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CT AHEC FYI

Connecticut Area Health Education Center Network

Connecting students to careers, professionals
to communities and communities to better health.



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Supporting Primary Care Workforce Development in Connecticut By:

- ▶ Promoting Strong Community/Academic Partnerships
- ▶ Creating Pipeline Programs for Pre-Health Professions Students
- ▶ Supporting Health Careers Awareness Programming
- ▶ Providing Community-Based Training for Health Professions Students
- ▶ Supporting Community-Based Health Education and Screenings

CT AHEC Network Connects Communities to Better Health

The CT AHEC Network provides services and activities designed to address local need. Support of free clinics providing health care to underserved patient populations is critical to improving the health of Connecticut's most needy residents. Clinic partners include the CT Mission of Mercy dental clinic, the UConn migrant farm worker clinics, the South Park Inn homeless shelter medical clinic and Covenant Soup Kitchen medical clinic.

► Promoting Strategies to Address Health Disparities

CT AHEC Network Regional Centers:

Central AHEC, Inc.
(Hartford area)

www.centralctahec.org

Eastern AHEC, Inc. (Willimantic-New London area)

www.easterntahec.org

Health360, Inc. (Waterbury area) www.health360.org

Southwestern AHEC, Inc. (Stamford-Bridgeport-New Haven area)

www.swctahec.org

In addition to being a rich community-based interprofessional training opportunity for students interested in health careers and health profession students, free clinics provide valuable screenings, care and health education. Working with community partners, AHEC pre-professional and health profession students support local free clinics like the CT Mission of Mercy clinic, where dental care is provided to over 1,700 individuals.

Student trainees value community-based training opportunities provided by the CT AHEC Network. Following a recent migrant farm worker clinic night, a physician assistant student participant commented: “Although our goal was to help the patients at the clinic, I felt that they ultimately helped me in my journey to becoming a PA. . . . [It is an opportunity] to get students out of the classroom and into the community to work with patients as well as with each other.”

The statewide CT AHEC Network, based at UConn Health, is implemented through four regional centers which enable CT AHEC to provide high-quality, efficient, effective and flexible services that meet local needs. Thank you for your continued support of the Connecticut AHEC Network.

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