Grantee: Central Arizona College

Industry Focus: Healthcare

Key Partners: Central Arizona Association of Governments; Arizona Regional Medical Center; Casa Grande Regional Medical Center; Southwest Information Management Services; NextCare Urgent Care; Banner Gateway Medical Center; Northwest Medical Center; Oro Valley; Cobre Valley Community Hospital; Desert Reflections Imaging Center; Mountain Vista Medical Center; Chandler Regional Hospital; Central Arizona Association of Governments; Seeds of Hope; Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology; and Central Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation.

Grant Amount: $1,992,763

Leveraged Amount: $426,604

Location of Grant Activities: Pinal County, Arizona

Challenge: Central Arizona College's (CAC) current healthcare program is unable to keep up with the industry's needs. The healthcare industry in central Arizona is lacking health information management (HIM) workers, medical coders and billers, medical assistants and sonographers. Central Arizona's rapid population growth increases the need to develop healthcare workers.

Addressing the Challenge: CAC will improve and expand training for health information management positions and medical coders and billers. An associate degree program for diagnostic medical sonographers and a certificate program for medical students will be added to the healthcare curriculum. The capacity of the healthcare core curriculum program and soft skills training program will double. The medical assistant certificate, healthcare core curriculum, and soft skills training programs will operate at the Casa Grande Center. This will enhance the recruitment of One-Stop Workforce Development and Workforce Investment Act clients into the Central Arizona's healthcare program.

Projected Outcomes:
- 542 students will be served by the programs.
- 488 participants will complete training activities.
- 222 participants will earn a degree or certificate of completion.
- 75% of participants will enter employment in the healthcare industry.