



# EAST LOS ANGELES AHEC

Housed at AltaMed Clinic Services, a full service federally qualified community health center (FQCHC) network with 43 locations in Southern California, the East Los Angeles AHEC provides continuing education to health professionals working in CHCs and offers clinical rotations to primary care residents and health professions students.

AltaMed sponsors two AmeriCorps Programs, a Community HealthCorps program and a National Council of La Raza AmeriCorps LENS program that both serve to provide information about health care careers and expand health workforce mentoring. The East Los Angeles AHEC acts as the entry point for all workforce pipelines and community recruitment for AltaMed and its CHC network which includes student internship and clinical placements from high school to graduate level.

The East LA AHEC assists in incumbent worker training to AltaMed's 3,000 employee workforce providing curriculum development and competency based training to assist in employee retention. With collaborative partners such as the Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Boards, The East Los Angeles AHEC aligns Workforce Investment Act funding to support WIA participants into vocational training allied health programs. Through these partnerships and the support of its Advisory Board school entity members, the East Los Angeles AHEC offers Medical Assistant Training to eligible participants that prepare them to work in underserved communities.



*HealthCorps members*



*Escalera Field trip to CSU-LA*

In partnership with the National Council of La Raza, the East Los Angeles AHEC provides youth health careers pipeline services for disadvantaged youth through its Escalera Program in the Los Angeles area that offers health career information and internships to students as well as strategies to navigate the college admittance process. The East Los Angeles AHEC Escalera Program partners with the Los Angeles Unified School District to provide college and career preparatory services in-school and after school at various high schools. To meet the demands of non-traditional students, the East LA AHEC offers on site GED and High School programming for independent study in partnership with LAUSD Adult School and Learn 4 Life Charter Academy.

In 2011, the East LA AHEC was one of 4 sites nationally to be funded by the Department of Labor to implement the Young Parent's Demonstration project. This pilot provided intensive mentoring services for low-income parents and expectant parent's ages 16–24, as a supplement to educational and occupational skills training available through existing workforce development programs.



*National Medical Fellowship Students*

## OUTCOMES 2013-14:

9 Medical Assistant students were trained with AltaMed specific curriculum and were hired to work in CHCs

26 HealthCorps and NCLR LENS AmeriCorps members received 700 hours of community health training and mentored HS students participating in the Escalera Program.

300 HS students participated in college field trips, health careers information programs, leadership training, academic tutoring, internships and mentoring

270 pregnant and parenting teens received intensive group and one-on-one mentoring and vocational allied health career training services

48 health professions students rotated through AltaMed clinics and health centers.

431 Health professionals received continuing education