



East Texas Area Health Education Center (AHEC) 1998-1999 Accomplishments

Health Workforce Development - Health Careers Promotion

- Provided careers information to 22,892 career-decision makers, 84% from underrepresented minorities and disadvantaged populations.
- Provided 36 enrichment projects with 15,328 hours of programming to better prepare 1,575 students, 95% from underrepresented minorities and disadvantaged populations, for health professions education programs.
- Worked with 302 primary and secondary schools to facilitate health career awareness, through classroom, peer, teacher, and counselor support activities and informational materials.
- Developed “best practices” strategies to address enrollment and practice disparities in response to the Hopwood decision to eliminate race as a factor in admissions policies.

Health Workforce Development - Community-Based Education

- Recruited and/or maintained 738 community-based training sites and 891 preceptors, primarily physicians, for student clinical training.
- Placed 1,830 health professions students for 194,074 training hours for 25 schools and 15 disciplines.
- Supported the utilization of 40 laptop computers for student use and 25 desktop computers for teaching practice sites in community settings to enhance information resources

Health Workforce Development - Practice Entry and Support

- Offered 405 Continuing Education programs totaling 1,138 course hours to 5,695 participants.
- Increased partnership activity in retention of health professionals, including 6 new projects.
- Co-sponsored satellite programming throughout the region.
- Expanded and maintained learning resource materials and dissemination of information for community health professionals.
- Identified 68 health professionals added to our region after an “AHEC touch.”

Community Health

- Expanded capacity for conducting community assessment and community development activities.
- Developed new programs addressing community health issues such as the ‘Baby Think It Over’ project to educate teens on parenting.
- Facilitated the implementation of a regional community interactive video network for health education connecting 6 rural communities.

Developing Organization Infrastructure

- Maintained 8 operational centers to service an area of 111 counties with an estimated population of 13 million.
- Administered two Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund grant projects with multiple community and academic partners. Each awarded \$1million.
- Partnered with communities and academic collaborators including 6 of the State’s 8 health science centers/schools of medicine, and 1, 394 organizations and institutions.
- Supported a statewide East Texas AHEC/HETC organization.
- Facilitated further development of the Gulf Coast Consortium for Community-based Education, members include 3 schools of medicine and East Texas AHEC.