What is the Building Futures Together program?

Building Futures Together is a U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeship program designed to prepare paraprofessionals in healthcare or school settings to provide specialized enhanced care coordination to children, youth, and their caregivers impacted by opioid use disorders (OUD) and other substance use disorders (SUD).

Who are the trainees, and what training do they complete?

The trainees:
- 18+ with high school diploma or equivalent
- Entry-level behavioral health or education professionals
- Many have lived experience w/ behavioral health and/or SUD

The training structure:

**LEVEL I**
- 3 ONLINE COURSES taught by University Professors
  1. Certified Recovery Support Worker
  2. Child Development & Family Systems
  3. Enhanced Care Coordination
- Online coursework
- 6 months

**LEVEL II**
- On-the-job training
- 2,000 hours

Who benefits, and how?

The participants:
- Receive up to $12.5k stipend
- Receive certificates from UNH & U.S. Dept. of Labor, plus job mentoring
- Many go on to pursue higher education in the field

The employers:
- Receive a $1k stipend
- Tap into a previously underutilized workforce to address staff shortages and increase retention in behavioral health and SUD/OUD field.
- May become a registered U.S. Dept. of Labor apprenticeship site

Families affected by SUD:
- Receive specialized Enhanced Care Coordination, a service that helps families connect to treatment and recovery supports, parent education, and other services

How can I learn more?

Visit: iod.unh.edu/building-futures-together

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