



# East Texas Area Health Education Center (AHEC) 2006-2007 Accomplishments

## ***Health Workforce Development - Health Careers Promotion***

- Provided health careers information to 24,870 career-decision makers, 81% from under-represented minorities and disadvantaged populations.
- Provided 90 enrichment projects with 17,863 hours of programming to better prepare 2,292 students, 77% from under-represented minorities and disadvantaged populations, for health professions education programs.
- Worked with 379 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 936 community-based training sites and 540 active instructors this year from a pool of 1300 community faculty, primarily physicians, for student clinical training.
- Placed 802 health professions students for 219,761 training hours for 18 disciplines from 39 campus partners.
- Developed and published dynamic website to aid student selection of community training sites.

## ***Health Workforce Development - Practice Entry and Support***

- 159 new health professionals located in our service area within the last year including new health professionals to community hospitals/facilities through the AHEC regional recruiter program.
- Offered 239 continuing education programs totaling 888 course hours to 5,564 participants.
- Provided Practice Management Technical Assistance to 15 at-risk primary care practice sites in vulnerable rural and underserved areas to improve practice and retention
- Provided technical assistance through the "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 19 rural and small hospitals.
- Identified 1,093 (cumulative) health professionals added to our region after an "AHEC Touch."

## ***Community Health Support – Health Literacy***

- Increased health education programming through 907 projects/programs to 57,430 participants.
- Distributed health education materials to over 308,300 contacts.
- Maintained programs addressing community health issues such as obesity, geriatric sensitivity, tobacco cessation, domestic violence, pandemic flu prevention, emergency preparedness and cancer awareness.

## ***Community Health Support – Community Health Systems***

- Expanded capacity for conducting community assessment and community development activities.
- Initiated 313 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.
- 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.

## ***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 1,500 organizations and institutions.