

Area Health Education Centers

Bureau of Health Workforce
Division of Health Careers and Financial Support



Area Health Education Centers: Program Overview

- The Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program enhances access to high quality, culturally competent health care through academic-community partnerships.
- **Goal of the AHEC Program:** to build education and training networks within communities, academic institutions, and community-based organizations.
 - These networks support HRSA/BHW's strategic priorities to:
 - Increase diversity and distribution among health professionals;
 - Enhance health care quality; and
 - Improve health care delivery to rural and underserved areas and populations.



AHEC Footprint

- 49 AHEC Programs
 - 46 are in Schools of Medicine
 - 3 are in Schools of Nursing:
 - University of Alaska School of Nursing
 - University of Guam School of Nursing
 - Montana State University School of Nursing
- 261 AHEC Centers
- AHEC Programs are located in 46 states, including the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Republic of Palau
- FY'18 annual appropriation: \$38,250,000



Programmatic Improvements



Maximize Impact & Outcomes

AHEC Updates

- **Driving Innovation**

- AHEC Scholars Programs
- Serve on the admissions committee for the school of medicine (or nursing, if applicable)
- Establishment of Strategic Partnerships
- Develop and Implementation of a Statewide
- National Recognition on health literacy, opioid and substance use disorder(OUD, SUD) treatment and telehealth

- **Opportunities and Challenges**

- Community-based Training Sites in Rural/frontier communities
- Lack of Preceptors
- Data Tracking Systems



Questions?

