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### **MEDIA ALERT**

## **County of Orange Announces New Healthcare Career Initiative to Provide More Opportunities for Job Seekers**

**SANTA ANA, Calif.** (July 19, 2021) – In partnership with the Orange County Workforce Development Board (OCWDB), the County of Orange (County) is launching a new career initiative with Futuro Health to provide job seeker opportunities in high-demand healthcare occupations.

With the need for mental health assistance and behavioral health support on the rise, this initiative comes at an opportune time. California's projected demand for healthcare workers is currently at approximately 500,000 by 2024. Programs to be offered to meet the growing need include the following healthcare careers:

- Registered Dental Assistant
- Community Health Worker with Behavioral Health
- Care Coordinator: Chronically Ill Populations
- Care Coordinator: Behavioral Health Populations

Through this new initiative, participants registered through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) will have free access to career training opportunities with Futuro Health and services offered through the Orange County One-Stop Center including:

- Training in healthcare career pathways
- Opportunities for job placement
- Workshops on resume writing, interviewing techniques, and 21<sup>st</sup>-century career skills
- Access to computers, internet, telephone, copier, fax machines, labor market information, and more

Interested WIOA participants can register at <https://bit.ly/ochealthcarejobs> to attend a virtual orientation. Following the orientation, participants will register for their program of choice directly through Futuro Health. Programs will be offered in-person and online and expected to begin on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

For more information including how to become a WIOA member or register for the program without WIOA status, visit [oconestop.com](https://oconestop.com) or call the Orange County Economic and Business Recovery Call Center at (714) 480-6500.

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The Orange County Development Board, through the Orange County Business Service Center and Orange County One-Stop Center, offers comprehensive services such as hiring assistance, career transition services, and employment services to businesses and job seekers at no cost.

Futuro Health is a non-profit organization focused on improving the health and wealth of communities by growing the largest network of credentialed allied healthcare workers in the nation. Futuro Health believes that investing in education and skills training and retraining results in better paying-jobs for workers, better care for patients, and better workers for employers to hire.