



# Area Health Education Centers

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# Agenda

- ▶ AHEC Overview
- ▶ Data Snapshot
- ▶ Provider Resiliency Activities Among AHECs
- ▶ Questions and Answers



# AHEC Program: Legislative Authority

The Area Health Education Centers Program is authorized under Section 751 of the Public Health Service Act.



# AHEC Program: Purpose & Eligibility

- **Program Purpose**

- To develop and enhance education and training networks within communities, academic institutions, and community-based organizations.

- **Eligibility**

- Public or nonprofit private accredited schools of allopathic medicine or osteopathic medicine, or a consortium of such schools. In states and territories in which no AHEC Program is in operation (or there is not an accredited school of medicine), an accredited school of nursing is eligible for funding.



# AHEC Program: Overview








## Program Information

- FY 2022 anticipated funding: \$43.25M
- 48 AHEC Programs
  - 46 in Schools of Medicine
  - 2 in Schools of Nursing:
    - University of Alaska School of Nursing
    - Montana State University School of Nursing
- Located in 46 states, including the District of Columbia
- 261 AHEC Centers



# AHEC Program: Areas of Focus

## *Distribution • Diversity • Practice Transformation*

 <b>AHEC Scholars</b>	HRSA/AHEC branded interdisciplinary educational and training program
 <b>Core Topic Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inter-professional Education</li><li>• Behavioral Health Integration</li><li>• Social Determinants of Health</li><li>• Cultural Competency</li><li>• Practice Transformation</li><li>• Current/Emerging Health Issues</li></ul>
 <b>Strategic Partnership Activities</b>	Strategic partnerships to coordinate educational/training activities to maximize the impact and outcome
 <b>Statewide Evaluation</b>	Must develop and implement a statewide evaluation in collaboration with AHEC Centers
 <b>Community-Based Experiential Training</b>	Training must be team-based and specialized in rural and underserved areas and populations
 <b>Pipeline</b>	Limited funding to support youth public health pipeline (9th -12th grade) program
 <b>Continuing Education</b>	Limited funding for continuing education activities focused on the Core Topic Areas for health professionals

# AHEC Program: Data Snapshot

- **Nationwide Participants**
  - 214,992 AHEC participants
- **Nationwide Sites**
  - Total 4,686 Sites\*
    - Medically Underserved Community – 3,180
    - Primary Care Setting - 2,791
    - Rural Area – 2,179

\*None of the above - 438





# AHEC Program: Provider Resilience Training

- Award recipients will further develop behavioral health and paraprofessional training to address clinician burnout and improve provider resiliency.
- The centers will focus on innovative, evidence-based provider resiliency efforts to better address the needs of individuals with mental health and substance use disorders and prevent and mitigate burnout among health profession students, trainees, residents, and providers.
- AHEC grantees are currently addressing provider resiliency through continuing education activities, webinar series and resource pages to assist with individual clinician and health professions student's needs.





# Questions



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