

Program Summary: Cuyahoga Community College

Support from the Walmart Brighter Futures 2.0 (WBF 2.0) initiative has provided an opportunity for Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) to build on the successes of the previous Walmart Brighter Futures initiative. Specifically, the initiative gives the resources necessary to implement basic skills and literacy services, job readiness assistance, support services, and middle-skills job training programs to transition individuals into well-paying jobs. This initiative has given an opportunity for Tri-C to continue enhancing its employer and partner engagement strategies, enhance program and competency development methodologies, and facilitate the modification and sharing of the model nationally.

Transportation is a tremendous barrier for students to participate in education and training. The Tri-C WBF 2.0 program assists many students with bus passes, which enables them to attend classes utilizing public transportation.

The Tri-C WBF 2.0 program also works with program managers to engage and enroll candidates into middle-skills work training programs in industries such as healthcare, manufacturing, welding, and information technology. Tri-C was recently approved to utilize WBF2.0 grant funds to award training scholarships for middle-skills training participants. As a result, enrollment has increased. All of the training programs offer multiple industry-recognized certifications.