

**Summary of Partnership
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007
CenterPoint Human Services
(Reporting Activities for Davie, Forsyth, and Stokes Counties)**

HEALTH CAREERS, DIVERSITY & RECRUITMENT

Northwest AHEC (NW AHEC) offers health careers awareness programs (30 – 45 minutes per program) in schools for grades K-8 and structured programs for grades 9-12 (20 hours or more).

Grades K-8 — A total of **1,725** local students and staff from Davie, Forsyth, and Stokes Counties participated in **18** health careers' presentations as follows:

Date	School	Presentation	Number of Students
Davie County			
11/27/2006	Shady Grove Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	232
Forsyth County			
10/17/2006	Kimberly Park Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	300
10/30/2006	North Hills Elementary	Puppet Bunch	77
11/14/2006	Easton Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	250
12/1/2006	Whitaker Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	156
1/12/2007	Walkertown Middle	Cool People, Cool Careers	210
2/20/2007	Marvin Ward Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	300
Stokes County			
10/10/2006	Nancy Reynolds Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	67
10/10/2006	Francisco Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	43
3/8/2007	Pine Hall Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	90

*Puppet Bunch is designed for grades K-2, CATCH for grades 3-5, and Cool People, Cool Careers for grades 6-8.

Grades 9-12— Northwest AHEC's Summer Camp Med Program is one which usually involves having a hospital work with the local school system to organize a one week, day camp for high school students to explore a variety of health careers. Northwest AHEC provides \$1,500 to support the partnership for planning and implementation of the camp. Camp Med Forsyth County was a partnership between Forsyth Medical Center of NovantHealth and the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools whose **14** students participated in **20** hours of healthcare exploration. Stokes County participated in the Summer Camp Med Program which was a partnership between Surry County Schools, Stokes County Schools, Yadkin County Schools, Elkin City Schools, Mt. Airy City Schools, and Northern Hospital of Surry County. A total of **21** students participated in **20** hours of healthcare exploration during Camp Med Surry County. Davie County participated in its **first** Summer Camp Med Program during summer 2007 which was a partnership between Davie High School and Davie County Hospital. A total of **10** students participated in a total of **20** hours of health careers exploration in Camp Med Davie County. NW AHEC will make this offer again in November 2007 for a summer 2008 program.

Six students from Forsyth County participated in the NC AHEC annual "Future Leaders in Healthcare Conference" which was held during the fiscal year. There were no students from Davie or Stokes County that participated this fiscal year. Students from Davie and Stokes have participated in the past in this educational activity and are anticipated to do so in the future. This educational conference provides high school students from across the state, who are interested in health careers, an opportunity to learn more about health occupations while also learning more about the post-secondary programs oriented toward careers in health. Davie (**one student**) and Forsyth Counties (**two students**) also participated in the summer 2007 Project SEARCH Academy (Student Education, Awareness and Recruitment for Careers in Health)-- a one week, residential summer camp on the campus of Wake Forest University during which rising eighth grade students are exposed to a variety of health science presentations and observation tours. There were no students from Stokes County who participated in Project Search Academy but students from this county have participated in the past and are expected to do so in the future. Information about other Northwest AHEC youth programs can be found by going to our website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Mr. Bernard Roper at (336) 713-7714.

HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENT SUPPORT

Medical/Physician Assistant Students— Many medical and physician assistant students rotate with local physicians in Davie, Forsyth, and Stokes Counties who bring students with them to see patients in their hospitals. Overnight student accommodations are available if needed for all students. The Northwest AHEC Office of Regional Primary Care Education (ORPCE) provides administrative and financial support for these preceptors and students with their rotations in community settings. The rotation data is as follows: **31** students rotated in Davie County for a total of **37** student weeks; **320** students rotated in Forsyth County for a total of **1,480** student weeks; and **15** students rotated in Stokes County for a total of **41** student weeks for this fiscal year. Some communities have begun to use these student rotation opportunities to develop a community relationship with these students and begin to recruit their interest of potential placement when they have completed their formal health careers degrees. Interested physicians should contact Ms. Angela Hodges at (336) 713-7717.

Preceptor to Clinical Teaching Associate Program (CTAs) -- In order to combat the nursing staff and nursing faculty shortage in Forsyth County, Northwest AHEC invited Forsyth Medical Center and North Carolina Baptist Hospital, and the two local nursing-education programs at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) and Forsyth Technical Community College (FTCC) to develop a collaborative program to formally train acute care nursing staff to become adjunct clinical faculty. This program has expanded the clinical training capacity of the two nursing programs so they can collectively add 210 nursing students each year. Since the program began in 2003, a total of **133 CTAs** have completed the program. To learn more about the CTA Program, please contact Ms. Phyllis Horton at (336) 713-7713.

CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Northwest AHEC CE activities are marketed to healthcare professionals in Davie, Forsyth, and Stokes Counties. Following is Northwest AHEC CE enrollment information by county for FY07: **123** healthcare professionals enrolled **195** times from Davie County; **3,574** healthcare professionals enrolled **16,963** times from Forsyth County; and **75** healthcare professionals registered **98** times from Stokes County. More information about CE activities can be found on our website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Marie Simos at (336) 713-7721.

