

Accomplishments

September 2010 – August 2011

Health Workforce Development - Health Careers Promotion and Preparation

- Provided **health career information** to 14,894 career-decision makers from 305 schools, 89% from under-represented minorities and disadvantaged populations.
- Engaged 520 students and 55 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 58 different high schools and 20 counties.
- Provided 123 **enrichment projects** to better prepare 3,426 students, 77% from under-represented minorities and disadvantaged populations, for health professions education programs.
- Engaged over 1867 teachers/counselors/administrators and parents in these activities.

Health Workforce Development – Community Based Student Education

- Recruited and/or maintained 818 **community-based training sites** and a pool of 1500 community faculty, primarily physicians, for student clinical training.
- Placed 1,060 **health professions students** in 925 clinical rotations for 17 disciplines from 42 campus partners. Of these, 321 students were placed in designated underserved areas.
- Assisted 42 students in Student resident Experiences And **Rotations in Community Health** (SEARCH) rotations and service learning in rural and underserved communities.

Health Workforce Development – Professional Education and Support

- Provided **training** for 2,436 participants in continuing education programs including a joint project with the East Texas Geriatric Education Center in geriatric health literacy that has been ongoing and recently refunded for 5 years.
- **Identified** over 1100 (cumulative) **health professionals** added to our region after an “AHEC Touch.”

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

- Expanded capacity for conducting **community assessment and community development activities** including economic analysis that demonstrates the economic impact of adding physicians and other healthcare workers to rural/underserved communities. We continue to generate reports for 29 underserved rural counties a year.
- Facilitated **certified training courses** for 50 Community Health Workers and 9 Community Health Worker Instructors to help local community members find and navigate healthcare resources.

Organization Infrastructure

- Maintained 9 operational regional offices to service an area of 111 counties with an estimated 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 3,000 organizations and institutions.
- Every dollar in state funds invested in AHEC is leveraged to secure additional \$2 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.