



CT AHEC FYI

Connecticut Area Health Education Center Network

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



Health professions students serve community members at St. Vincent de Paul Place in Norwich

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:

Central AHEC, Inc. (Hartford, Middlesex and Tolland Counties, Meriden and

CT AHEC Expands Community-based Free Clinic Training Program

The Health Education Center (HEC), formerly Eastern AHEC, administers the Interprofessional Education (IPE) Program for health professions students at sites throughout eastern Connecticut.

Multidisciplinary care teams of health professions students, under the supervision of licensed clinicians, offer health services at community-based clinics for residents. These free clinics are held at soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and elderly and disabled housing communities. Care teams include medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing, medical interpreter, APRN, physician assistant, and community health worker students and

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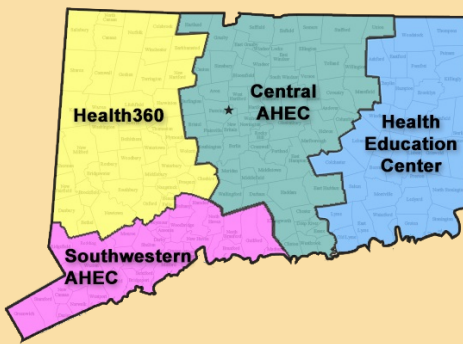
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preceptors.

Recently, HEC added to the IPE Program with monthly clinics at Huntington Towers in New London. In partnership with the regional social services agency, Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA), HEC offers clinics at the elderly and disabled housing community. The resident population is predominantly Spanish-speaking. HEC expanded its existing IPE evidence-based model to meet the linguistic, cultural, and social needs of the community members at the new site.

HEC has implemented the following strategies to build upon its existing IPE model:

- Include qualified Medical Interpreters as part of care team
- Provide Community Health Workers to assist with social services and health linkages
- AmeriCorps members serve weekly with TVCCA to build relationships with the community members
- Coordinate the clinics with TVCCA's Senior Nutrition Program
- Plan a "Senior Prom" to increase socialization opportunities

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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