



Georgia Project Firstline

[Project Firstline](#) is the CDC's national training collaborative for healthcare infection control. Georgia Project Firstline is assisting infection preventionists with free education and resources. Learn from Haley Taylor the benefits of partnering with Georgia Project Firstline.



Congratulations Haley on achieving Certification in Infection Prevention and Control CIC®

I am incredibly grateful for the support and opportunities provided through Project Firstline. As a novice Infection Preventionist working in a small rural healthcare facility, my access to specialized infection prevention education and professional development resources was limited due to financial constraints and competing organizational priorities.

Three years ago, I accepted a position in infection control without any prior experience or specific education in the field, only a background of microbiology and clinical laboratory science. I was terrified and had no idea where to begin. Through the generosity and commitment of Region H Project Firstline, I was able to receive funding and resources that significantly enhanced my professional growth and effectiveness as an infection prevention professional.

The impact of these resources extends far beyond my own professional development, however. The knowledge gained through these opportunities directly benefits the patients, staff, and community I serve by strengthening infection prevention practices within my organization, Washington County Regional Medical Center. Region H Project Firstline is making a meaningful difference by investing in infection prevention professionals like me and ensuring that healthcare workers have access to the tools, education, and support necessary to protect patients and improve healthcare outcomes. I am deeply appreciative of their commitment to workforce development and infection prevention excellence.

Thank you, Region H Project Firstline (Whitney Smith and Lynn Grant) for your investment in my professional journey and for helping me become a stronger advocate for patient safety through infection prevention. ***Again, as someone who recently achieved CIC certification, I can personally attest that Project Firstline is not simply funding opportunities—it is helping build the next generation of infection prevention leaders.***

Thank you,

Haley

