



# Fueling the Future Muscatine County

## December 2020 Update

The "Fueling the Future" project, funded by Future Ready Iowa and HRSA, targets adults in 144 low-income families of elementary- aged children receiving weekend "backpack" food subsidies in Muscatine County and engages them in a six-week intensive "earn while you learn" up-skill training. This multi-stepped pilot will provide stabilization of emergent family issues; education for the custodial adults in high demand jobs; long-term advancement of skilled workers in the community; and a stronger next-generation Iowa workforce.



Pictured: Herlinda, MCC CNA graduate with Debi, Fueling the Future Economic Navigator

	Families Graduated from MCC	Families Enrolled (No Dec Sessions)	Families Ready for Next MCC Session
<b>CNA</b> 	<b>4</b>	n/a	<b>2</b>
<b>Welding</b> 	<b>1</b>	n/a	<b>2</b>
<b>CNC</b> 		n/a	



This month's featured graduate is Herlinda. She is a single mother of 3 kids living in Muscatine who started the program back in August of 2020 to complete her CNA. At the time of starting the program Herlinda was working limited part time hours at a standalone urgent care office as the receptionist. Through participating in the program, Herlinda was able to achieve her CNA certification while still working and caring for her children. Following the successful completion of the CNA certification class and successful passing of the state exams, Herlinda has kickstarted her career in the medical profession and is now aspiring to continue her education in the nursing world and complete her LPN. Upon her successful completion of the program, Herlinda was able to find a full-time job in the same field with an accredited medical office. This new job not only included more stable hours for her but also a pay increase that will allow her successes to continue to flourish.

- Collaborative Grant Partners:
- Trinity Muscatine Public Health
  - Muscatine Community College
  - City of Muscatine
  - Muscatine Center for Social Action
  - Aligned Impact Muscatine County
  - United Way of Muscatine
  - Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine

- Matching Partners:
- Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine
  - HNI
  - Kent Corporation
  - Muscatine Community College
  - Toyota Muscatine
  - Trinity Hospital Foundation
  - United Way of Muscatine



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