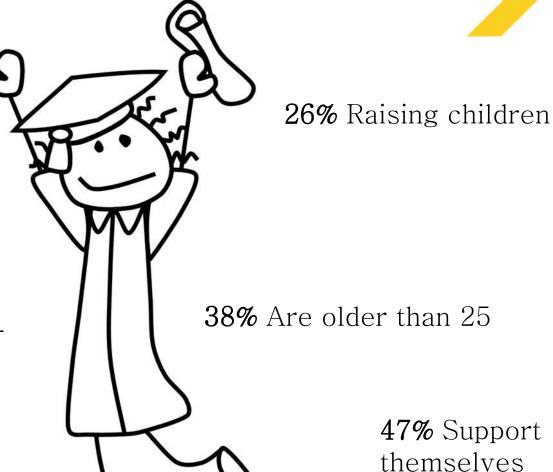
# Navigating the Traditional College System as a Non-Traditional Student



# Profile of a Non- Traditional Student

58% Work while enrolled

53% of Student-Parents leave college with no degree



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### Presentation Objectives

- ➤ What is a Non-Traditional Student and what are their challenges going to school
- ➤ Overview of an innovative and unique healthcare-labor management model
- ➤ How do partnerships help alleviate barriers and navigate the traditional college system

### **Training Fund History**

Established in 2008, the Training Fund is a non-profit, labor-management partnership between nine hospital employers and the largest healthcare union in Washington State. Employer partners:

- Cascade Behavioral Health
- Highline Medical Center CHI Franciscan Health
- Kaiser Permanente of WA (formerly Group Health Cooperative)
- MultiCare Health System
  - Good Samaritan Hospital
  - Auburn Medical Center
  - Deaconess Hospital (Spokane)
  - Valley Hospital (Spokane)
- Peace Health St. Joseph's Medical Center
- Swedish Medical Center
- Swedish Edmonds
- UW Medicine Northwest Hospital and Medical Center
- UW Medicine Valley Medical Center

14,360 currently eligible SEIU Healthcare 1199NW members

#### Serving Members Across Washington



- Cascade Behavioral Health
- OHI Franciscan Health Highline Medical Center
- Kaiser Permanente of Washington
- Multicare Health System
   Multicare Auburn Medical Center
   Multicare Good Samaritan Hospital Puyallup
   Deaconess Hospital
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#### **Our Partners**



















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# The Training Fund: A Labor/Management Partnership

- Meeting healthcare industry workforce needs
  - Rapidly changing and complex healthcare system
  - Healthcare workers need to continually upgrade and advance their skills
- Improving the lives of workers
  - Improve their skills
  - Move up career ladders
  - Make a better life for themselves and their families

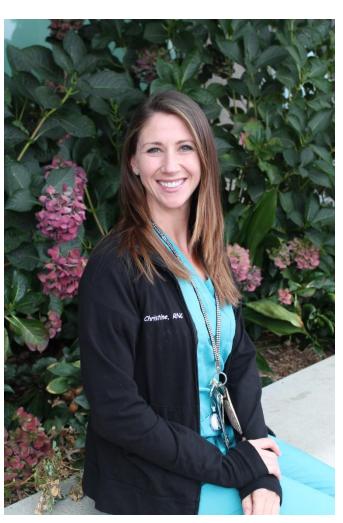
#### **Our Members**

- Healthcare workers use their Training Fund benefits to advance their careers
- They complete program pre-requisite classes, allied health certificates, Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate Degrees in health care-related fields
  - 60% of our members are using tuition assistance to pursue something in nursing
  - 52% of our members enrolled in school are people of color
  - 40% are over 40 years old
- From over 40 different countries of origin

### **Training Fund Member Benefits**

- Tuition Assistance for healthcare-related programs of study
- College and Career Navigation
- Education Support Services (Tutoring, Workshops, ELL)
- Professional Development
- Labor/Management Facilitation
  - HEET Projects
  - Responsive Programming Fund

## Access to Local Qualified Workers

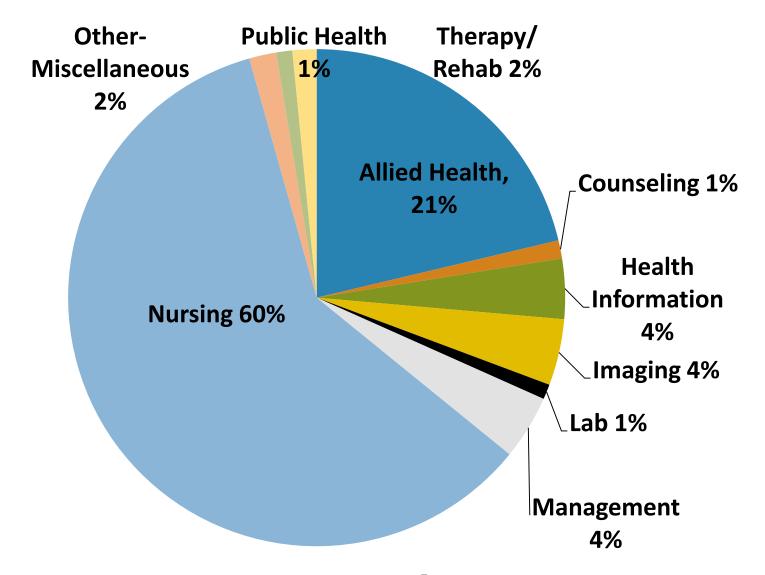


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### **Degree and Certificate Graduates 2009-2017**

- Members sign a Service Agreement
- Dedicated workers are appreciative of the support/education opportunities

Christine Peltzer, MSN, RNC-OB at SMC First Hill Christine completed her LPN to her MSN with the help and support from the Training Fund



### 2012-2017 DEGREE/CERTIFICATE PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS

### **HEET**Hospital Employee Education and Training

#### Healthcare Workforce Training Resources

- \$2 million annually for statewide projects
- Allocated by the SBCTC
- Required partners education institution, employer and union
- Training Fund is a labor/management liaison

#### Purpose of HEET

- Enhance access to college education
- Increase capacity in nursing and other high demand health care fields
- Brings diversity to healthcare
- Build a stronger labor/management, healthcare industry and college partnerships to leverage public and private investment

# **Grants & Workforce Partnerships**



- Kellogg Grant for service members
  - Support for childcare, food/shelter, transportation, technology costs (through 2018)
- AARP Foundation Grant for members over 50
  - Certifications for skills enhancement
  - Professional development
- SkillUp Washington Grant
  - Supports digital and English literacy
  - Partnership with Seattle College District,
     Hospital employers and Literacy Source



### Public Comments about The Training Fund



"The Training Fund has quickly become an invaluable asset in our state by building a strong labor/management partnership in our healthcare industry that supports career advancement, a highly trained workforce and quality patient care."

- Jay Inslee, Governor

"The SEIU Healthcare 1199NW Multi-Employer Training and Education Fund is an excellent example of what labor and management can achieve when everyone works together in order to meet the healthcare needs of our community."

- Dow Constantine, King County Executive











### Thank you

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