

Beyond the Clinic: Linking Medical Students with Communities Across the State

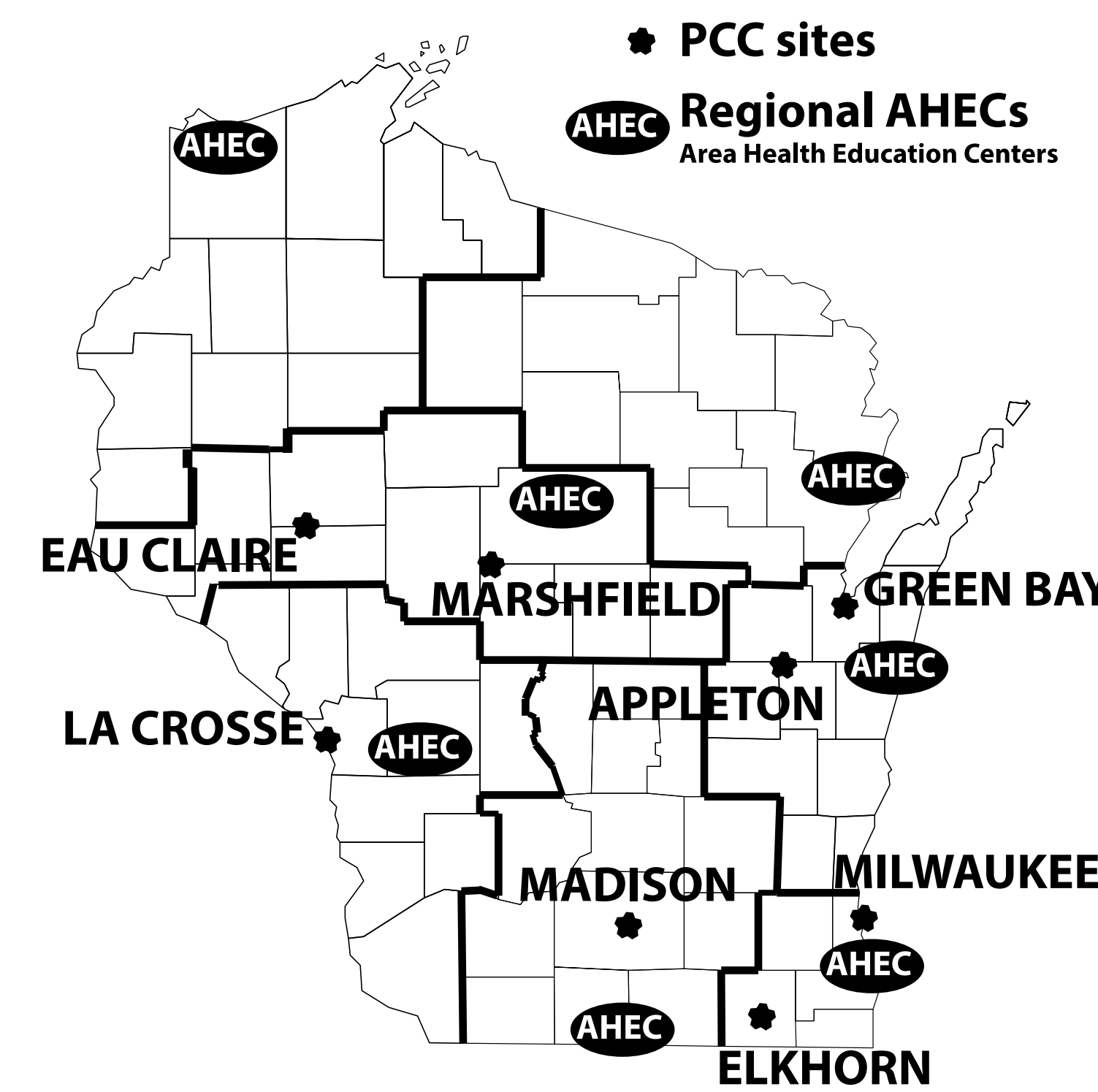
UW School of Medicine and Public Health, WI AHECs and Communities:

