

Building Pathways to a Brighter Future

Zepf Center

Northwest Ohio Pathway to Healthcare Careers (NOPHC) Project

Location: Toledo, OH

OTHER GRANT INFORMATION

Six-Year Project Period: September 30, 2015 – September 29, 2021*

Annual Award Amount: \$3,000,000

Type of Organization: Nonprofit with 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than Institution of Higher Education)

Service Area: Lucas County, Ohio

Target Population: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients, other low-income individuals, persons with disabilities, homeless persons, veterans, and WIOA youth

FIVE-YEAR QUANTIFIABLE PROJECTIONS

Number of individuals that will be enrolled in the overall HPOG program: 1,100

Number of TANF recipients that will be enrolled: 500

Number of individual participants that will begin basic skills education: 750

Number of individual participants that will complete basic skills education: 600

Number of participants that will begin any healthcare occupational training: 1,050

Number of participants that will complete any healthcare occupational training: 950

Number of individual participants that will obtain employment in a healthcare occupation: 750

ABSTRACT

Administered by the NetWORK Division of Zepf Center, the Northwest Ohio Pathway to Healthcare Careers (NOPHC) project is focused on empowering low-income individuals to obtain education and training needed for the healthcare field. NOPHC participants are given a Community Success Coach and an Education Success Coach, have access to Bridges Out of Poverty and Getting Ahead trainings, participate in “Healthcare 101” forums, have job shadowing and work experience opportunities, and receive basic skills education, among other program services. Project success is achieved through a variety of coordinated approaches that empower low-income individuals to enter and/or advance in the healthcare field through a holistic service delivery approach.

Occupational training is provided for the following: Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Physical Therapy Assistant, Surgical Technologist, Medical Assistant, Nurse Aide, Medical Records and Health Information Technician, Dental Hygienist, Dental Assistant, Community Health Worker, Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic, Medical Insurance Coders, Medical Office Clerk, Health Technologist, Home Health Aide, Phlebotomist, Psychiatric Aide, Pharmacy Technician, and Human and Social Service Assistant. Coaches are employed by NetWORK and Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority. Services that Zepf Center provides assistance for include: tuition and training, school supplies/materials, daycare, support services (e.g., assistance with transportation, food, housing), work supports, case management, vocational guidance, job development services, tutoring, community advocacy, and service bridging. Zepf Center partners with the local housing authority (Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority), Lucas County Job and Family Services, and OhioMeansJobs Lucas County Job Center. Zepf continues to receive consultation from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Apprenticeship Office in developing the apprenticeship for Peer Support, Chemical Dependency Counselor Aides, and Case Managers.

*This second round of grant awards has been extended an additional 12 months, ending September 29, 2021.