



MILWAUKEE AHEC

*Connecting students to careers,
professionals to communities,
and communities to better health.*

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Milwaukee AHEC Activities **Congressional Districts 1, 4, 5** *Recruitment, training, and development of the health care workforce, leading to a more diverse workforce, healthier people and prospering communities*

The Wisconsin AHEC system improves the supply, distribution, diversity, and quality of health care professionals — improving access to health care in the state's underserved areas. Following are some of the programs Milwaukee AHEC offers:

Connecting Students to Careers... **Youth Health Service Corps**

Youth Health Service Corps (YHSC) has served 292 teenagers in the Milwaukee community and YHSC members have completed over 7,000 hours of health-related volunteer service. Students fill a community need for volunteer service while acquiring real life health care learning experiences under the guidance of professional role models.



Community Health Internship Program

The Community Health Internship Program (CHIP) is an 8-week summer internship for college students studying health professions. Since 1999, over 260 CHIP interns have contributed to the success and development of multiple community projects by contributing ideas, knowledge, and skills to improve the healthcare system and perform essential research.

Healthcare Training Institute

Milwaukee AHEC formed the Milwaukee Area Healthcare Alliance (MAHA) in collaboration with the YWCA of Greater Milwaukee. The partnership, along with the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board has opened the new Healthcare Training Institute which is dedicated to providing: (a) health career training and placement, (b) employment support services, and (c) coaching and career training to TANF-eligible individuals.

Connecting Professionals to Communities... **Partnership Programs**

Milwaukee AHEC Community Health Partners help to extend our mission to the communities we serve. Milwaukee AHEC engages and supports community-based partners through Point of Service and Maintenance Enhancement (Model AHEC program) funding. Community partners include Kenosha Long Term Care Workforce Alliance, National Alliance on Mental Illness Kenosha County, City on a Hill, Medical College of Wisconsin, and El Centro de Salud.

Connecting Communities to Better Health... **Wisconsin Community Health Worker Alliance**

Milwaukee AHEC and partners hosted the "Community Health Worker Best Practices" conference May 2012 leading to the founding of the Wisconsin Community Health Worker Alliance (WICHWA). WICHWA is a statewide collaborative working to bridge the gap between health services and community-based prevention for vulnerable populations. Its mission is to transform community health through education, advocacy and research and to advance the professional CHW workforce. Milwaukee AHEC will hold a Leadership Development Training convening local and national leaders to guide strategic direction for the Alliance, June 2013.

Diabetes Awareness and Education

A diabetes community awareness and prevention campaign takes place within a network of churches and community venues targeting a severely at-risk population in central Milwaukee where no strong educational program exists.

