



CT SEARCH Program Overview

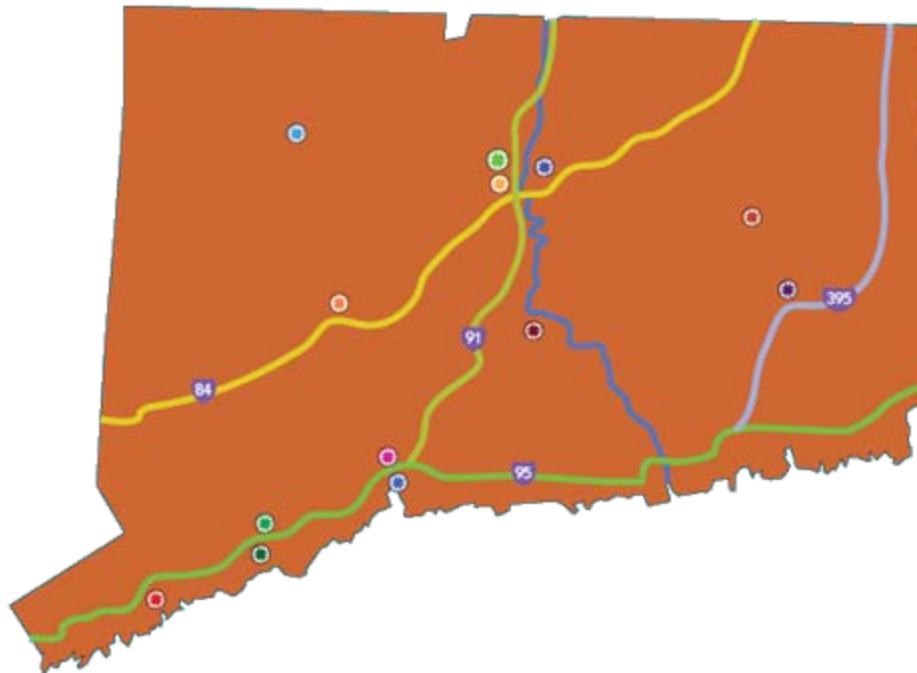
SustiNet Health Care Workforce Task Force
Webinar – professional and provider groups

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Community Health Center Association of Connecticut

- Membership organization for CT's Federally Qualified Health Centers
- In 2008, 13 CT FQHCs served over 263,000 patients at more than 150 locations





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What is the SEARCH Program?

**Student/Resident
Experiences
And
Rotations in
Community
Health**



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What is the SEARCH Program?

SEARCH is a unique program that enables NHSC Scholars and other health professions students and residents to work on interdisciplinary teams to care for the underserved in rural and urban settings.

Who can participate in CT's SEARCH Program?

Students: medical, dental, nurse practitioner and physician assistant

Residents: medical residents

FQHCs: precept students or residents



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The program seeks to:

- Provide opportunities for students to implement classroom experience in a health care setting
- Provide opportunities for students & residents to train on multidisciplinary health care teams
- Nurture the development of culturally competent, community-responsive primary and allied health providers
- Expand statewide partnerships to form a network of organizations to meet the diverse primary care needs of the underserved



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What are the CT SEARCH opportunities?

- 23 SEARCH students will participate in 6 week summer internships at an FQHC. Support includes:
 - Living stipend of \$3000
 - Professional development (career mentoring, conference attendance, poster presentation)
 - Clinical Experience with trained Preceptor
- 16 SEARCH residents will complete a multidisciplinary rotation at an FQHC.
- Connecticut is one of 28 states running a SEARCH program. A complete list of SEARCH programs is available on the NHSC's Web site at: http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/join_us/search.asp



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- Key Action Items:
 - Recruit 23 students & 16 residents over 3 year program for clinical experiences at 13 FQHCs; target NHSC scholars
 - Determine sequence of FQHC placements and clinical projects
 - Select, train and provide ongoing support to Preceptors and Mentors to guide current and future students and residents.
 - Establish state wide network of professional associations, academic institutions and AHEC to address primary care needs of CT's underserved.



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- Subcontracted Partners:
 - University of Connecticut AHEC
 - Steven Lepowsky, DDS, UConn School of Dental Medicine
 - 13 FQHC Preceptors/Mentors
- In-Kind Partners:
 - SEARCH Partner Network Members
- CHCACT Program Staff:
 - Scott Selig, Director of Clinical Quality – Preceptor/Mentor Support
 - Rashad Collins, Program Manager Workforce Development – Student, Resident, FQHC and SEARCH Partner Network Support