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Futuro Health Secures \$1.05M to Strengthen California's Care Workforce Infrastructure

Aligned with state initiatives, new grants expand career mobility and access to healthcare pathways amid rising demand across behavioral health, aging, and disability services.

[SACRAMENTO, Calif.] – [Futuro Health](#) has secured \$1.05 million in new funding to support expanded access to healthcare career pathways in California, with a focus on helping adult learners enter and advance in high-demand roles. The funding will support two initiatives aligned with broader state efforts to strengthen the behavioral health workforce and improve access to aging and disability support services.

“Fragmented education and training hinder career mobility,” said Van Ton-Quinlivan, CEO of Futuro Health. “This funding allows us to work together with community colleges, state agencies, and community-based organizations to ensure that Californians’ skills are recognized, pathways are open, and the workforce is prepared to meet the state’s evolving needs. By strengthening the systems that connect learning and work, Californians can move more readily into careers that support the health and well-being of the state.”

One initiative, a Credit for Prior Learning demonstration project in behavioral health, will be developed in coordination with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, the Riverside Community College District, and the Mapping Articulated Pathways (MAP) Initiative. The project will translate prior training into college credit, helping adult learners jump start into community college degree-bearing programs. The State’s Master Plan for Career Education and the California Community Colleges Vision 2030 calls for more flexible entry and exit points as Californians navigate careers over a lifetime.

A second initiative will support workforce development activities related to California’s Cal Community Connect Initiative, which is advancing California’s Master Plan on Aging with a “No Wrong Door” approach to improve access to long-term services and supports. As part of this effort, Futuro Health will contribute to training Community Health Workers to serve system navigation roles within community-based organizations, including Aging and Disability Resource Connection programs and Area Agencies on Aging (ADRC/AAAs). The roles are intended to help individuals better understand and access available services, including long-term support, care coordination, and community-based resources. The planning effort will also explore approaches to strengthen and sustain this workforce over time.

The California Master Plan for Aging supports efforts that strengthen access to aging and disability services and improve how older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers connect with available community-based resources. Community Health Workers can play an important role in helping individuals better understand and navigate available supports.

Together, these new grants contribute to the ongoing collective work across California to meet growing demand across behavioral health, aging services, and community-based care.

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