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Great Partnership Promotes Quality Careers in the Medical Field

Flint – Valley Area Agency on Aging is a company that specializes in providing services for seniors. GST Michigan Works! and VAAA have been working together for over 7 years on various local programs.
GST's BSP worked with Katrina Royster, HR Director for VAAA in the Flint location. VAAA continues to take advantage of GST's programs, specifically OJT or ON- THE-JOB Training. When they hire a new person, GST Michigan Works! provides supportive services to the candidate and training funds to the employer for a scheduled period. VAAA offers great packages with benefits and training to increase retention. The open positions include Social Worker Paraprofessional, Social Worker Supports Coordinator, and Information and Assistance Specialist, among others.

VAAA has relationships with other agencies and services in other areas of Michigan if needed. Areas of assistance include housing, eligibility and availability of government-funded long-term care programs, transportation, Medicaid/Medicare assistance, personal care, respite care, and referrals for prescription assistance.

VAAA continues to grow in Genesee County with various programs to assist elderly with food, nutrition, exercise, and mental health focusing on seniors. The company was able to secure more contracts with customers because they have trained personnel that can work on the client's specific needs during site visits and virtual meetings.

During employee review time, VAAA continues to receive positive comments from their employees who have expressed their thanks for the opportunity for training. The benefits include positive attitudes from the employees because they feel more confident, and they appreciate a company that sees the value of investing in their people.

VAAA and GST Michigan Works! have a great business relationship and will continue to work together to promote quality careers in the medical field. GST Michigan Works! continues to keep VAAA updated on innovative programs and opportunities in support services.