

Community-Based Job Training Grants

Arkansas Northeastern College

Grantee: Arkansas Northeastern College

Industry Focus: Healthcare

Key Partners: Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium; Arkansas State University; Eastern Arkansas Workforce Investment Board; Pemiscot Memorial Health Systems; Great River Medical Center; SMC Regional Medical Center; Arkansas Methodist Medical Center, Eastern Arkansas Physical Therapy; Crittenden Regional Hospital; Ascent Children's Health Services; Family Counseling and Diagnostic Clinic; DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home; Stuttgart Regional Medical Center; Helena Health Foundation; Southern Good Faith Fund and Crossroads Coalition; and the Departments of Workforce Services and Workforce Education.

Grant Amount: \$2,000,000

Leveraged Amount: \$12,898,018

Location of Grant Activities: Eastern Arkansas

Challenge: The Arkansas Delta is mostly rural in nature and includes many communities that have high unemployment rates and citizens with limited skills. The regional healthcare industry is forced to import skilled labor from outside the community because the region lacks adequate capacity to train and prepare healthcare workers from the local labor pool.

Addressing the Challenge: The Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium (ADTEC) project includes three major components to address the shortage of skilled healthcare workers. It will create career pathways in healthcare occupations; provide for capacity building at the five partnering community colleges to support workforce development; and create a tuition and training pool of funds which will be jointly accessed by community colleges and one-stop centers. ADTEC will utilize a proven regional strategic partnership consisting of the K-12 system, higher education, industry, and the workforce investment system to achieve the goals of this project.

Projected Outcomes:

- 400 participants will receive training.
- 50 high school juniors and seniors will be enrolled in the healthcare career pathway by the second year of the project, increasing to 100 in the third year.
- 50 community college students will be enrolled in the healthcare career pathways by the second year of the project, increasing to 100 in the third year.
- 50 unemployed, underemployed and/or dislocated workers will receive training in Year One of the project, increasing to 100 in Years Two and Three.

