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Training and Employment Opportunities Available for Those Affected by the Opioid Epidemic in the Mohawk Valley Now Accepting Participants

Utica, NY – The Workforce Development Board - Herkimer, Madison and Oneida counties, Inc., is accepting participants for their National Dislocated Worker (NDW)/ Opioid grant program. This program helps individuals in the Mohawk Valley affected by the opioid epidemic, including the friends and families of those who are addicted.

The program offers career counseling, training and employment opportunities, linkage to other programs, and wrap-around support services based on individual needs.

“Everyone deserves a second chance and participating in this program will provide you just that,” says Project Director Veronica Miller. “Research proves that substance abuse kills. Addiction does not discriminate. It affects people of all ages, socioeconomic classes, cultural values, and educational level.”

Participants will be able to explore their career interests and have the support to navigate through the process of systems to achieve their goals. The opportunity to begin entry-level employment, be paid minimum wage, and work towards promotional opportunities will assist them in returning to the workforce and rebuilding their lives as they move through the stages of recovery to help themselves and their family. Short-term training programs are also encouraged.

The grant, which ends in December 2021, is a unique opportunity for individuals affected by the opioid epidemic. We accept individual and community referrals. All individuals will be pre-screened to determine eligibility before determining next steps. We accept individuals from Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, and Otsego counties.

This New York State Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration grant program is 100% funded in the amount of \$375,305.

We encourage everyone interested to apply by visiting our website at <https://www.workingsolutions.org/job-seekers/opioid-grant> or by calling Veronica Miller: 315-798-5908.