

H-1B Rural Healthcare Grants

Ohio Area 7 Consortium of Chief Elected Officials

Organization Type: WIOA Local Workforce Development Board

Project Name: *Greater Ohio H1B Rural Healthcare Initiative*

Award Amount: \$2,499,227

Target H-1B Healthcare Occupations: Licensed Practical Nurse, Medical Equipment Preparer, Nurses Assistant Home Health Aides, Pharmacists, Pharmacist Technicians, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedic, Medical Assistants, Phlebotomists, Occupational Therapist, Assistant Physical Therapists, and State Certified Social Worker

Credential(s) Awarded: Industry-recognized credential or degree

Summary of Program Activities: The **Ohio Area 7 Consortium of Chief Elected Officials'** *Greater Ohio H1B Rural Healthcare Initiative* will seek to address the lack of healthcare professionals in Ohio's designated rural Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) which are all categorized as "High Needs" within the mental health and primary care disciplines. The project will support individuals in a comprehensive, educational and On-the-Job Training (OJT) initiative tailored to improve healthcare industry career pathway wages, benefits, and employment advancement opportunities. The Rural Healthcare partnership will seek to fill healthcare occupations such as licensed practical nurses, home health aides, pharmacist and pharmacy technicians, emergency medical technicians and State certified social workers. The employer partnerships will provide "industry intelligence" which is crucial to making smart investments in skills training. Existing partnerships with employers will continuously be leveraged/involved and brought to the table to provide input from the "real world" perspective of workers/management who are in the hospitals, nursing homes, and social service or mental health agencies working with children and families.

The Rural Healthcare Partnership

Employer Partners: Mercy Health St. Rita's, Champaign Co DJFS, Lima Memorial Health System, HCF Management Inc., Highland Co Health Dept., Ottawa Co DJFS, Family Recovery Services, Highland District Hospital, Right At Home In Home Care, Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center, Fulton Co Health Center, Mercy Health Urbana Hospital, Fairlawn Haven, Gorham-Fayette Fire Dept., Lyons-Royavon Fire Dept., Wood County Hospital, ILCAO Family Medical Center, Harbor Healthcare of Ironton

Education and Training Providers: Northwest State Community College, Owens Community College, Southern State Community College, EHOVE Career Center, Four County Career Center, Collins Career Technical Center, Vanguard Sentinel Career Technology Centers, Terra State Community College, Penta Career Center; **WIOA Entities:** Ohio Department of Job & Family Services; Greater Ohio Workforce Board

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Opportunity Zone: Yes

Service Area: The Ohio counties of Allen, Champaign, Fulton, Highland, Lawrence, Ottawa, and Wood

Proposed Total Participants Served: 320

Target Population: Unemployed, Underemployed, and Incumbent Workers

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