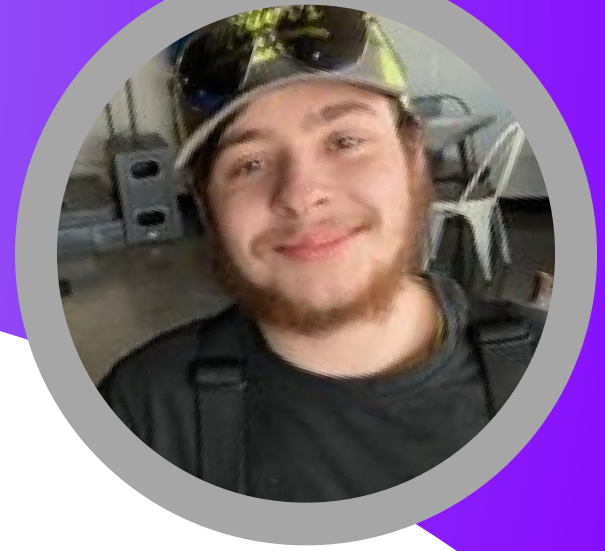


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MOVEUP OHIO: EMPOWERING NORTHWEST OHIO'S FUTURE WORKFORCE

The MoveUp Ohio program, launched in 2024 through a U.S. Department of Labor community grant, is making strides in helping young adults aged 16–24 across 13 counties in Northwest Ohio. Spearheaded with support from Representative Marcy Kaptur, the program targets the Ninth Congressional District and nearby counties sharing economic and workforce resources.

MoveUp Ohio has focused on connecting underserved youth to coaching, training, and employment opportunities this quarter.

Below are the cumulative highlights for the first quarter of 2025:

Program Accomplishments:

A total of 556 individuals were career assessed and coached which lead to a career plan. We are progressing toward our grant goal of 900.

Six participants entered job-specific training or employment, with a grant goal of 250.

REGIONAL IMPACT

Northwest Ohio has unique workforce challenges, including an aging population and a surplus of open jobs relative to working-age individuals. **MoveUp Ohio** addresses these gaps by:



Targeting High-Need Areas:

Covering counties from Lorain to the Indiana border, including shared-resource counties like Paulding and Defiance.



Providing Tailored Support:

Helping young adults enter the workforce or appropriate training for in-demand industries such as healthcare, manufacturing, and skilled trades.



Building Relationships:

After the program's launch, significant time was spent establishing partnerships with schools, Ohio Means Jobs, and local employers.

LOOKING AHEAD

As FuturePlans, the organization behind **MoveUp Ohio**, expands its footprint in the region, the focus remains on achieving benchmarks while addressing regional workforce needs. Upcoming efforts include scaling participant engagement, strengthening partnerships, and leveraging summer internships to bridge the gap between training and employment.

Through strategic, “surgical” interventions, **MoveUp Ohio** is creating pathways for young adults to thrive, contributing to the long-term prosperity of Northwest Ohio.

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