

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion brings together residents, businesses, education, and community partners to support workforce development to address barriers to employment, such as skill deficits, lack of high school diploma, or a justice-involved background which can hinder an individual's efforts to attain financial self-sufficiency.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Florida was pleased to invest \$99,750 to help address these challenges among youth ages 18 to 24 through CareerSource's Phoenix Rising YouthBuild program. The program provides 20-weeks of hands-on classroom training to develop workforce skills in order to support the ability to find successful employment. The program also provides the opportunity to earn a high school diploma, if needed, and to obtain certifications in construction and various other occupations.

A core element of the program involves construction of homes for deserving local families in partnership with the Habitat for Humanity of Marion County.

Participants also receive weekly participation payments, mental health support services, and career counseling.

Each CareerSource Phoenix Rising YouthBuild program class culminates with a graduation ceremony. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Florida proudly celebrated with CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion as their YouthBuild class of 2024 held their graduation ceremony at the end of June 2024.

To learn more about CareerSource's YouthBuild program in Central Florida, click on this link <u>Phoenix Rising YouthBuild Recruiting | CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion (careersourceclm.com)</u>.

Access more about the event here:

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