



Improving the lives of Iowa's women and girls

September 2022

The 26th Annual Luncheon is right around the corner!
Have you reserved your tickets yet?



Celebrate with friends and colleagues as we mark the 25th anniversary of Grantmaking and the 50th anniversary of the passage of Title IX - the landmark civil rights law that prohibits sex-based discrimination in schools and athletic programs, on Thursday, **September 29 at the Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel and Conference Center!**

Join women's champions from across the state - in person or virtually - and support all women and girls as we work together to improve the lives of Iowa's women and girls.

Reserve your seat today! You won't want to miss!

[Luncheon
Tickets](#)

Meet IWF's Employment Engagement Director



In partnership with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), IWF hired a full-time Employer Engagement Director to help businesses explore and invest in child care solutions. This position was filled by Sheri Penney, who is dedicated to providing technical assistance to Iowa businesses that are interested in child care solutions for their employees.

Sheri uses the Business and Child Care toolkit to educate business and community leaders on the economic impact of child care. Working closely and regularly with regional Child Care Resources and Referral representatives and other partners, Sheri helps connect businesses with reputable resources and multi-touch consultative services.

Sheri is a native Iowan raised in Williamsburg and now lives in Osage. She has a BA in Elementary Education from the University of Iowa. Recently, Sheri was the Economic Development Director for Mitchell County. She has experience working with businesses of all sizes and recently formed a team to look at ways to increase the availability of quality affordable child care in the county. Sheri has also been a child care provider and brings early care experience and knowledge to the position. She works remotely from Osage, Iowa where she lives with her husband and three children.

THE EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR:

1. Delivers presentations to business leaders and community stakeholders
2. Connects interested businesses to child care experts and businesses who have already made an investment in child care within their community
3. Offers resources for data collection, identifying needs, meeting needs, and support in sustaining a long-term plan
4. Provides 1:1 tech support

For more information, please contact Sheri at sheri@iawf.org

Advocacy: Legislative Sessions Across the State



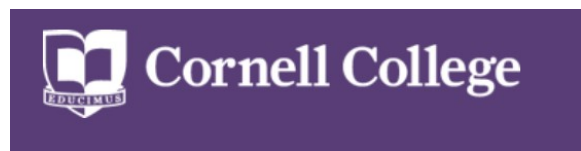
The Iowa Women's Foundation is partnering with communities across the state to host special legislative events with our elected officials this fall. State representatives, city council members, and county supervisors are invited to join legislative conversations as IWF and their partners continue to advocate across the state in support of creating a more accessible, affordable, high quality child care system sustained by a professional, competitive, and compensated workforce. With midterm elections coming up, it's important to

meet with all individuals running at all levels of government this fall.

If you are interested in hosting a session please contact Ann at ann@iawf.org
Let's share our stories and advocate for our neighbors, businesses, communities and Iowa!

Mentoring: Pay it Forward

Have you been fortunate enough to have had a mentor that has provided support and guidance in your life? Is there that one individual that has always been there for you with advice, having your best interests at heart? Would you like to be that person? Become a mentor and help a young woman prepare for a life after college!



Cornell College has begun a mentorship program and is looking for mentors. This program is run by Taylor Busch with the help of the Berry Career Institute and is open to female and nonbinary students, including all majors and years. Students are looking for meaningful and lasting

connections with female and nonbinary mentors!

For more information about becoming a mentor at Cornell College, please contact Taylor at tbusch24@cornellcollege.edu

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