

# THE WIOA CURRENT

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## Association of Iowa Workforce Partners Announcements

- **The AIWP 2020 Annual Conference was cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak.** AIWP encourages you to continue social distancing while also taking part in our Virtual Professional Development Series throughout April and May featuring webinars offered by our conference presenters.



### FEATURED WEBINAR: *Getting Beyond the Busy-Engaging Yourself and Those You Lead*

Patty Hendrickson will present her Keynote Address: *Getting Beyond the Busy* on **Thursday, April 16th at 1:00 PM CST** as part of AIWP's virtual professional development series. Registration is free, so sign up to reserve your spot now!

**REGISTER NOW!**

## Resources Worthy of Your Attention

**[Stay up-to-date on childcare vacancies for essential workers!](#)** These unprecedented circumstances call for our support for essential workers. [Iowa Child Care Resource & Referral](#) has provided an excellent tool through DHS for tracking child care vacancies for essential workers. **[Check out the map here!](#)**

**[Curious about how the COVID-19 outbreak is affecting Iowa's workforce system?](#)** Iowa Workforce Development provides live updates surrounding the spread of the virus and how it is affecting those that work in and depend on workforce services statewide. **[Follow IWD updates here!](#)**

## Case Studies in Collaboration

**[Iowa Workforce Development officials issued new information relating to federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES, Act benefits and implementation for thousands of Iowans who have lost their jobs due to the coronavirus outbreak.](#)** Provisions of the CARES Act enable unemployment benefits for the self-employed, independent contractors, not-for-profit employees, gig economy workers, those who have exhausted other unemployment insurance benefits and those who may not have sufficient work history to qualify for a regular state claim.

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



### Travis Busch: Carroll, IA

Travis first came to the Iowa WORKS office in Carroll in January of 2017 to file for unemployment after the company that he worked for 14 years closed its doors. Travis and his co-workers were given information about the different services offered at the center. Travis signed up to take the NCRC test.

After attending his RES class for his unemployment, Travis showed interest in potentially returning to school and the Title 1 program.

At that time, Travis began working with the Title 1 representative in the office and going through career path informational interviews, Career Development tools and program research. Travis decided to start at DMACC in the Fall of 2017 in the Tool and Dye program. Travis received assistance with his education from the Title 1 program to help supplement the financial aid and scholarships that he received. Travis commuted from Jefferson to Ankeny everyday until graduating in August of 2019. Travis completed his program and started full time with Power Lift on July 31, 2019. Travis stated that he is extremely happy to be working in the field he went to school in and doesn't have to drive for his work as he lives in Jefferson. Travis is pictured here with the machine that he works with daily.

Congratulations Travis for climbing the mountains for success!

**Thank you to Beth Winqvist, Region 8-Carroll, 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:  
COVID-19 Anxiety  
Reduction Strategies**

- 2) Do not engage with worry.
- 3) Focus on present odds.
- 4) Do not react to physical symptoms.
- 5) Focus on being productive and new ways of enjoying life.
- 6) Engage in stress reduction activities.
- 7) Do not go beyond CDC guidelines.
- 8) Preserve some sense of normalcy.
- 9) Be kind to yourself and others.
- 10) Seek out professional help.

These tips are courtesy of the Anxiety and Depression Association of America. To learn more about these anxiety-reducing tips, [\*\*check out this article!\*\*](#)

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