



East Texas Area Health Education Center (AHEC) 2002-2003 Accomplishments

Health Workforce Development - Health Careers Promotion

- Provided careers information to 35,237 career-decision makers, 93% from under-represented minorities and disadvantaged populations.
- Provided 103 enrichment projects with 29,036 hours of programming to better prepare 2,244 students, 94% from under-represented minorities and disadvantaged populations, for health professions education programs.
- Worked with 528 primary and secondary schools to facilitate health career awareness through classroom, peer, teacher, and counselor support activities and informational materials.

Health Workforce Development - Community-Based Education

- Recruited and/or maintained 468 community-based training sites and 749 community faculty, primarily physicians, for student clinical training.
- Placed 1,296 health professions students for 110,991 training hours for 18 disciplines from 40 campus partners.
- Supported the utilization of 50 laptop and 30 desktop computers for training in community settings to enhance information resources.

Health Workforce Development - Practice Entry and Support

- Offered 157 continuing education programs totaling 630 course hours to 7,505 participants.
- Increased partnership activity in retention of health professionals, including 10 new projects.
- Co-sponsored satellite programming throughout the region.
- Expanded and maintained learning resource materials and dissemination of information for community health professionals.
- Identified 255 (cumulative) health professionals added to our region after an "AHEC Touch."

Community Health Support – Health Literacy

- Increased health education programming through 535 projects/programs to 28,171 participants.
- Maintained programs addressing community health issues such as geriatric sensitivity, tobacco cessation, domestic violence, and cancer awareness.

Community Health Support – Community Health Systems

- Expanded capacity for conducting community assessment and community development activities.
- Initiated 55 community health system support projects, such as, a structured process designed to involve community members in developing ways to improve local health care delivery systems and community health status.

Developing Organization Infrastructure

- Maintained 9 operational centers to service an area of 111 counties with an estimated population of 17 million.
- Partnered with communities and academic collaborators, including all 8 of the state's health science centers/schools of medicine and over 1,100 organizations and institutions.
- Leveraged \$2,126,769 in state funds for \$1,490,441 in Federal funds and \$580,500 in other grant and contracts funds with over \$3,500,000 in value of in-kind services provided.