

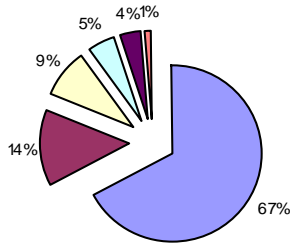
Our Mission:

*To build and sustain a healthcare workforce for the communities
in the Three Rivers AHEC region*

Three Rivers AHEC - Connected with all our Counties

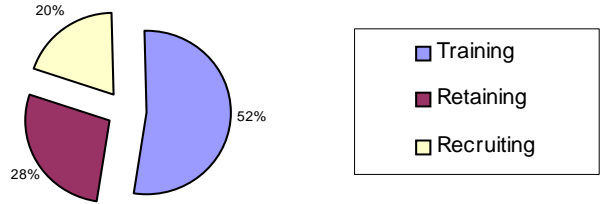
County	Health Careers Awareness		Clinical Training		Continuing Education	Learning Resources	Total # of Contacts
	Programs & Presentations	Career Camps & Programs	Rotations	Training Hours	Training Participants	Training, Services & Resources	
Bibb	751	49	30	5,900	3	29	862
Butts	165						165
Carroll	70		8	1,600	1	74	153
Chattahoochee	66		10	1,815	41	22	139
Coweta	264		1	160	3	41	309
Crawford	71		2	320		4	77
Fayette	51		6	1,520	4	39	100
Harris	799				142		941
Heard			8	1,480		10	18
Henry	89				7	37	133
Jasper	42		1	160		9	52
Jones	67		1	160	3	3	74
Lamar	452		3	455	1	38	494
Macon	858		3	600			861
Marion	238				9	3	250
Meriwether	547		2	455	2	10	561
Monroe	87		1	80		9	97
Muscogee	1,051	34	190	30,284	410	3,937	5,622
Newton	600		20	3,440		37	657
Peach	170		13	2,100	79	18	280
Pike	121				2		123
Rockdale			6	1,080	1	7	14
Schley						11	11
Spalding	136	14	14	2,410		95	259
Talbot	10				1	4	15
Taylor	325						325
Troup	250		37	8,150	12	130	429
Upson			19	3,405		84	103
Subtotals	7,280	97	375	65,574	721	4,651	13,124
Border Cos/States	527				445		972
Grand Total	7,807	97	375	65,574	1,166	4,651	14,096

Revenue by Funding Source



- State Contract
- Federal Grants
- Program Revenue
- Reserves
- Non-Govt Grants/Contracts
- Miscellaneous

Expenses by Program Area



- Training
- Retaining
- Recruiting



Anchor Class



Academy,
class of '09



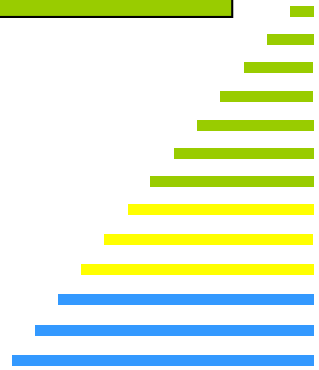
Med Vac Camp
Macon, GA



Our Values and Guiding Principles:

As a Community we...

1. Are focused on the communities we serve,
2. Are dedicated to partnerships and collaborations,
3. Will treat others as we want to be treated, and
4. Are committed to competence, accountability, responsibility, and ethical behavior.



Below are the highlights of our accomplishments throughout the year...

Three Rivers AHEC – Connecting Communities to Health Care

Three Rivers AHEC is a community-driven, non-profit organization with the mission to build and sustain a health care workforce for the communities in the Three Rivers AHEC region. Three Rivers AHEC is committed to addressing its mission through strategies that impact the recruitment, training, and retention of health professionals. To help our communities fill their healthcare manpower needs, our programs are based on a "grow your own" approach.

