

## Volunteers of America Texas

VOATX HPOG

**Location:** Houston, TX

## OTHER GRANT INFORMATION

**Five Year Project Period:** September 30, 2015 - September 29, 2020

**Annual Award Amount:** \$1,122,976

**Type of Organization:** Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)

**Service Area:** City of Houston and Harris County of Texas

**Target Population:** TANF recipients, low-income individuals, veterans, Latinos, refugees, immigrants, homeless individuals, and substance abuse treatment participants

## FIVE-YEAR QUANTIFIABLE PROJECTIONS

Number of individuals that will be enrolled in the overall HPOG program: 1,125

Number of TANF recipients that will be enrolled: 675

Number of individual participants that will begin basic skills education: 1,000

Number of individual participants that will complete basic skills education: 950

Number of participants that will begin any healthcare occupational training: 925

Number of participants that will complete any healthcare occupational training: 750

Number of individual participants that will obtain employment in a healthcare occupation: 625

## ABSTRACT

Volunteers of America Texas (VOATX) will provide opportunities for TANF recipients and other low income persons in Houston, Texas to obtain education, vocational training, and living wage employment in high-demand positions in the healthcare industry. Participants in the training program will receive supportive services, e.g., case management, financial literacy education, income support, mentoring, workplace readiness, mental and behavioral health referrals, housing, transportation assistance, child care, and legal services, among others, to assist in overcoming barriers to sustainable employment. The proposed HPOG program will utilize a career pathways model; and participants will engage in a series of evidence-based educational and training programs. The program will build effective community partnerships and collaborations across multiple service delivery systems that leverage public and private resources to improve the career-related services currently available to TANF beneficiaries within the service area. Occupational training will focus on the following: Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, Home Health Aide, Community Health Worker, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse, Registered Nurse, Surgical Technologist/Technician, Radiology Technician, Respiratory Therapist, Dental Assistant, Dental Hygienist, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Records Technician, and Medical Records and Health Information Technician. Workforce Solutions and Houston Community College will assist with placing HPOG participants in employment opportunities. Also included among the program's partners are the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (the state TANF administrator), the Workforce Solutions-Gulf Coast Workforce Board (the local Workforce Development Board), the Texas Workforce Commission (the state Workforce Development Board), the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration's Office of Apprenticeship, and many others.