

**Would you like to make a difference in someone's life in your community?**

**Are you resourceful? Are you a good communicator?**

If you answered **YES** to any of the above, you should consider becoming an Independent Support Broker (ISB). As an ISB, you would work for people with disabilities or older Iowans who want to use an allowance of public funds to purchase their own supports and services. You would be the key element to help them live their life according to their own personal aspirations and preferences. You would help them design a personal budget for their services, hire their own workers and make any future adjustments to their budget. For each of your clients, you could work approximately 20-26 hours per year for up to \$15.15 per hour and would be considered an independent contractor.

**This program for Medicaid waiver consumers is called Consumer Choices Option. More information is available at: [www.ime.state.ia.us/HCBS/HCBSConsumerOptions.html](http://www.ime.state.ia.us/HCBS/HCBSConsumerOptions.html).** Training is available at *no* cost. The training sessions provide hands-on experience and information about finding and working with clients. You must be 18 or older and be able to pass background checks.

**Training is limited to the first 25 applicants per class. You must attend all training sessions at the location you have signed up for and complete the necessary assignments to become a certified Independent Support Broker.**

**The next training session will be held June 13 and 14. The training will last 5:30-9:00 each day.**

**The training will be at the following locations:**

**1. University of Northern Iowa**

**Schnidler Education Center, Room 130**

Corner of Hudson Road. and 23rd Street

**2. Burlington High School**

421 Terrace Drive

Park in the smaller parking lot; the entrance to the ICN room is behind the Industry Tech Building

The ICN door faces Division Street

**3. Des Moines Community Campus, Ankeny Campus**

**Building 6, Room 8**

2006 South Ankeny Boulevard

**Registration must be submitted by June 1, 2012**

To register for the Independent Support Broker training, please email Jenny Johnson at [jjohnso@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:jjohnso@dhs.state.ia.us) or call 515-974-3205. Make sure you include the name of person(s) attending, mailing address, phone number and/or cell phone (in case of cancellation) and **email address**.

Please note that if we do not have at least 4 people in each training session, we may need to cancel the session and combine the trainees with a session at another site.

If you have any questions about becoming an Independent Support Broker, please email Jenny Johnson at [jjohnso@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:jjohnso@dhs.state.ia.us) or call 515-974-3205.



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