

Health Workforce Development - Health Careers Promotion

- Provided careers information to 34,431 career-decision makers, 89% from under-represented minorities and disadvantaged populations.
- Provided 190 enrichment projects with 32,235 hours of programming to better prepare 4,246 students, 92% from under-represented minorities and disadvantaged populations, for health professions education programs.
- Worked with 573 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 624 community-based training sites and 1,014 community faculty, primarily physicians, for student clinical training.
- Placed 923 health professions students for 142,545 training hours for 16 disciplines from 21 campus partners.
- Developed and published dynamic website to aid student selection of community training sites

Health Workforce Development - Practice Entry and Support

- Recruited 20 new health professionals to community hospitals/facilities through the AHEC regional recruiter.
- Offered 121 continuing education programs totaling 1,491 course hours to 4,691 participants.
- Provided Practice Management Technical Assistance to 10 at-risk primary care practice sites in vulnerable rural and underserved areas to improve practice and retention
- Provided technical assistance through “Nurse-Friendly” project to improve the workplace for nurses in 30 small and rural Texas hospitals (< 100 beds)
- Facilitated the achievement of “Nurse-Friendly” designation by five rural and small hospitals.
- Identified 788 (cumulative) health professionals added to our region after an “AHEC Touch.”

Community Health Support – Health Literacy

- Increased health education programming through 680 projects/programs to over 77,000 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 62 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.
- Developed and supported the East Texas Health Access Network, a 5-county rural health network which seeks to implement an integrated healthcare and social service delivery system that ensures consumers access to services at the most appropriate and cost effective level of care available.
- Supported the development of the East Texas Revolving Loan Fund designed to meet capital needs for health care providers and institutions.

Developing Organization Infrastructure

- Maintained 9 operational centers to service an area of 111 counties with an estimated population of 14 million.
- Partnered with communities and academic collaborators, including all 8 of the state’s health science centers/schools of medicine and over 1,300 organizations and institutions.