



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AHEC

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The San Joaquin Valley AHEC is hosted by the Fresno Healthy Communities Access Program (FHCAP) and focuses on improving access to health care for those who are medically underserved. The AHEC works to increase health care services and improve accessibility to those services.

To address primary care physician shortages and increase provider capacity, the San Joaquin Valley AHEC and its host sponsor have successfully recruited Family Medicine Residents into the Sierra Vista Family Medicine Residency Program, a Teaching Health Center. The Residency Director is the former Associate Director for the California AHEC program.

The Teaching Health Center offers 15 rotations to residents including Pediatric, Cardiology, women's health, community health, and interfaces with the UCSF Family Medicine rotations. A Family Medicine Resident Handbook was developed to aid in the orientation and development of medical students, residents and health professionals into the San Joaquin Valley Region.

The AHEC provided training for outreach and education workers for Covered California as well as certified application assistants. It convenes an Affordable Care Act monthly stakeholder group to educate and discuss ACA policy updates, outreach and enrollment activities, behavioral health expansion, and indigent and immigrant access to coverage. The AHEC works with local medical residencies, community and rural health centers and local hospitals to advance continuing professional education opportunities for clinicians and staff working with underserved communities in the San Joaquin Valley.



*Teaching Health Center
PGY 1 resident in Sierra
Vista CHC*



*Covered California outreach
and enrollment training*

OUTCOMES 2013-14:

- New Teaching Health Center program established and accredited at Sierra Vista Community Health Center in Fresno. 4 FM residents began training and are committed to staying to practice in the San Joaquin Valley
- The AHEC trained 77 health care providers and staff on outreach and education and 4 certified enrollment counselors for Covered CA
- Provided internship for one Health Career Connections student and hired that student
- Convened area-wide meetings with CHC leadership, non profit organizations, city and county entities and the private businesses community to work towards better care for the underserved

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