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Partnership/ Program Name	Worcester Downtown Connect Team / Pharmacy Technician Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program	Holyoke Community College/Greenfield Community College Learn to Earn Medical Assistant Training Partnership of the Pioneer Valley / Medical Assistant Training Program	Advanced Manufacturing for Pre-School Parents (AMPPS)	NECAT Culinary Arts Job Training Program	UTEC Culinary Training Program
Description Summary <i>(double click to see full)</i>	The City of Worcester and the MassHire Central Region Workforce Board will serve at least 45 individuals in a pre-apprenticeship Pharmacy Technician training program in collaboration with CVS Health. The program's goal is to bring together local education, economic development and workforce development partners to meet employer's demand for skilled workers. The program targets individuals receiving assistance from public benefit programs and the CMWIB will develop a registered pre-apprenticeship program to connect those with significant social barriers to high-priority jobs. Partners on this grant include: Workforce Central Career Center, Quinsigamond Community College, CVS Health, Compare Quality Pharmacy, Worcester Community Connections Coalition & Family Resource Center, Worcester Community Action Council, the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, the North Central Workforce Investment Board, the Department of Transitional Assistance, the Worcester Credit Union and the MA Department of Apprenticeship Standards.	The Holyoke Community College/Greenfield Community College Learn to Earn Medical Assistant Training Partnership of the Pioneer Valley will train at least 30 un/underemployed MA residents receiving public assistance for employment as Medical Assistants. Participants will have the opportunity to be placed in Registered Apprenticeships as they complete the program, through a partnership with the Regional Employment Board of Hampden County, and as Medical Assistants with employer partners including Baystate Health, Western Massachusetts Physician Association, and Cooley Dickinson Health Care.	The Advanced Manufacturing for Pre-School Parents (AMPPS) Program will prepare 26 Head Start parents, mostly mothers, for entry level employment in precision machining. AMPPS will address the critical labor shortage for machine operators experienced by the advanced manufacturing industry in the Merrimack Valley. Further, AMPPS will increase earned income and family economic stability, while also addressing the cliff effect, particularly on child care public benefits, that graduates will encounter when they enter employment.	NECAT's 16-week Culinary Arts Job Training Program helps Boston's chronically unemployed bridge the skills gap, enter the workforce on a career track and achieve financial self-sufficiency. NECAT's program is offered free of tuition cost to 150 students annually, who learn practical culinary skills, experience real-world work environments, receive financial coaching and participate in job readiness and attitudinal training. NECAT also provides employment services and postprogram support to ensure the long-term success and economic mobility of graduates.	UTEC provides workforce training, education and support services to high risk criminally involved and gang involved young adults, ages 17-25. UTEC has a long track record of helping high risk young adults improve their education and employability, while reducing recidivism and improving public safety in the Merrimack Valley. With assistance through the Learn to Earn program, UTEC is piloting a Culinary Training Program for 22 young adults. This workforce training will prepare young adults for entry-level jobs in the food manufacturing industry. Through UTEC's Culinary Training Program, young adults will receive hands-on training and culinary experience, wages, tutoring and exam fees for industry recognized certifications, and a wide range of wraparound support services, such as counseling, childcare, public benefits counseling, financial literacy education, court support, meals and transportation. To educate and train young adults for work in food manufacturing, UTEC is partnering with The Plenus Group (Lowell, MA), Whole Foods Market – North Atlantic Region, EMPath and UMass Boston's Center for Social