HRSA is the primary federal agency for improving health care to people who are geographically isolated or economically or medically vulnerable. HRSA programs help those in need of high quality primary health care by supporting the training of health professionals – focusing in particular on the geographical distribution of providers to areas where they are needed most.

The NRSA program and the PCMD-CECDA program are aimed at supporting primary care researchers and educators. The purpose of NRSA is to prepare qualified individuals for careers that will have a significant impact on the Nation’s primary care research agenda and ensure that a diverse and highly trained workforce is available to assume leadership roles in the area of primary health care research. The purpose of the PCMD-CECDA program is to strengthen the primary care workforce by training and supporting physicians, physician assistants, dentists, and dental hygienists who plan to teach in the primary care fields. Below is a descriptive summary of the characteristics and accomplishments of awardee programs and trainees who received NRSA or PCMD-CECDA fellowship support during Academic Year 2017-2018.

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National Research Service Award in Primary Care (NRSA)

- NRSA fellows authored 308 presentations at professional conferences and published 222 articles related to primary care.
- Fellows were awarded five education grants and 55 research grants, nine of which were greater than $100,000.
- NRSA fellows developed or enhanced 74 curricular activities and offered them to 406 medical students, residents, and other advanced trainees.
- Faculty and fellows delivered 88 courses to 872 individuals.
- The majority of program completers intended to conduct research (86 percent), practice in primary care (50 percent), and/or teach (58 percent).

Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry - Clinician Educator Career Development Award (PCMD-CECDA)

- PCMD-CECDA faculty fellows authored 29 conference presentations and published nine articles related to primary care.
- Faculty fellows were awarded five education grants greater than $100,000 and four research grants, two of which were greater than $100,000.
- Faculty fellows taught 24 primary care courses to 1,687 primary care medical students, advanced trainees, and medical residents.
- PCMD-CECDA awardees developed or enhanced 31 curricula and offered them to 2,352 individuals.