

Project Timeframe: Dec 2023 - Dec 2025

Funders: United States Department of Labor,  
Ode Family Foundation

Population Served: Individuals ages 16-24

Project Budget: \$1,000,000



# MOVEUP OHIO IMPACT BRIEF

MoveUp Ohio is more than a workforce initiative—it's a movement. Funded by the United States Department of Labor and supported by key regional workforce and education partners, in 2 years the project placed hundreds of individuals on career pathways with opportunity for personal prosperity. Through career coaching, participants built resilience, found purpose, and developed workforce skills across the Northwest.



MoveUp Ohio guided participants ages 16 - 24 through the Future Plans 5-Step process starting with career assessment through employment, consistently exceeding grant expectations and driving momentum through the project's completion in December 2025.

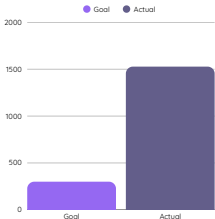
## IMPACT NUMBERS



**1306 participants**  
\* developed a career plan



- Exceeded **USDOL** goals for:
- Work-Based Learning Internships. 10 required, 18 created.
  - Barrier removal. 80 participants required, 101 served.



**1,528 youth** experienced career mentorship, job shadow or hands-on career discovery—a **500% increase** over the two-year required goal of 300.



**\$50,000** of student intern wages flowed into communities



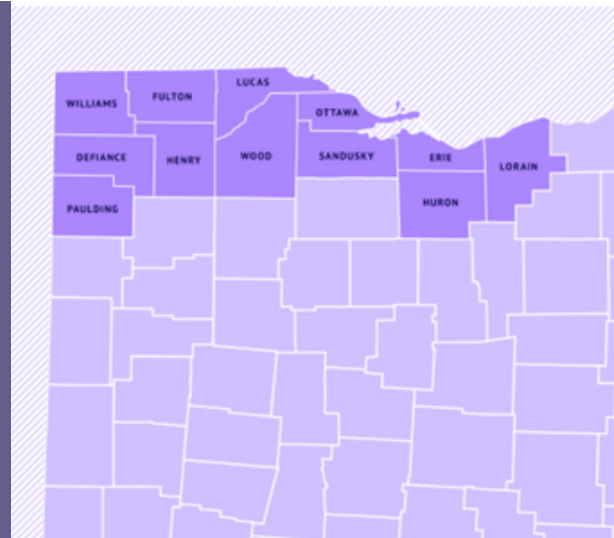
**207+** workforce credentials earned



## REGIONAL REACH

MoveUp Ohio served communities across:

- Williams County: Bryan City Schools, Montpelier Schools
- Defiance County: Defiance Dream Center, Northwest State CC, Defiance College
- Paulding County: Western Buckeye ESC Alternative School
- Fulton County: Pike-Delta-York Schools, Evergreen Schools
- Lucas County: Junior Achievement 5th Year Program, Glass City Academy
- Wood County: Cocoon Shelter for Women, OMJ referrals
- Sandusky County: Gibsonburg High School, Buckeye Community Schools
- Pending service: Genoa, Willard, Woodmore, Hilltop, Edon High Schools



## SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS



### Local Veteran Finds Success – MoveUp

After serving with the United States Army, Troy returned to Fulton County to further his education in a Northwest State Community College workforce program. Troy connected with MoveUp Ohio as a student and participated in our career assessment and coaching.

Through MoveUp Ohio, Troy was able to overcome barriers related to transportation. Our grant helped Troy repair his car and get him back on the road to success!



*"I am learning a lot and I come home tired and dirty every day! I love being able to support my family!" – Troy*

## CALL TO ACTION

While federal funding for MoveUp Ohio has concluded, the work itself is far from finished. The strategies, partnerships, and tools developed over the past two years are continuing through The GRIT Project, ensuring that the progress made does not end with the grant. Through GRIT, this work is evolving and expanding—sustaining support for jobseekers and employers while strengthening regional collaboration, career pathways, barrier-removal services, and employer connections. Continued engagement from funders and partners will allow this impact to grow even further.

At the center of this transition are real people whose lives and futures have been changed—and whose journeys continue.