Nursing Management Institute—The Nursing Management Institute (NMI), an online management curriculum for new or aspiring nurse managers, created and offered by the Northwest AHEC in partnership with Greensboro AHEC, did not report any enrollments from Davie County Hospital. Stokes County had **one** enrollee from Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital registered. In Forsyth County the following institutions had enrollments: **13** enrolled from Forsyth Medical Center/NovantHealth, **one** from Forsyth Technical Community College, **two** from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, and **one** from Winston-Salem State University. NMI is just one of several online courses. More information about online CE activities can be found at the Northwest AHEC website: northwestahec.org or contact Ms. Ellen Kesler at (704) 210-5068.

Community Health Partnerships— Northwest AHEC provides technical assistance, consultation, and training to health coalitions in the region to support their efforts for local health improvement. Many of the current coalitions which Northwest AHEC supports are members of North Carolina's Healthy Carolinians Program. NW AHEC co-sponsors, with the Northwest Office of Healthy Carolinians Consultant, quarterly meetings of the Coalition Coordinators' Network (CCN). Topics this past fiscal year were: *Charting a New Course for Chronic Illness Care in Your Community*, *African-American Churches Eating Smart and Moving More*, and *Health Literacy*.

Davie County: Davie County's Healthy Carolinians group was represented by **two** attendees during the CCN meetings. Also, the Davie County HC had a specific workshop held for them and Healthy Yadkin County HC which was *Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)*.

Forsyth County: Forsyth County has a well-established Healthy Carolinians group who was represented by **13** attendees during the CCN meetings. Community Health Partnership staff also played an active role on the planning committee for the 2007 Forsyth County Health Summit.

Stokes County: The Healthy Carolinians of Stokes group was represented by **three** attendees during the CCN meetings. Also, this same group had a specific workshop held for them which was *Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)*. For more information about this service and other services and programs offered by Northwest AHEC, go to our website: northwestahec.org or contact Ms. Ellen Kesler at (704) 210-5068.

RN Refresher Program—Northwest AHEC also offers the RN Refresher Program to nurses who want to reinstate their license or update their skills. The curriculum consists of didactic learning and a clinical practicum. Students engage in their clinical practicum at a variety of hospitals in the Northwest AHEC region with which we have contracts. There are no contracts in Davie or Stokes Counties; therefore, there are no students who enrolled in the RN Refresher program during the past fiscal year. FMC and NCBH are the two RN Refresher clinical practicum sites in Forsyth County. **Seven** students at FMC and **nine** students from NCBH were enrolled during the past fiscal year. Most institutions providing the clinical rotations for these students use the opportunity to recruit them for employment once students have successfully completed the program and have earned their RN credentials. If interested, health care organizations should contact Ms. Kay Herr at (336) 713-7720 to learn more about potential opportunities.

INFORMATION & LIBRARY SERVICES

There are no healthcare organizations in Davie County or Forsyth County who are members of the Northwest AHEC Information and Library Services. Forsyth Medical Center (FMC) was a previously a member. Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital (SRMH) has been a member of NW AHEC Information and Library Services for many years. Below is a chart which reflects SRMH's usage of NW AHEC ILS:

	7/1/03-6/30/04	7/1/04-6/30/05	7/1/05-6/30/06	7/1/06-6/30/07
Document Delivery Request ¹	31	11	1	0
ADL ² Registered Users	19	20	1	12
ADL Users who logged into the ADL	9	2	2	5
Total Number of ADL logins	63	13	3	7
Number of Site Visits ³	21	1	5	1
Number of Search Requests	5	9	0	0
Number of Consults ⁴	46	6	0	8

1--Materials checked out from library collection; items from library collection which have been used and reshelfed; photocopies made by library staff from library collection; and documents borrowed from a library outside of the Northwest AHEC Library system.

2 -- AHEC Digital Library

3 -- Site visits are meetings with Northwest AHEC institutional members for education, administration, promotion or consult purposes which are located away from WFUSM, Catawba Valley Medical Center, Rowan Regional Medical Center, and Watauga Medical Center.

4 -- Consults include telephone, email or in person; includes number of consultations to preceptor sites; categories of assistance can range from various types of technology assists to accreditation preparation, collection development, and training library contacts.

More information about these services can be found at the Northwest AHEC website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Nancy Stine at (704) 210-5587.

COMMUNITY- SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

Quality Improvement Initiative— Northwest AHEC has been actively involved in a major quality improvement initiative over the past year, the North Carolina Rapid Response Team Learning Collaborative. Rapid Response teams are one of the original six interventions of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's *100,000 Lives Campaign*. The NC RRT Learning Collaborative was one of nine RRT grantees nationwide that were funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Partners included the North Carolina Hospital Association, the other NC regional AHECs, the Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence, VHA, and Premier. The goal of the collaborative was to develop, implement, and sustain rapid response teams in 50 North Carolina hospitals. Fifty-five hospitals across the state participated in the collaborative including 13 in the Northwest AHEC region which included North Carolina Baptist Hospital. Northwest AHEC staff provided leadership for and support of the Western cohort Rapid Response Teams. This support was provided through face-to-face meetings, conference calls, technical assistance, links to resources, and encouragement.