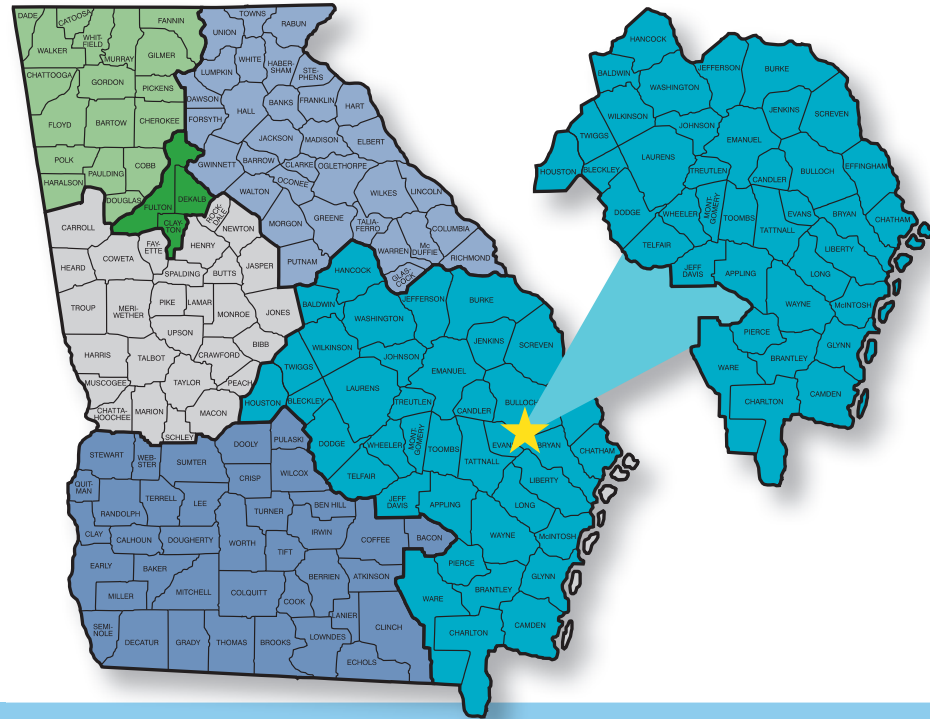


RECRUITING...TRAINING...RETAINING

We persistently track the healthcare professions students who trained in our region to determine if they have returned to practice in our communities. To date, we have identified 487 students who are practicing in 29 of our 39 counties with most of them residing in rural counties. The majority of these healthcare providers are MDs, DOs, PAs, Pharmacists, Dentists, Dental Assistants, RNs, APRNs, CRNAs, and Physical Therapists. In addition, MCAHEC brought services and education to 36 out of 39 counties (92%) this fiscal year and 38 out of 39 counties (97%) over the past two fiscal years.



COUNTIES SERVED

Appling	Emanuel	Montgomery
Baldwin	Evans	Pierce
Bleckley	Glynn	Screven
Brantley	Hancock	Tattnall
Bryan	Houston	Telfair
Bulloch	Jeff Davis	Toombs
Burke	Jefferson	Treutlen
Camden	Jenkins	Twiggs
Candler	Johnson	Ware
Charlton	Laurens	Washington
Chatham	Liberty	Wayne
Dodge	Long	Wheeler
Effingham	McIntosh	Wilkinson



SUPPORTING
the recruitment, education, training
and retention of a diverse
health professions workforce
throughout southeast Georgia.

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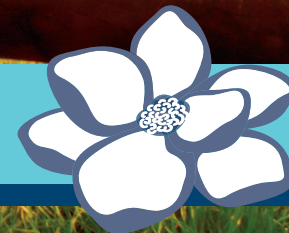
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Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center (MCAHEC) is a

community-driven, non-profit organization and through our vision, mission, values and guiding principles, we assist our communities in building and sustaining the healthcare workforce to meet the region's healthcare needs. For over 20 years, we have served 39 counties in southeast Georgia from our administrative office in Statesboro and through an affiliation agreement with Georgia Southern University. We are a part of the Georgia Statewide AHEC Network with the State Program Office housed at Augusta University, Medical College of Georgia. We are joined by five other regional AHECs in the State, all working toward a special emphasis with the rural and underserved areas. All of our 39 counties are considered medically underserved, and 34 out of our 39 counties are considered rural. MCAHEC covers the largest region in the State. We accomplish our goals through numerous partnerships and collaborations that we have developed over the years and include healthcare providers, health professions students, academic institutions, state and federal agencies, community organizations and legislative leaders. Without our partners, we would not be able to accomplish our mission of recruiting, training and retaining students and diverse healthcare professionals in our region and the State; particularly in our rural and underserved communities. Our team and MCAHEC Board are persistent and very passionate about making a difference in the healthcare career pipeline, and with the ultimate long-term goal of improving the health of our communities within Georgia.





EFFECTS OF COVID-19

This year numerous programs were planned and prepared but had to be canceled because of COVID-19. COVID affected every area of our organization. We were sad to miss these opportunities, but thankful for the prospect of reaching our service area in new and unique ways.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)

MCAHEC worked with the Georgia Statewide AHEC Network and the National Council for Behavioral Health to train 2 additional instructors in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) this fiscal year. As part of the AHEC Scholars Program, MHFA was provided to all students in the program in addition to other health profession students at GSU and preceptors working with MCAHEC. Additionally, 3 other MHFA programs were provided for federally qualified health centers and their staff in the MCAHEC region. We had a total of 6 programs with 107 participants in MHFA for the fiscal year. MHFA is an 8-hour training program that teaches skills of how to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and then help connect them to the appropriate care.

