Growing Roots in Workforce Development and Sustainability

The goal of the WORC grants is to create economic prosperity and gainful employment opportunities for eligible residents in impacted ARC and DRA regions, enabling them to remain and thrive in these communities. The partnership between the Appalachian Sustainable Development (ASD) and Bristol's Promise (BP) will broaden the capacity of each program to address economic and workforce-related impacts, maximize available resources, and establish community-based approaches for addressing workforce challenges and industry needs. The partnership works together to transition individuals with barriers to employment into a desirable workforce. Barriers that are prevalent in this region include substance use disorder, individuals with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE), foster care Independent Living, limited education, and experience in the criminal justice system. Participants will receive enhanced support services, enhanced training, job placement and wrap around services.

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