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## Women's Resource Center Hosts Information Session on Free Home Health Aide Workforce Training on Auugust 26

(Sarasota-Manatee) As concern grows about the spread of coronavirus, many people are turning to home health care as an alternative to long-term care facilities. This is driving up the demand and the wages for trained home health aides in the region. The Women's Resource Center (WRC) is partnering with Help at Home Homecare to provide a webinar about how individuals interested in this occupation can receive free training. The information session is part of WRC's monthly Career Connections program to link women to quality jobs and funded trainings.

WRC is hosting the home health aide free informational webinar on Wednesday, August 26, noon-1 p.m. To register, go to *www.mywrc.org/CCHealthCareers* or call 941-256-9721. Participants can tune in by phone or computer to learn more. Free individual career coaching is also available.

The objective of the webinar is to recruit candidates for a fully-funded training program that pays students \$10 per hour to participate in the two-week class, held in Sarasota, which runs Tuesdays to Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. After completing the program, graduates will receive starting wages of \$13 per hour.

"The unique aspect of this workforce training is that participants are paid to learn, making it feasible for them to take the time to gain in-demand skills," explains WRC CEO Ashley Brown.

The training meets the Florida state requirement of 40 hours of instruction by a registered nurse and includes a combination of classroom, demonstration, and handson practice. Candidates must be able to pass a level 2 background check and a physical exam. Home health aide positions are available in Manatee, Sarasota, Venice, Englewood, Port Charlotte, and Punta Gorda. To learn more about this information session or other services available at WRC, please call 941-256-9721

or visit <u>mywrc.org</u>.

## About the Women's Resource Center:

For more than 37 years, the Women's Resource Center has been dedicated to engaging, educating, enriching and empowering women of all generations and socioeconomic levels. Today, WRC serves thousands of women and families in Manatee and Sarasota counties. Its vision is to provide unique strategies and programs that strengthen women through life's transitions and provide balance, confidence and determination, which not only meet their immediate needs, but also provide hope for the future. To learn more, visit www.MyWRC.org.