

## AHEC/HETC + NHSC + CHCs = SAFETY NET

*AHECs and HETCs are the third part of the safety-net programs and collaborate with Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps.*

*AHECs and HETCs are charged to improve access to quality health care, eliminate health disparities, and improve the health of communities through workforce development and education. Both Programs are funded under Title VII of the Public Health Service Act.*

### AHECs

Provide training for health professionals in underserved communities

Provide continuing education for health professionals

Recruit minority and underserved students into health professions

Respond to emerging health issues through training and disseminating information and resources to practitioners and health care facilities

### HETCs

Train and promote the use of Community Health Workers

Form local partnerships to build capacity within resource-poor communities to improve health services

Provide leadership in addressing U.S./ Mexico border and non-border health issues to meet the needs of a growing Hispanic population

- The President's FY 2008 budget proposes to fund the Title VII Health Professions Training Programs at \$10 million, which represents a 93% cut for all health professions programs and elimination of all AHEC and HETC funding.
- AHECs are currently funded at \$29.382 million and HETCs are at \$0. For FY 2008, the National AHEC Organization advocates a restoration of AHEC and HETC funding to the FY 2005 levels of \$33.141 million for AHECs and \$4.371 million for HETCs.

The National AHEC Organization's FY 2008 funding recommendations:

A minimum funding level of \$33.141million for AHECs

A minimum funding level of \$4.371 million for HETCs

A minimum funding level of \$308.44 million for Title VII Health Professions Training Programs



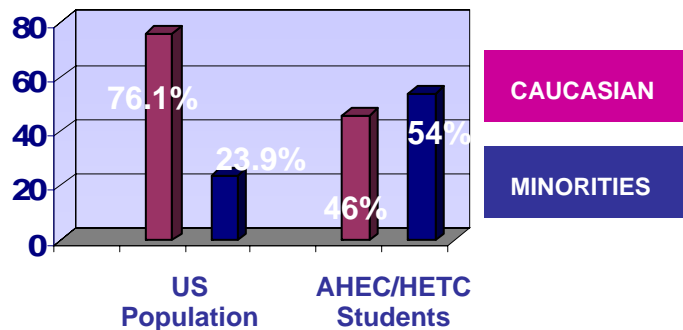
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connecting students to careers, health professionals to communities and communities to better health

# AHECs and HETCs Make a Difference!

Area Health Education Centers and Health Education Training Centers

## AHEC and HETC Working to Decrease Health Disparities

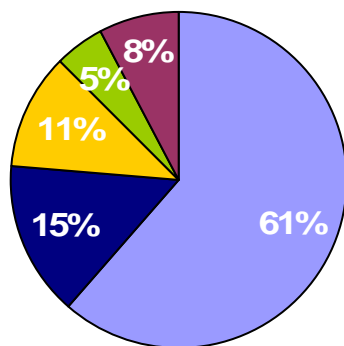


AHEC/HETC Program participants are 54% Minority and 21% of the Caucasian AHEC/HETC students are disadvantaged

## Increased Dollars Yield Increased Results!

	FY 2004	FY 2005
	\$29.2 M	\$33.141 M
Health Professions Students Placed	42,156	47,000
Continuing Education Participants	315,820	339,000

## AHEC Contributions to Care for Underserved Populations



### Dollars Spent Serving Rural and Underserved Communities

- \$64 Million Dollars in 2005
- on a Federal Investment of \$33.141 Million

- Primary Care Residents \$39 million
- Medical Students \$9.5 million
- Dental and Pharmacy \$7 million
- Nurse Practitioner Students \$3 million
- Other Health Professions Students \$5 million

Source: HRSA, BHP, 2005

