

Accomplishments

September 2011 – August 2012

Health Workforce Development - Health Careers Promotion and Preparation

- Provided **health career information** to 25,545 career-decision makers, over 50% from under-represented minorities and disadvantaged populations.
- Engaged 681 students and 363 parents via the ECHO Project (**Encouraging College bound into Health Occupations**) through job shadowing, junior health educator training, parent academies, peer mentoring, and counselor education, involving students and parents from 71 different high schools and 90 counties.
- Provided 350 **enrichment activities** to better prepare 13,335 students, over 6,000 from under-represented minorities and/or disadvantaged populations, for health professions education programs.
- Engaged over 950 **teachers/counselors/administrators and parents** in these activities.

Health Workforce Development – Community Based Student Education

- Recruited and/or maintained 219 **community-based training sites** and a pool of 1500 community faculty, primarily physicians, for student clinical training.
- Placed 608 **health professions students** in 965 clinical rotations for 17 disciplines from 42 campus partners. Of these, 321 students were placed in designated underserved areas.
- Assisted 46 students in Student-resident Experiences And Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH) service/learning rotations in underserved communities for **National Health Service Corps**.

Health Workforce Development – Professional Education and Support

- Provided over 145 hours of **training** for 1,681 participants in continuing education programs. Including an ongoing joint project with the East Texas Geriatric Education Center in geriatric health literacy.
- Facilitated **American Heart Association Basic and Advanced Life Support Courses** for 3,296 healthcare professionals and educators.

Community Health Support – Health Literacy

- Offered 665 **health education programs/projects** to 64,302 participants.
- Maintained programs addressing **community health issues** such as adolescent health, child health, diabetes, fitness, oral health, domestic violence, teen pregnancy prevention, mental health, tobacco programs, cancer awareness, and substance abuse

Community Health Support – Community Health Systems

- Conducted **qualitative community health assessments** for 16 Southeast Texas counties as part of 1115 Medicaid Waiver Demonstration for Region 2 planning
- Prepared economic analysis that **demonstrates the economic impact** of adding physicians to rural/underserved communities. 95 (cumulative) county reports prepared for rural counties in Texas.
- Facilitated **certified training courses** for over 30 **Community Health Workers** and Community Health Worker Instructors to help local community members find and navigate healthcare resources. Offered Continuing Education for over 450 Community Health Workers and Instructors.

Organization Infrastructure

- Maintained 9 regional offices to serve an area of 111 counties with an est. population of over 18 million.
- Partnered with communities and academic collaborators, including all 8 of the state's health science centers/schools of medicine and over 2,000 organizations and institutions.
- Every dollar in state funds invested in AHEC is leveraged to secure almost \$2 additional through federal, private, and local funds that would not be available without state support. Additionally, every AHEC state funded dollar attracts another \$2.50 from contributions of in-kind goods and services.