

THE WIOA CURRENT

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Association of Iowa Workforce Partners Announcements

- The state legislature adjourned for the year last weekend. May 27th is the deadline for the Governor to either veto or sign legislation in to law.
- During legislative session, AIWP sends bi-weekly policy updates. If you would like to receive AIWP policy updates for next legislative session, email Bri Steirer at bsteirer@sppg.com to be included in the mailing list.
- Thank you to all who attended the AIWP Conference on March 27th - 29th. Staff from regional WIOA providers and IowaWORKS centers, IWD state staff, Vocational Rehabilitation, community college staff, and others gathered to share best practices and engage in professional development.

Resources Worthy of Your Attention

- [StudyWorkforce Online Course- The Case for Strong Workforce Boards and Board Staff](#); This no-cost online course helps board members, staff, and LEOs understand how to leverage WIOA in support of their workforce and economic development agenda.
- Join Ron Painter, NAWB President and CEO, as he talks with leaders in workforce development, education, business, and economic development about key workforce issues on Workforce Central, the official podcast of NAWB. [Find the latest episodes of Workforce Central here!](#)

Case Studies in Collaboration

The Future Ready Iowa Summit was held in Des Moines on April 30th, 2019. In her keynote address, Gov. Kim Reynolds called for expanding opportunities for Iowa students to engage in professional experiences and explore career opportunities in the classroom.

The 2019 legislative session approved funding for Reynolds' Future Ready Iowa workforce program that aims to ensure 70 percent of Iowa workers have post-high school education or job training by 2025.

Work-based learning is a core tenant of the Future Ready Iowa scope of work, allowing students to "test-drive" careers and discover new opportunities they may have never considered. The goal of the initiative is to use Iowa's education system to close the skills-gap and create a robust Iowa workforce.

[Read more about Future Ready Iowa's work-based learning initiative and the Future Ready Iowa Summit here.](#)

WIOA Success Stories: Impacting Iowan's Everyday Lives

Ivy is a 19-year-old female who was referred to the WIOA Young Adult Program by Vocational Rehabilitation and (TAP) Transition Alliance Program. She had just finished high school and wanted to get some work experience in a childcare setting when I met her. Ivy had no previous work experience and couldn't find employment as a childcare provider on her own.

Through the WIOA Young Adult Program, Ivy was placed in a paid work experience at Tri County Head Start as an Assistant Teacher. She worked part time at the Lily Ferguson location where she assisted in the instruction of birth to three-year-old children in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth. Ivy was also expected to be responsible for providing a safe, nurturing, and inviting environment for children and their families.

Some of the things Ivy learned through her work experience were how to support children's emotional and social development, encouraging understanding of others and positive self-concepts, and learning how to instruct children in personal care, such as eating, resting, and toilet habits. She also developed skills in disciplining children and recommending or initiating other measures to control behavior, such as caring for their own clothing and picking up toys and books.

After completing 26 weeks of a paid work experience at Tri County Head Start, she was encouraged to apply for a position there at the agency. Ivy was subsequently offered year round Assistant Teacher position where she would work 30 hours per week or less earning \$11.22 per hour. Not only was Ivy hired on as an employee of Tri County Head Start with some benefits but the agency will also assist her with obtaining her (CDA) Child Development Certificate furthering her education.

Thank you to Cedar Valley IowaWORKS for sharing this success story!

Do you want to feature a success story of your own in the next edition of The WIOA Current? [Submit your success story here!](#)

Top Ten: Fastest-Growing Jobs in Iowa

Wind Turbine Service Technicians
Operations Research Analysts
Information Security Analysts
Actuaries
Home Health Aides
Personal Care Aides
Ticket Agents and Travel Clerks
Nurse Practitioners
Respiratory Therapists
Physician Assistants



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