Public Health Training Programs

Academic Year 2016-2017

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.

Public Health Training Programs supported several initiatives designed to strengthen the competencies of the current and future public health workforce and to enhance the quality and coordination of preventive medicine residency programs across the nation. Below is a descriptive summary of the characteristics and accomplishments of awardee programs and individual trainees who received Public Health Training Program support during Academic Year 2016-2017.

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Clinical Training Settings

Note: A Medically Underserved Community (MUC) is a geographic location or population of individuals that is eligible for designation by a state and/or the federal government as a health professions shortage area, medically underserved area, and/or medically underserved population. Training settings are not mutually exclusive.
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Public Health Training Centers (PHTC)

- PHTCs partnered with 170 sites to provide public health students with clinical training experiences, 67 percent of which were located in medically underserved communities.
- Over half of the students who participated in field placements coordinated through PHTC awardees reported coming from either rural residential backgrounds and/or disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Over 60 percent of PHTC field placement students received training in medically underserved communities and/or rural areas.
- Awardees developed and delivered more than 2,500 continuing education courses to over 226,000 practicing professionals, 25 percent of whom were employed in medically underserved communities.
- PHTC awardees supported 91 faculty-student research projects primarily focused on community health assessments and development of evidence-based programs for community partners. Approximately 126 faculty members and more than 274 students from a variety of health professions participated in these collaborations.

Preventive Medicine Residency Program (PMR)

- About 88 percent of PMR-funded residents received training in primary care settings, and 82 percent received training in medically underserved communities.
- At the time of program completion, 32 percent of residents intended to pursue employment or further training in primary care settings and 35 percent of residents indicated this intention in medically underserved communities.
- PMR awardees partnered with 232 sites (e.g., local and state health departments, community-based organizations) to provide 671 clinical training experiences for residents.
- Over 200 courses and training activities were developed and/or enhanced during the academic year, providing training on emerging topics in preventive medicine for more than 2,450 health professions students, residents, fellows, and practicing professionals.
- PMR awardees supported 75 faculty development programs and activities (e.g., workshops, professional conferences) reaching over 1,080 faculty members during the academic year.