT!](#)
- **Mark your calendars!** The AIWP Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th from 7:30 AM- 9:30 AM in the Legislative Breakfast Room at the Iowa State Capitol.
- **Contribute to the WIOA Current!** Is your organization doing exceptional work in the state? Do you have resources you would like to share with other workforce professionals? We want to hear it all! Send all contributions to [bsteirer@sppg.com](mailto:bsteirer@sppg.com).

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## Resources Worthy of Your Attention

- **Master Builders of Iowa (MBI) and Build Iowa are returning in 2020 to host their series of job fairs for youth interested in the building trades.** In 2020, the job fairs will take place in four locations: Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, and Mason City. [For dates, times, and more information, click here!](#)
- **Over 5,800 students are receiving state-funded scholarships to pursue continued education this fall as part of the "Last-Dollar Scholar" program, an initiative of Governor Kim Reynolds and Future Ready Iowa.** Over half of the \$13 million state allotment for this fiscal year is helping pave the way for more Iowans to acquire the education and training needed for good-paying, high-demand jobs. To read more about the Last Dollar Scholar program, [check out this article in the Cedar Rapids Gazette!](#)

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## Case Studies in Collaboration

**"Iowa is facing two critical issues that threaten the state's economic prosperity and hinder the hopes and dreams of Iowa families: a workforce shortage and a shortage of accessible, affordable, quality child care."**

Limited access to affordable quality child care in Iowa is preventing a significant amount of individuals that are able and willing to work from entering Iowa's workforce. This presents an issue as Iowa faces a statewide workforce shortage. These issues are intimately interdependent, and community leaders, employers, nonprofit organizations, and advocates are working to draw attention to possible solutions.

To read more about this important collaboration, check out this piece in the [Des Moines](#)

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## WIOA Success Stories: Impacting Iowan's Everyday Lives

Mackenzie is a single twenty-three-year-old who had to drop out of college because she became pregnant. When she came to us she stated she was depressed and didn't feel like she would be successful since she had experienced abuse from home and had a young son to raise on her own.

We enrolled her in the Title I youth program and through the process she identified that she liked animals. She said had always dreamed of working in a veterinary position of some kind but had given up on that dream.

A work experience was developed for her at a local vet clinic and she initially started working just as the front desk person, but, as time went on, she demonstrated other skills and abilities and they liked her so much that they wanted her to do an internship there where she would be working in the exam room with the doctor.

When she attended one of the Region 2 Board Meetings, she stated that "This was the first time in her life that she felt like waking up in the morning because she was looking forward to going to work." After she finished her internship, PROMISE Jobs and Title I, through the co-enrollment, assisted her with going to college for Veterinary Technician Training. She graduated with high grades and that same week she was offered a full time job as a Vet Technician in Cedar Falls! She happily accepted her dream job and she is still working there today.

**Thank you to Patti Hanson, Region 2 Workforce Development Director for sharing this month's success story!**

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

[Submit Your Success Story Here!](#)



## Top Ten: Industries for Job Satisfaction

- 1) Tax consulting and auditing
- 2) HR Staffing and Recruiting
- 3) Consulting
- 4) Information Technology

5) Research and development

6) Arts and Entertainment

7) Internet/New media

8) Purchasing

9) Market Research

10) Primary and Secondary education

To read more about job satisfaction, [check out this article featured by Monster.](#)

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