Georgia Statewide AHEC Preceptor Tax Incentive Program (PTIP)

This program is to recognize and reward uncompensated community-based faculty physicians, PAs and APRNs who provide training to MD/DO, PA, and APRN students matriculating at Georgia academic institutions. Physicians can earn up to \$8,500 of tax credits each calendar year while APRNs and PAs can earn up to \$6,375 tax credits for the same time period. Credits are accrued by providing a rotation (160 hours of training per credit) with a maximum of 10 credits. In our region, 363 preceptors donated 121,292 training hours for 663 clinical rotations to train our future healthcare providers for CY 2019.

RECRUITING...TRAINING...RETAINING

RECRUIT

Preparing youth and adults for careers in healthcare by expanding their views of the world of health careers and inspiring them to pursue the path of becoming healthcare professionals

TRAIN

Facilitating community-based clinical training experiences for health professions students by connecting future physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses and other healthcare providers with our communities

RETAIN

Sustaining the healthcare workforce through continuing education programs in collaboration with our community partners

RECRUIT Preparing Students for Careers in Healthcare

Jump Start Academy and Physician Mentoring

Goal: 50 Reached: 70

Inspiring and connecting with students who have a strong desire to pursue health careers



Classroom Presentations and Career Fairs

Goal: 2,500 Reached: 2,714

Sparking each student's initial interest in the wide range of health careers and expanding their view of this field



TRAIN Facilitating community-based clinical training experiences for health professions students

Community-based Clinical Training Rotations

Goal: 469 Reached: 576

Training future healthcare professionals



Travel and Housing | Supported Rotations

Goal: 350 Reached: 351

Supporting students during their training



RETAIN Retaining Practitioners in the Community

Continuing Education Training

Goal: 400 Reached: 451

Providing continuing education through workshops/conferences and web-based programs



MAGNOLIA COASTLANDS AHEC TEAM

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HEALTH CAREERS

Sponsored 5 intensive programs (20 hours +) for 70 students in southeast Georgia to learn about career opportunities in healthcare. This included: Jump Start Academy with students from Southeast Bulloch High School in Bulloch County, a Physician Mentoring Program in partnership with East Georgia Regional Medical Center for pre-med students from Georgia Southern University (GSU), and AHEC Scholars students from GSU focusing on interprofessional practice and education.



AHEC SCHOLARS PROGRAM (ASP)

MCAHEC continued the ASP to promote interprofessional practice and education (IPE). This program is comprised of GSU students from public health, nutrition, health informatics, and nursing. The purpose of the ASP is to give health profession students a unique opportunity to practice hands-on training, experience providing care in a rural/underserved environment, work with other health profession students, and to learn how to function as an interdisciplinary team for the best patient and community outcomes. 12 AHEC Scholars Program students graduated from Cohort 1 and MCAHEC celebrated a virtual graduation in early April. MCAHEC recruited 20 students for Cohort 2 who completed their first year in March 2020.



ANCHOR PROGRAM

Anchor was created in 2010 in collaboration with Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM-GA), the hospitals, and the local practices in our region. In August 2019 we welcomed our 10th class of 3rd year medical students into Anchor – 5 students relocated to Warner Robins and 2 students relocated to Statesboro from their school campus for their 3rd year of clinical rotations. The program provided opportunities to connect with the community, network with medical professionals, and to experience and work in the culture of a diverse population in Warner Robins and in Statesboro. Since our inaugural class, 114 students have been enrolled in Anchor and completed clinical training in Houston, Dodge, Bleckley, Bryan, Bulloch, and Evans Counties.



CLINICAL TRAINING

576 student rotations have occurred with 110 preceptors with 87,186 hours of clinical training in 23 of our 39 counties (18 counties were rural). Student disciplines included: 396 MD, 82 DO, 41 PA, and 57 others. We provided student housing in 8 locations for a total of 52 beds. We supported 351 student rotations through housing and travel stipends. The overall investment in clinical training is \$310,687.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Sponsored 15 CE/CME activities for 451 healthcare professionals. Healthcare professionals used the trainings to maintain licensure/certification renewal. The average evaluation score was 4.80 on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being excellent.



MCAHEC helps to facilitate training webinars for the Georgia Care Coordination Council. The Council is a steering committee for the Preventing Avoidable Readmissions Together Campaign. The vision of the Council is for every Georgian to receive the necessary tools and information that prepares and supports them to participate in their health and healthcare.

MIGRANT FARMWORKER PROGRAM

Provided multiple opportunities for 18 health professions students to experience working with migrant and seasonal farmworkers through a series of 11 farmworker outreach clinics through East Georgia Health Center, Inc., as well as 2 community health clinics through Southeast Georgia Communities Project, Inc. Overall, 100% of the students surveyed would recommend the migrant farmworker and community clinic experience to other students. Partner schools included: Augusta University, Georgia Southern University, Mercer University, and South University. Disciplines included medicine, nursing, nutrition, pharmacy, physician assistant, public health and health informatics.

