

Collaborative Partnerships: Sinclair Community College

Increased networking and measureable local success stories have led to collaboration with additional agencies and organizations beyond those originally identified in our grant. Those original partners have rippled out to include Catholic Social Services, Dayton area Urban League, Job Corps, and Circles Project through Think Tank. This increased network is opening doors to working with populations not originally identified but who fit the need and purpose of serving underpaid, low-skilled, and underserved individuals. Within our own roles, we have increased the level of investment in the success of partnering programs. With the Urban League, for example, we have met and shared on-campus training opportunities. In our various roles, we share common goals.

The Job Center has our informational fliers for upcoming programs available in their facility and on their website. We see increasing numbers of referrals to employer-driven job training such as SCC's Call Center/Customer Service Certification classes. Additionally, a new truck driving program is being launched in June 2015.

In their new facility, Goodwill (GES) Easter Seals Miami Valley established a Nurse Aide Training (NAT) lab specifically designed for Sinclair off-site training. The first NAT class was in April 2015; two are in place now in summer term; another is planned for fall as well as a Hospitality ServSafe class. GES has also set aside office space for a Sinclair enrollment/admissions representative, reducing barriers to their population.

We have increased communication with Miami Valley Career Technical Center (MVCTC), sharing data regarding student completion (e.g., Fork Lift, GED, ServSafe programs). In an effort to streamline and benefit both institutions, we have jointly committed to formalize a process for exchanging information about Sinclair students referred to and enrolling at MVCTC, and their completers of identified programs who continue at Sinclair.

Responding to local manufacturing and engineering employers' request for basic training to prepare entry level employees, we are collaborating with Dayton Area Manufacturers Association to offer a Manufacturing Skill Standards Council certified class. Local industry will partially cover tuition and certification costs.