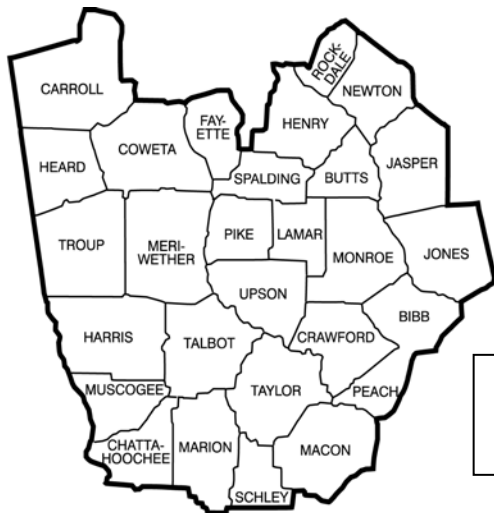




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We serve 28 counties in west central Georgia, and we address our mission through strategies that impact the training, recruitment and retention of health professionals. This is accomplished by programs that (1) focus on the needs of the communities and (2) foster action and advocacy. These programs are implemented through community and academic partnerships.



**Accomplishments since July 2004**

- 5,974 participants in health careers awareness programs; over 50% minority/disadvantaged youth educated
- 1,483 participants in 25 CE programs, 61% needed the programs for licensure
- 369 student rotations for 69,346 clinical hours
- 7 health care practitioners received consultative services in practice management
- 184 medical literature alerts, searches and documents were provided to preceptors; 775 students/preceptors accessed OVID

Congratulations to David Olsen, 8th grade math, Talbot County School System Teacher of the Year from your Partner in Education, Three Rivers AHEC!!

**Question of the Quarter**

What are the names of our three rivers? Find the answer on our website.

**Our “Rapids”!!**

- Housing for Students on Clinical Rotations
- Shadowing Sites for High School Students
- Stable Funding

**A Message from the Director . . .** Three Rivers AHEC will complete its 11th year this fall – and what a year! We have faced enormous funding challenges and have other challenges ahead (see above). We have navigated the “currents” of our three rivers and are maneuvering the “rapids” we encounter along the way with help from our partners and advocates. We will successfully meet our goals, and I am very proud of the staff for their hard work and dedication. It has been a few years since a newsletter has been published, however, we will create *The Current* quarterly to keep our partners and advocates aware of our activities. Here’s to smooth sailing... **Kathy**



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## For your Calendar...

- MedVac Camp in Macon, GA, June 6-10
- Independent Living Program Health Careers Conference in Warm Springs, GA June 28-30
- "Endo Wars-The Technology of Tomorrow" Gastroenterology Conference, Columbus, July 23
- "Explore Your Choices" Health Careers Fair, Columbus, August 27
- "Roller Coaster of Love" Pediatrics Conference, Columbus, September 30

For more information and updates, call 706.660.2499 or

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## Three Rivers AHEC Staff

Kathy Ellis, BBA  
Director

Kari Dyer  
Administrative Support

Cassandra Ellsberry, MT, MEd  
Health Careers Coordinator

Mary Fielder, MLS, AHIP  
Outreach Librarian

Lisha Johnson, AAS, BS  
CE Administrative Support

Peggy LaMee, CPAM  
Practice Management Specialist/  
CE Special Projects Manager

Steve Scott, MBA, MS  
Preceptor Coordinator

## **Staff in the Spotlight...**

**Peggy LaMee** will be making a presentation at the 13th Annual Pennsylvania Rural Health Conference and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Southern Rural Access Program (SRAP) Conference in Harrisburg, PA, June 7-9. Peggy will be representing the Georgia Practice Management Program and her presentation will be, "Improving Providers' Bottom Line: The SRAP Approach to Practice Management".

**Mary Fielder** presented a lecture at the Georgia Health Science Library Association's annual meeting March 18 in Gainesville, GA. Her lecture was titled, "Miriam Libbey Lecture: Evolution in Real Time: Darwin's Librarians".

**Steve Scott** is a National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Ambassador and has been invited to attend their "Annual Loan Repayers Orientation Conference, Bringing the Pieces Together: Real People, Real Communities" conference to be held July 28-30, 2005 in Washington, DC. This conference will equip him to assist: 1) health professionals with the NHSC programs available and 2) communities in recruiting health professionals.

## **What's new???**

**"Careers in Oncology" CD** will be available July 1st.  
Check website for ordering

information and other products and links.

**How we can serve you ...**

## **If you are a health care professional:**

- Access to continuing education programs, learning resource materials, and training in electronic access to medical information
- Assistance in recruiting and retaining staff
- On-site practice management consultative services

## **If you are interested in a health career:**

- Information about health careers that are in demand and fit your interests, aptitude, and personality along with the educational requirements for those careers
- Health career fairs and camps

## **If you are a community leader concerned about health care access in your community:**

- Assistance in recruiting and keeping qualified health care professionals to improve the community quality of life – a key factor in attracting new residents, businesses and industries.

For more information on our services or if you would like to be on our mailing list for upcoming programs and

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