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**Crain's Health Pulse - Westchester County Association launches health worker pipeline program**

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The Westchester County Association has launched a Healthcare Talent Pipeline Program to ease labor challenges in the region.

The program, announced Thursday at the economic development organization's annual county executive's breakfast, is being funded by the county government. It aims to train and recruit 100 workers, especially individuals facing barriers to employment. The program is estimated to yield an annual economic impact of \$3.5 million for the county, said Michael Romita, president and CEO of the association.

The association plans to partner with Nonprofit Westchester—which represents more than 300 members—Westchester Community College, the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, the county Department of Social Services and career centers to conduct recruitment and education.

"This pandemic has precipitated the need for trained and talented workers, and we know we can tap into our neighbors here in Westchester seeking training and employment," County Executive George Latimer said.

Additional information about the program will be released soon, Romita said.

The Westchester County Association, founded in 1950, and has more than 230 members. It says it focuses on promoting health care, real estate, workforce training, communications infrastructure and sustainable energy developments. —S.S.