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Couleecap's Skills Enhancement Program Helps Workers Acquire the Skills to Obtain Higher Paying Jobs

Westby, Wis. – Couleecap's Skills Enhancement Program helps low-income adults who are working at least 20 hours per week, acquire the skills necessary to obtain higher paying jobs and health benefits.

"The Skills Enhancement program is a stepping-stone to self-sufficiency and is designed to address the training needs of low-income workers," said Andrew Londre, Couleecap's Business & Income Developer. The program can assist with the costs associated with returning to school and furthering an education or participating in trade development and certificate programs. The program may be able to help pay for books, tuition and class fees, as well as transportation and child care costs associated with returning to school.

Thanks to the generosity of the Otto Bremer Foundation Couleecap is able to expand this program in 2014, and is looking for people who may qualify for assistance. To find out if you may be eligible for Couleecap's Skills Enhancement Program visit our website www.couleecap.org and click on programs, or contact Andrew Londre, Business and Income Developer at 608-782-5525.

Couleecap, Inc. is a private non-profit 501c3 charitable organization. Couleecap helps people in need with housing, food, transportation, and more. Created in 1966, we are a community action program that fights poverty and promotes self-sufficiency in Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon counties.

Requirements include:

- Participants must be working at least 20 hours per week.
- Participants must be 18 years of age or older.
- Income must be at or below 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines or receiving Food Share. (If you're receiving Food Share please enroll in FSET (Food Share Employment and Training) with your income maintenance agency.)

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