



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
- ▶ Promoting Strategies to Address Health Disparities

**CT AHEC Network Regional Centers:**

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(Hartford area)  
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**Outcomes Matter to the CT AHEC Network**

A critical component of the CT AHEC Network’s mission is a robust evaluation plan that includes constant data gathering, monitoring and analysis. The CT AHEC Data Task Force was established four years ago to review data points and processes. Through the efforts of this task force, the CT AHEC Network is able to demonstrate the fulfillment of federal and state directives, improve program quality, build new community partnerships and show program effectiveness.

In addition to internal processes, CT AHEC’s quality assurance efforts include external guidance. Debi Lang, program manager for training and evaluation at the Massachusetts AHEC at UMass Medical School, is advising CT AHEC on further improvements in program quality. Lang states: “We’re helping CT AHEC develop more robust student evaluation surveys to collect richer outcome data, and better tell the story of

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what impact these programs are having.”

CT AHEC’s mission is to develop the primary care workforce and to address health disparities at the local level. In accord with this mission, select outcomes for 2015 include:

- 95% of Youth Health Service Corps participants increased their knowledge of health careers or public health careers
- 98% of Collegiate Health Service Corps participants want to work with underserved populations in the future
- 95% of Migrant Farm Worker Clinic summer survey respondents (pre-profession and health profession students) learned more about health literacy and cultural competency as a result of participating
- 95% of first- and second-year Urban Service Track participants feel comfortable providing care to underserved patients.

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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