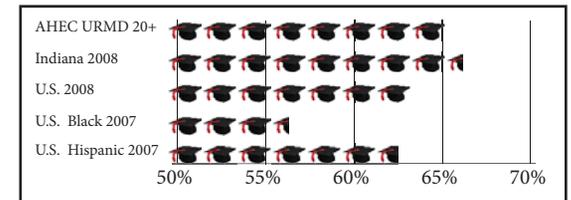
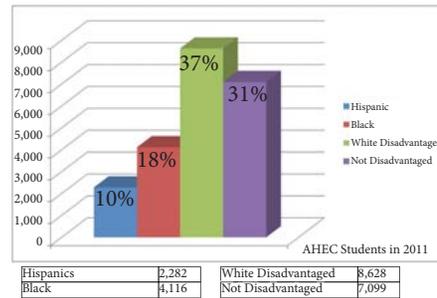


INDIANA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS (AHEC) NETWORK

We Find Them

AHEC finds students who are most likely to practice in medically underserved communities. Indiana's many talented racial and ethnic minority and disadvantaged students often discover health careers for the first time in AHEC awareness, enrichment, and academic success programs. AHEC introduces them to the many careers available in health care and provides academic support by collaborating with schools and community partners. 66% of AHEC students participating in awareness, enrichment, and academic success programs are from under-represented minority and disadvantaged (URMD) backgrounds.



65% of Indiana AHEC trainees from under-represented and minority disadvantaged backgrounds have matriculated into post-secondary training, exceeding typical post-secondary matriculation rates.

We Train Them

	AHEC Rotations		Non-AHEC Rotations	
	n=22	n=228	n=228	n=228
	#	%	#	%
Strengthened Commitment	11	50%	100	44%
Still committed, no additional impact	7	32%	102	45%
Reduced commitment	0	0%	0	0%
Created new commitment	3	14%	11	5%
Not committed, no additional impact	1	5%	15	7%
		64%		49%

AHEC clinical training occurs in community-based settings where the medically underserved receive care. The benefits are many:

- Trainees learn and practice how to best care for vulnerable populations.
- Employers see future recruits first-hand.
- Trainees build cultural competency and teamwork skills in ideal settings.
- Future graduates strengthen a personal and professional commitment to caring for the medically underserved.

64% of third-year medical students who received AHEC family medicine training reported stronger interest in caring for the medically underserved, compared to 49% of all similar trainees, an increase of 30.6%.



To better understand the neediest in their community, health professions students trained at Sojourner Truth House, a shelter for women and children in Gary, Indiana. The experience prompted the students to establish a free health clinic there.



AHEC clinical student Jennifer Maya later joined the medical staff at a community health center. *"We very much appreciate the role that AHEC played in bringing Dr. Maya into HealthLinc and the community health center movement."*
Tim Ames, M.D., Medical Director

Medical student Ryan Vektor spent six weeks job shadowing at a community health center. *"Experiences like this really affected me. It has confirmed my belief that I want to do primary care."*



We Keep Them

AHEC students from disadvantaged backgrounds with top-notch training in vulnerable communities are a good employment match for Indiana's safety net sites. They are more likely to stay there too. In health care, training doesn't stop at graduation. More than 1,600 health professionals attended AHEC sponsored continuing education for safety-net staff. AHECs help retain community "health care heroes" when they provide these tools to increase health care quality and reduce professional isolation. Continuing education in rural, critical access hospitals help clinicians maintain skills and sustain best practices.