Recruiting

Health Careers Awareness: initiatives that increase the competitiveness, readiness, and number of disadvantaged and minority youth in the higher education applicant pool

- Conducted 167 programs for a total of 7,904 participants from our region and border counties and states – 55% of the participants were classified as disadvantaged, 62% minority, and 35% both.
- Co-sponsored the *Med Vac Summer Health Careers Camp* which 24 students attended from Bibb, Jasper, Jones, Monroe, and Peach Counties attended in Macon, Georgia.
- Sponsored the *Chart the Course Summer Health Careers Camp* which 15 students from Harris, Muscogee, and Talbot Counties attended in Columbus, Georgia.
- Awarded scholarships to 17 students to assist them as they pursue their health care profession education – each scholarship was \$250. The students participated in the 3rd *Chart the Course Academy* – a year-long program which immerses qualified high school seniors into the depths of a variety of health careers. The students hailed from Harris, Talbot, and Muscogee Counties. Since the Academy's inception, we have awarded \$8,250 in scholarships to 33 students who have successfully completed the Academy. Where are they now? 30 are attending 14 schools in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, and Kentucky with the following majors declared (2 have completed their training and are working and 1 remains undecided):

11 Biology	2 Radiology tech	1 C.N.A.
3 Pre-med	2 Physical therapy	1 Health science
8 Nursing	1 Allied health assistant	1 Pre-pharmacy

Training

Clinical Training/Preceptorship: a network of community-based training sites and support to reduce the barriers so health professions students can obtain the required clinical training hours

- Enlisted 160 health care providers who served as volunteer community faculty (preceptors) and trained 260 students (30% minority) during 375 clinical training rotations for a total of 65,574 training hours. Training occurred in 20 of the counties in our region.
- Provided housing support for 70 clinical rotations (value of \$41,625) and travel support for 102 clinical rotations (value of \$5,100) in our region.
- Coordinated clinical training in our region or provided housing and travel support for 34 health care professions program graduates whom are employed in our region. 389 graduates have remained in our region to work since 2001.
- The Anchor: Clinical Training in West Central Georgia* is a partnership between Three Rivers AHEC and the Georgia Campus: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). Twelve PCOM medical students are living in Columbus for their required 3rd year training in hospitals, medical clinics, and physician offices in Columbus, Ft. Benning, and LaGrange. The 4-week rotations are in each of the following areas: Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, OB/Gyn, and General Surgery. The Anchor is being recognized as a "best practice" in addressing the physician shortage in Three Rivers AHEC region.

Learning Resources: educational support through learning resource services to reduce professional isolation, support lifelong learning, and enhance the practice environment which aid in the retention of primary care providers in rural Georgia

- Distributed access information to the OVID collection of databases to 534 of our preceptors and students to support community-based training – 1,211 searches were conducted. OVID is funded by the Medical College of Georgia.
- Surveyed the health care professionals who utilize Learning Resources services and received responses indicating that 75% rated the service as good or excellent and 75% rated the knowledge gained as critical or necessary.

Retaining

Continuing Education: programs for health professionals for the purposes of quality care for patients via increased clinical competencies and for licensure requirements

- Co-sponsored 26 continuing education workshops and conferences which 818 health care professionals attended to increase their clinical competencies – 91% needed the education for licensure requirements.
- Awarded 3,900 continuing education credit hours to health care professionals.
- Ensured that the workshops and conferences were of good quality – the overall evaluation score was 4.86 with 100% of the participants rating the programs excellent or good.
- Supported a program focused on consumer health education partnering with Peach Regional Hospital; Ft. Valley, GA: 77 consumers educated
- Co-sponsored programs with 18 partners which generated \$19,721 in revenue

Distance Learning Technology: a statewide distance learning program designed to support health professionals and strengthen services provided by nonprofit health organizations in Georgia

- Produced and broadcasted 6 HealthTec[®] programs with 348 participants. Of those who attended, 89% indicated they needed the contact hours for licensure purposes so they could continue to practice in their respective professions. The quality of the broadcasts was excellent – the participants rated the programs 4.9 out of 5 with 5 being excellent. Program topics included 2009 health legislation update, prostate cancer, asthma, and a series of 3 webinars addressing post traumatic stress disorder.
- Received a \$12,549 grant from National Network of Libraries of Medicine for the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder webinars conducted and activities promoting resources for PTSD
- Provided technical assistance to two of our continuing education partners who are utilizing the HealthTec[®] technology to conduct some of their quarterly board or coalition meetings. One is the Georgia Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates and the other is the Georgia Asthma Advisory Coalition – both are statewide organizations. Approximately \$6,700 that they would pay in travel expenses for their members have been saved and these dollars are invested in attaining the appropriate expertise for educational purposes during conferences and providing funds to agencies and organizations that have a direct patient impact.



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