

## HPOG Program Summary

### Eastern Gateway Community College Project HOPE



#### **Location:**

Steubenville, Ohio

#### **Program Goals:**

- Enroll 1,000 participants
- Ensure that 800 of enrollees complete their training and education (600 earning certificates and 200 earning associate's degrees)
- Enable 800 participants to find employment in healthcare

#### **Health Professions Taught:**

Successful Project HOPE participants will earn certifications that qualify them as emergency medicine technicians (EMTs), paramedics, medical assistants, phlebotomists, nurse aides, professional healthcare provider assistants, advanced patient care technicians, EKG technicians, surgical technicians, and health information management specialists. Project HOPE will offer associate degrees to participants which will enable them to become clinical lab technicians, medical assistants, licensed practical nurses, respiratory technician, radiological technicians, paramedics, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapy assistants, and registered nurses. Career pathways in place are licensed practical nurse to registered nurse bridge programs and medical assisting/EMT to registered nurse bridge.

#### **Approach:**

Serving the counties of Columbiana, Jefferson, Mahoning, and Trumbull, Project HOPE provides Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) participants and other eligible low-income individuals with the opportunity to obtain education and training for a career job (paying a living wage plus adequate benefits) in the healthcare field. Project HOPE serves an economically depressed rural area with many residents who are chronically unemployed and living in poverty. Many families with children remain on public assistance and are unable to gain economic self-sufficiency. To address these challenges, Project HOPE has created a coalition made up of four key state agency partners, healthcare employers, educational partners, and community partners.

Project HOPE implementation includes recruitment, student assessment, case management, job shadowing and exploration, remedial classes for those in need (including GED completion, if needed), enrollment in the selected course of study, linkage to supportive services, advisement and academic counseling, apprenticeships and internships, and graduation (program completion). Students working toward certifications or degrees receive the training and education necessary to continue to a higher level of education, qualification, and employability.

Referrals are made to support services for housing assistance, Food Stamps, childcare, transportation, mental health services, medical services, and substance abuse recovery support services. Student coaches will assist participants in identifying barriers to academic success and in developing appropriate action plans. The coaches will also facilitate academic and career planning, refer students for assistance as needed, assist with curriculum alignment, manage the articulation process, and facilitate peer-to-peer counseling groups. Additionally, Project HOPE utilizes an "Emergency Student Fund" which can provide students with limited emergency funding when necessary to keep them in training.