More Than Just a Job

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Gateway to Opportunity
Improving Parental Employment and Family Well-Being Outcomes
What is a Career Pathway?

• A series of connected education and training programs and student support services that enable individuals to secure a job or advance in a demand industry or occupation.

• A Career Pathway is a collective look at education and training, wage and outlook information for related occupations. Career pathways can be customized for any ambition or plan.
Career Pathway Partnerships

Career Pathways require coordination and collaboration

- Education
- Workforce Systems
- Business
- Social Services
Career Pathways Are Personal

Issues to consider

• What the student likes
• What is important to the student
• What strengths do they have
• Who they know that may be able to help them
HPOG a Career Pathway Program

Authorized by the Affordable Care Act, the Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) program provides education and training to TANF recipients and other low-income individuals for occupations in the health care field that pay well and are expected to either experience labor shortages or be in high demand.
HPOG Required Partnerships

State and Local
SC HPOG – Project HOPE

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Project HOPE Objectives

To provide training and job placement in allied health careers for:

- TANF Recipients
- SNAP Recipients
- Low-income High Health Science Completers
- Aging Out Foster Care
Partners

- SC Department of Social Services
- SC Department of Employment and Workforce
- SC Technical College System
- SC Department of Education
- State Apprenticeship Office
- Healthcare Professional Associations
- Hospital Systems/Healthcare Employers
Project HOPE Service Delivery Area

Project HOPE is a statewide program
Project HOPE Design

Project consist of five phases:

(1) Recruitment/ Selection
(2) Boot Camp
(3) Introduction to Health Care
(4) Healthcare Career Preparation,
(5) Employment Readiness and Placement.
Project HOPE Boot Camp

- Four-week course of intensive academic and hands-on introduction to allied health careers
- Development of Individual Career Education Plans
- College and work readiness
- Assessment of supportive services
Healthcare Career Preparation

Technical college instruction in continuing education and academic courses in both clinical and non-clinical tracks
Example of Career Pathways for Healthcare
Supportive Services

**Case management services**

- Healthcare professional mentors
- Assistance with:
  - Transportation
  - Childcare
  - Housing
  - Food Vouchers

**Educational Services**

- Uniforms/shoes
- Mandatory supplies
- Immunizations
- Tuition/fees/books
- Testing fees
- Licensing fees
Project HOPE Statistics

As of May 2015

- Boot Camp Completions 743
- Training Program Completions 1598
Questions

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