



Fueling the Future Muscatine County April 2022 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.



Success Story

The Interim Economic Navigator met with a single father of one child who was needing rent assistance due to losing employment. She discussed the FTF program and the father was interested. She was able to enroll the father in the Pharmacy Tech program, as well as get him on the Section 8 waiting list, and eventually the Section 8 program. Since working with us the father has obtained rent assistance, housing navigation services, and has applied for food assistance and FIP.

Children Impacted

- There are 314 children whose parent or guardian have participated in the program
- There are 48 children whose parent or guardian have graduated the program and are employed.

	Families Graduated from MCC	Families Enrolled at MCC	Families Preparing for Future Sessions
CNA 	14		8
Welding 	5		
CNC 			
Pharmacy Tech 	1	5	

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 of Muscatine
- Trinity Hospital Foundation
- United Way of Muscatine

Employers:

- Lutheran Living
- Simpson Memorial Home
- Wester Drug
- HWH Corporation
- Raymond
- UTLX
- HyVee