



Grant Program:	Health Care Sector and Other High Growth and Emerging Industries
Grantee Name:	Spanish Speaking Unity Council
Grantee City/State:	Oakland, CA
Grant Award Amount:	\$3,559,139
Initial Period of Performance:	March 2010-February 2013
Project Name:	Healthcare Career Sector Initiative
Project Description:	The Spanish Speaking Unity Council’s Healthcare Sector Career Initiative (HSCI) integrates the expertise and core competencies of its education and employment partners to develop a skilled workforce that is capable of meeting the healthcare needs of a linguistically and culturally diverse population in Oakland and Alameda Counties. HSCI will: 1) develop an employer-driven curriculum that will train chronic care assistants to increase their skills in providing a higher level of care to elderly and chronically ill populations; 2) prepare incumbent medical assistants for state-level certification by creating a curriculum consisting of study groups and self-paced online community college trainings; 3) create an enhanced training to certify dental assistants in x-ray and sealant technology; and 4) link community college training with bilingual medical terminology language coaching to train medical interpreters. In addition, HSCI will provide participants with supportive services, internship placements, on-the-job wage-subsidized training, job placement support, and retention services.
Areas Served by Grant:	City of Oakland, Alameda County
Targeted Industries:	Health Care (Allied Health)
Targeted Credentials:	X-Ray certification from the Dental Board of California for Dental Assistant graduates; state-level certification from the California Certifying Board for Medical Assistants; certificates of community college completion that are employer-recognized throughout the state (accreditation)
Targeted Occupations:	Chronic Care Assistants, Medical Assistants, Dental Assistants, Medical Interpreters
Targeted Populations:	Unemployed and incumbent workers
All Project partners:	Merritt College, La Clinica de la Raza, Native American Health Center, Asian Health Services, Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Lifelong Medical Center, The University of California at Berkeley, and University Health Services/Tang Center





Projected outcomes:	
Total number of participants served:	510
Total number of participants beginning education/training activities:	INA
Total number of participants completing education/training activities:	405
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities and receive a degree/certificate:	INA
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities and are placed into unsubsidized employment:	INA
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities and are placed into training-related unsubsidized employment:	336
Total number of participants placed in unsubsidized employment who retain an employed status in the first and second quarters following initial placement:	319
Other Key Project Deliverables:	N.A.
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