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Molly’s Success Story

Molly Lindsey is an Out-of-School Youth participant from the Greater Flint Health Coalition’s Flint Healthcare Employment Opportunities (FHEO) program, a GST Michigan Works! service provider. Molly first heard of the FHEO Program while searching online for scholarship options to enter the medical Field. At the time she was working as Health Aid at local school district where she assisted elementary aged students with mental and physical disabilities. Molly shared that she was interested in a healthcare career after witnessing a friend have a health emergency and feeling helpless. After that experience, Molly wanted to equip herself with the tools to help someone in an emergency situation.

Once accepted into the FHEO Program, Molly completed 120 hours of Life Skills and Healthcare Career Exploration training hosted by Flint Stive. Molly said she used this training to learn as much as she could about working in healthcare. She stated, “I attended daily lectures along with completing assignments that pushed me out of my comfort zone. There were several opportunities to practice taking the lead or being led”. Molly shared that the most valuable thing she learned about was interview skills and growing in her confidence and stated, “The help that I received in this area was invaluable to me and my career!’.

Molly chose to purse Emergency Medical Technician with American Training Institute. The FHEO Program provided financial support and required training materials to aid Molly’s success. She spent 9 weeks training, which included 3 12-hour shifts as third rider in an ambulance. Molly said, “it could be scary, but I learned so much and all of my teachers taught me many things about what the job”. Molly shared that the practical application of training prepared her for job success and that she participated in many

Molly shared, “Since training, I have been working three 12 hour shifts a week with different partners and experiencing the ins and outs of the job. I’ve been learning the layouts of hospitals and nursing homes, memorizing streets and learning how to fill out paperwork. Mixed into all of that, I’ve been running 911 calls and helping people, which is exactly what I set out to do. I love it when I get to help a patient feel reassured or when I get to help a paramedic by placing the EKG”.

In the future, Molly says, “I hope to continue helping people in emergency situations. I would love to continue my education by becoming a paramedic or even a flight medic where I would get to work on a helicopter. I hope to continue helping people and being as effective as possible”.