# Health CareeRx Academy

### THE PULSE



December 2018



#### **ABOUT US**



Our Eligibility Specialists are ready to travel, now more than ever!
Equipped with laptops and portable scanners the process of collecting important documents has become faster, easier and more secure! When asked what she enjoys most about receiving a new laptop and scanner Pandora Williams, Eligibility Specialist, told us, "The accessibility and convenience. If they can't come to us we'll go to them!"

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Job Club- January 3rd, 2019
5:00PM- 6:30PM
350 Fairfield Ave. BPT, CT (6th Floor)
Job Club- January 15th, 2019
10:00AM- 11:30AM
350 Fairfield Ave. BPT, CT (6th Floor)

#### PARTICIPANTS ARE COLLEGE BOUND

HCA and Housatonic Community College has partnered to offer HCA participants a four-week contextualized learning program to prepare students to work in the health care industry. The program consists of math and literacy within a healthcare framework, an introduction to medical terminology, an introduction to human anatomy and biology and successful study strategies to provide a lasting foundation for student success in higher education and health care occupational skills.



## STRIVE GRADUATION



Congratulations on HCA's graduating class of the STRIVE Program through Career Resources. Similar to HCA, STRIVE's mission is to help people acquire the life changing skills and attitudes needed to overcome challenging circumstances, find sustained employment, and become valuable contributors to their families, their employers, and their communities.

#### JOURNEY TO SUCCESS



MS. DIANA P.

Ms. Diana P. has been a participant of the HCA since May of 2017. She was selected for admission to the Naugatuck Valley Community College Nursing Program for the fall 2017 semester. The childcare concierge met with Diana and helped her create a plan to care for her daughters while she was in training. Diana requested help funding and finding a summer camp program for her two daughters. The girls were enrolled at the Boys and Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck Valley Summer Camp. Once the fall semester started, the child care concierge helped find and fund before school care for her daughters. Diana's clinical classes started very early in the morning before her daughters got on the bus. The participant's daughters were enrolled at the Women & Families Center. Diana was able to combine the HCA's funding and family help to sustain her childcare for several months.

In August 2018, Diana reached out to the childcare concierge for help once more. She stated that she would like help with the Care 4 Kids (C4K) application process. Unfortunately, she did not qualify for C4K because as a full time student she was not working. She only had two semesters left to finish her degree but was struggling financially to provide before and after school care for her daughters. The HCA offered to continue childcare funding so that she could complete her education in December of 2018. Diana broke down in tears and was so grateful and relieved to hear that her childcare burden had been lifted. Diana's story is an example of how the HCA program offers participants an opportunity for a better life for themselves and their children.



### TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

To help overcome transportation barriers, assistance can be provided to enrolled, eligible participants. We offer a multitude of options, including our HCA van! All transportation covers the cost of travel to and from their occupational training and the first two weeks of employment to their new job.

### REMINDER OF SERVICES

Child Care Assistance

Exam and Licensing Support

Job Search Services

Workshops and Classes

Transportation Assistance

Tuition Assistance





#### JOB SEARCH SERVICES

Health Career Academy participants will recieve job search assistance, including information about collaborating healthcare employers and job fairs. Participants also receive assistance in developing their resumes and coaching through the interview process.

#### **Connect With US**