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Celebrating 35 Years of Working Together to Grow Missouri's Healthcare Workforce

Since 1988, the Missouri Area Health Education Centers have been increasing access to quality, affordable healthcare by growing and supporting Missouri's healthcare workforce, especially in areas where there are not enough providers. A key component of this effort has been securing clinical training experiences for health professions students in rural and urban medically underserved communities. Safety-net sites have been central to this work. Safety-net sites deliver affordable healthcare services to all and make it possible for low-income, uninsured, and underinsured populations to receive a range of different treatments. These healthcare providers include Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Critical Access Hospitals, and Community Mental Health Centers, among others. Health professions students who complete clinical training in a safety-net site gain a better understanding of how to manage many complex and chronic health conditions because they see more of those patients and within the primary care setting – provide a wider range of services. They also experience first-hand the benefits of administering healthcare as part of an interprofessional team of healthcare professionals working together with patients and their families to achieve the best possible outcomes.



And so it is with deep gratitude that we take this opportunity on our 35th anniversary to recognize and thank MAHEC's top safety-net site partners. The partners listed below have offered outstanding support in providing MAHEC's health professions students with invaluable clinical training experiences as they prepare to serve Missouri's most vulnerable and underserved communities. MAHEC cannot do its important work without partners such as these: CareSTL, Community Health center of Central Missouri, Compass Health Network, Complete Family Medicine, Cox Family Medicine of Monett, CoxHealth (Mount Vernon Clinic), Cross Trails Medical Center, DeKalb Health Center, Family Care Health Center, Ferguson Medical Group, Hannibal Clinic, HCC Network, Jordan Valley Community Health Center, Kneibert Clinic, Mark Twain Behavioral Health, Memphis Medical Services, Mercy Clinic Pediatrics (Rolla), Milan Family Practice Clinic, Missouri Dept. of Mental Health Services, Mosaic Family Care, Northeast Missouri Health Council, Northeast Regional Family Medicine, Northwest Health Services, Parkland Health Center Medical Clinic, Phelps Health, Preferred Family Healthcare, SEMO Health Network, Southern Illinois Health Foundation (SIHF), Southern Illinois Center for Family Medicine, South County Health Center, SoutheastHealth and Table Rock Family Medicine and Obstetrics.

MAHEC is a partnership of seven locally governed organizations and three university-based health professions education programs working statewide to increase the numbers of Missouri youth entering stable, high-paying jobs as healthcare professionals and the numbers of professionals caring for underserved populations.

The MAHEC partners include:

- A.T. Still University Kirksville
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- Mid-Missouri AHEC – Rolla
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