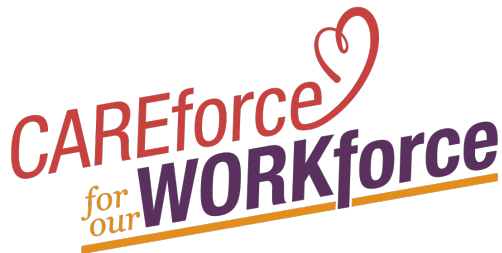




Improving the lives of Iowa's women and girls

May 2022

Child Care Provider Day – MONTH!



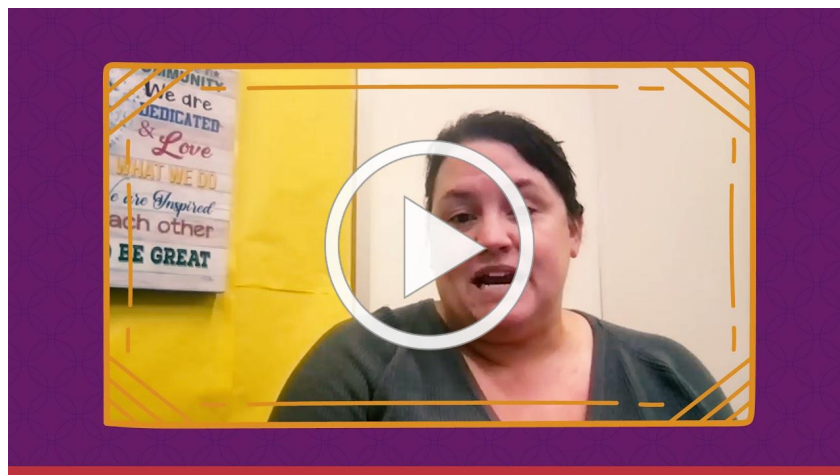
Hug A Child Care Provider today!

Child Care Appreciation Day is historically held at the beginning of May. As one of the identified barriers to women's economic self-sufficiency, the Iowa Women's Foundation appreciates and supports child care providers every day of the year, not just one specific day. With 75% of all parents in Iowa working outside the home, Iowa's economy depends on quality, affordable

and accessible child care. Knowing their children are in a safe and nurturing environment provides peace of mind for parents.

Take a moment and thank the people in your community for providing this essential service to the many families that rely on child care - families, neighbors, colleagues, employers, communities, and go the extra mile to show your support for the individuals that are creating a sound foundation for this next generation and the opportunity for women to participate in the workforce.

Here is a video shared at IWF's Annual Luncheon. This features the Community of Glidden, Iowa and how they have come together to build a child care center for their residents.



Building Community Child Care Solutions

IWF will be accepting Letters of Interest (LOIs) for the upcoming

Building Community Child Care Solutions (BCCCS) fund grants beginning Monday, June 20th.

The BCCCS fund is in its 6th year and to date has awarded \$190,000 to programs that have increased the number of child care slots throughout Iowa. This fund specifically focuses on strategies to increase women's economic security by decreasing the workforce gap through access to quality, affordable child care.

The process begins with a Letter of Interest, and those moving to the next round will be invited to complete a full application detailing the request.

Specific details will be available soon on the IWF [website](#).



Thank you to the University of Northern Iowa Women in Business for hosting another great Run Like A Mother event on May 7th! The day was perfect with blue skies and warm spring temps. 125 participants ran and walked around Big Woods Lake in Cedar Falls. As a result, \$3,000 has been raised in support of the Iowa Women's Foundation to improve the lives of Iowa's women and girls. **Thank you!!**



A special thank you to the **University of Iowa Tippie College of Business - Women in Business** for their fundraising efforts this spring semester. They have donated over \$1,300 to support the work of the Foundation. We are grateful to this group of young women who are becoming philanthropists and setting a great example for their peers. **THANK YOU!**

Congratulations are in order for this group as well. They were voted Student Organization of the Year among the many groups on the UI campus! Well done!

Calling All Community Review Panelists!

At the heart of IWF's work is Grantmaking. Since the first grants were awarded in 1995 for 1996 projects, over \$1.3 million has benefitted thousands of women and girls in all 99 counties of Iowa. This summer we will be reviewing Core Grant Applications for the 2023 year. Community Review Panelists (CRP's) are needed to help us with this important work. Interested in being a part of a panel this summer? Please complete a [CRP application form](#) by Friday, May 27th to be considered and return to Ann at ann@iawf.org as soon as possible.

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