Partnering in the Past, Present, and Future to Improve Health



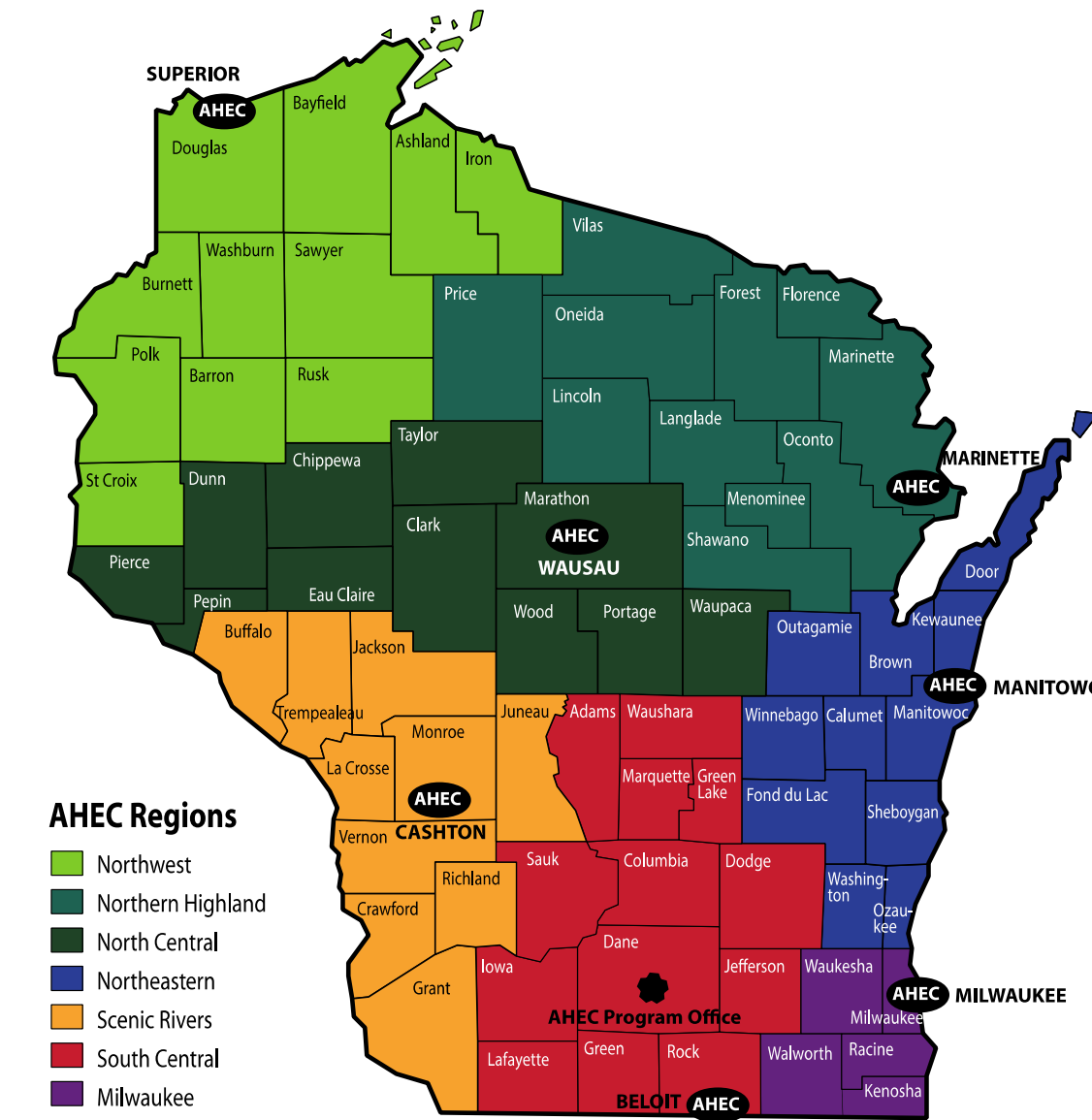
2011-Present

Since 2011, all 3rd-year UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) students have individually worked with WI AHECs and community organizations to mutually identify and complete a community health engagement project during their 8-week Primary Care Clerkship (PCC). These projects have been a prime example of **the Wisconsin Idea**, serving to educate students, share knowledge from the UW, and collectively address priority issues for communities.



NEW! Coming in 2018: Medical Students (180/year) during the Chronic and Preventive Care course will spend 12 weeks working on a community project.

