

## HPOG Program Summary



### Southland Health Care Forum Pathways to Health Care Occupations

#### **Location:**

Chicago Heights, Illinois

#### **Program Goals:**

- Enroll 375 participants in training and education programs
- Train 310 participants to program completion
- Place 240 participants in employment

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

Successful participants in Pathways to Health Care Occupations become qualified for the positions of certified nursing assistant, medical assistant, and licensed practical nurse.

#### **Approach:**

Pathways to Health Care Occupations provides TANF recipients and other low-income or disadvantaged individuals with education and training that will prepare them to enter and advance in the healthcare sector.

The program is designed to: (1) target skills and competencies demanded by the healthcare industry; (2) support career pathways, such as an articulated career ladder; (3) result in an employer or industry-recognized certificate; (4) combine supportive services with education and training services to help participants overcome barriers to employment, as necessary; and (5) provide training services at times and locations that are easily accessible to targeted populations.

The Southland Health Care Forum has established long-term partnerships with regional healthcare providers, local Workforce Investment Boards, colleges and universities, Career Preparation Network, CrossRoads Coalition, Southland Hispanic Leadership Council, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), United States Department of Labor-Office of Apprenticeship (DOL-OA) and Illinois Department of Human Services.