

Summary of Partnership
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008
Davie County Health Department

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 **343** local students and staff from Davie County participated in **two** health careers' presentations as follows:

Date	School	Presentation*	Number of Students
3/12/08	Cooleemee Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	343

* 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— Davie County did not participate in the Summer Camp Med Program which in the past has been a partnership between Davie High School and Davie County Hospital (DCH). 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. However, students from Davie County have participated in the past and are expected to do so in the future. NW AHEC will make this offer again in November 2008 for a summer 2009 program.

There were no student representatives from Davie County during the NC AHEC annual "Future Leaders in Healthcare Conference" which was held during the fiscal year. 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. Students from Davie County have participated in the past in this educational activity and are anticipated to do in the future. There were no student representatives from Davie County who participated in the summer 2008 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. However, students from Davie County have participated in both activities 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 County who bring students with them to see patients in their hospital. 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. A total of **24** students have rotated in Davie County for a total of **57** student weeks for this past 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.

CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Northwest AHEC CE activities are marketed to healthcare professionals of Davie County Health Department. During this past fiscal year, **17** healthcare professionals enrolled **23** times in Northwest AHEC continuing education activities. 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 Health Department. 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'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). For more information about this service, 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 County; therefore there are no students who enrolled in the RN Refresher program 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 who are members of the Northwest AHEC Information and Library Services. 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.