

\$1.9 M Grant Targets MS Delta Healthcare Shortage

The Rogosin Institute and its Dreyfus Health Foundation division have received a \$1.85 million grant award from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to fund programs in the Delta that focus on introducing young adults to careers in the healthcare industry.

The program will provide educational opportunities for young adults and parents in Sunflower and neighboring counties, including job shadowing, health professions' trainings (Certified Nursing Assistant, Phlebotomy, Community Health Worker), hands-on training and externships for nursing students, and leadership development workshops.

Core partners for the three-year grant include the Aaron E. Henry Community Health Services Center, Inc. (AEH), the Mississippi Hospital Association Foundation (MHA-F), Tri-County Workforce Alliance (TCWA), and the University of Mississippi's Center for Population Studies (CPS).

"In Mississippi, recruiting and retaining quality health professionals, of any discipline, to a rural or remote community is challenging," said Aurelia Jones Taylor, Chief Executive Officer of AEH. "The New Pathways program provides an innovative approach to introducing young adults to careers in the healthcare industry that develops workforce capacity for years to come."

The Kellogg Foundation is based in Battle Creek, Michigan, and works throughout the United States and internationally, as well as with sovereign tribes. Special emphasis is paid to priority places where there are high concentrations of poverty and where children face significant barriers to success.