



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



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
- ▶ Promoting Strategies to

CT AHEC Network Promotes National Initiatives in the State

In addition to supporting primary care workforce development, the CT AHEC Network contributes to national health initiatives aimed at improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations in the state. Two examples are Eastern AHEC's Teen Health Information Literacy Project (a collaboration between the National Library of Medicine, the Center for Public Service Communications and the National AHEC Organization) and Southwestern AHEC's Raising HPV Immunization Rates

CT AHEC Network Regional Centers:

Central AHEC, Inc.
(Hartford area)

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

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Northwestern AHEC, Inc.
(Waterbury area)

www.nwctahec.org

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

www.swctahec.org

Through Provider Education program (a collaboration between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National AHEC Organization).

The Teen Health Information Literacy Project focuses on partnerships with three Native American tribes in New London County. Recognizing that the ability to find, interpret and use reliable sources of health information can have a direct impact on individuals' health, the project teaches these skills to teens in order to improve health outcomes throughout their lives.

The Raising HPV Immunization Rates Through Provider Education program targets health professionals with the message "You Are the Key to Cancer Prevention." To date, more than 270 clinical providers and health professions students have participated in the project. 95% agree that as a result of the training, they are better able to explain to parents/guardians the rationale for vaccinating youth against human papillomavirus (HPV) at ages 11 or 12. One participating physician commented, "[We have a] strong program already in effect; it made a difference but slowed down. We'll ramp up again!"

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

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