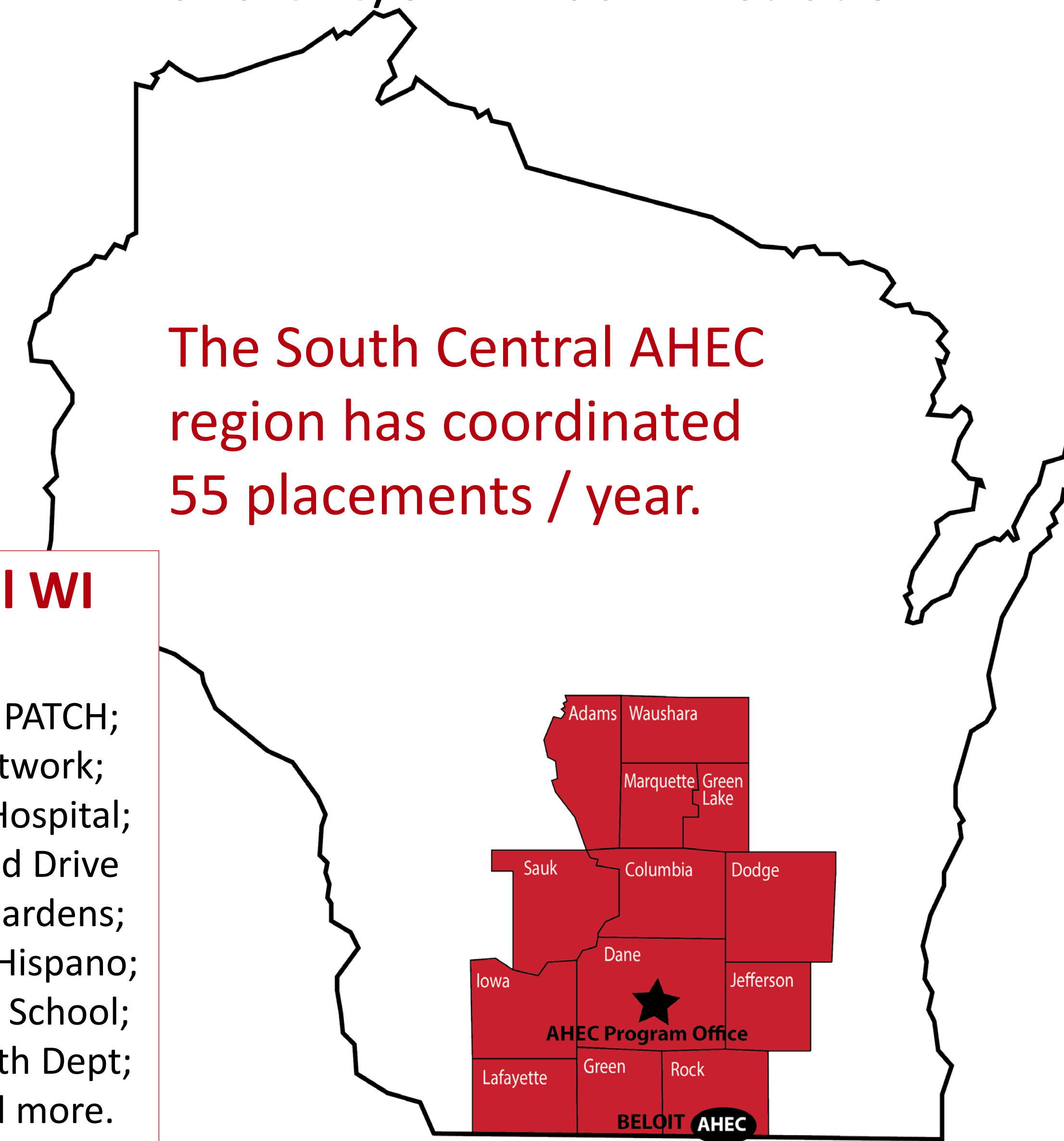
Project oversight will be collectively accomplished by partner organizations, AHECs, and CPC/SMPH administration.



The South Central AHEC region has coordinated 55 placements / year.

Partnerships in South Central WI Have Included:

Goodman Center; YMCA; Salvation Army, PATCH; Dane County Parent Council; Literacy Network; Goodman Library; Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital; Public Health Madison Dane County; Allied Drive Food Pantry; Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens; Lindbergh School; Lapham School; Centro Hispano; League of Women Voters; Waunakee High School; DryHootch veterans org.; Watertown Health Dept; Rock County Health Dept; HealthNet; and more.



Impacts: 2011-Present and Future Goals

- **Community organizations** cite the valuable contributions of the volunteer medical students in advancing the organizations' goals.
- **Medical students** comment on the growth they experience through the hands-on involvement with populations unfamiliar to them prior to the community project.
- **Underserved populations** have been positively impacted. Past projects have focused on health literacy, mentoring, public health, chronic conditions, or topics of interest to local citizens.
- **In the proposed new model** for community health engagement, we will strive to maintain relationships built over the years, while evolving approaches to enhance outcomes.

Total impact 2011-15 by regional site		
	Students	Hours (Minimum)
Appleton	25	600
Eau Claire	32	768
Green Bay	15	360
La Crosse	114	2,736
Madison	220	5,280
Milwaukee	164	3,936
Minoqua	10	240
WARM - Green Bay	20	480
WARM - La Crosse	36	864
WARM - Marshfield	31	744
TOTAL	667	16,008

Proposed Future Model (January 2018)

In the new curriculum, students will work in **teams** along with partner organization(s), and projects may span **up to one year**. Each team will effectively hand-off work to the next team, to ensure progress over time. This team-based, longitudinal model is intended to benefit partner organizations and communities, while enhancing student learning.

Examples of Completed Partner-Student Projects

"Improving Veteran Care Within Private Health Facilities"	Gundersen Health & VA River Valley
"Educating at-risk Populations on Health Issues"	WI Health Literacy
"Providers and Teens Communicating for Health"	WI Adolescent Health Care
"Food Pantry Administration and Nutrition Education"	Allied Drive Food Pantry
"Health Education with Middle School Children"	Barron County Boys and Girls Club
"Health Fair for Hmong Elder Population"	La Crosse County Center for Aging

TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS

- **Nov-Dec 2016:** Identify initial community partner(s) for pilot of team model (pilot start Feb 2017), review pilot approach with AHECs, partner organizations
- **Summer-Fall 2017:** Review pilot outcomes, identify additional partners, clarify further steps & logistics
- **Jan 2018:** Implement new model
- **Questions, Comments, Concerns:** We would like to hear from you!
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