



# CALIFORNIA SOUTH LOS ANGELES AHEC

## ABOUT

The South Los Angeles Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is hosted by the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC), representing 63 non-profit community and free clinics with more than 350 sites in Los Angeles County that serve over one million patients each year. Recognizing the daunting challenges faced by community clinics in recruiting and retaining highly-qualified clinical staff, the AHEC actively engages with its members and partners to develop strategies to address critical workforce issues. Especially among local medical schools, the AHEC has built key relationships with many school leaders and is recognized as a highly effective workforce development asset for community clinics.

Through the AHEC, efforts are focused on recruiting primary care physicians, mid-level providers, nurses, dentists and mental health providers. Through outreach to regional schools and training centers, CCALAC recruits clinicians for current member clinic openings and builds up the pipeline for graduating students to enter primary care careers. Building up this pipeline includes presentations about community clinics to students and professors, dissemination of information about careers in community clinics to schools and information about scholarship and loan repayment programs available to those choosing to work in underserved sites.

In general, many medical, mid-level and nursing students have had very little, if any, exposure to community clinics and many presentation participants are eager to pursue a community clinic career. The AHEC collects student and resident information and matches the information to vacancies within the CCALAC system. This year through this process, 15 clinicians have been matched with open vacancies within the community health centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers and free clinics. The AHEC hosts a cohort of 16 AmeriCorps Health Fellows and 8 AmeriCorps Vista Members. The HealthCorps members work in community health centers and free clinics doing outreach and enrollment for Covered California and provide community health information to patients at the clinics. A large percentage of past members have gone on to medical school or other health professions training programs.



*AmeriCorps Health Fellows receive recognition from the Mayor's office and from Congresswoman Karen Bass in recognition for their service and commitment (top). Over 400 health professionals gathered for the 2018 Healthcare Symposium (middle). AmeriCorps Health Fellows and Vista Members at a health fair at Webster Middle School (bottom).*

## 2017-18 OUTCOMES TO DATE

Hosted **31 workshops** on continuing education for Practicing Health Professionals, spanning a total of 64.25 hours with **802 attendees**

15 in-person Community Based Trainings provided for **467 health professions students**

Provided 9 presentations to **452 HS, college and professional degree students** about working in CHCs and health careers

Developed Relias System onboarding and training program which **1,965 new & incumbent staff** across 14 clinics have used

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