



# Public Health Training Center Program in Georgia

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# National PHTC Program

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- HRSA-funded program
- 37 PHTCs across the nation
- 2 PHTCs in Georgia (Emory, UGA)
  - Funded in Sept. 2010
  - Prior to Sept. 2010, GA was one of 4 “uncovered” states
- Purpose: Improve the nation’s public health system by strengthening the knowledge and skills of the current and future public health workforce.

# HRSA's Core Principles of Practice

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- Create capacity of the public health workforce and system to serve medically underserved populations and communities in Georgia
- Competency-based using the *Council on Linkages* core competencies
- Population-based

# Emory and UGA Philosophical and Operational Principles

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- Draw on strengths of each university and school
- Collaborative and synergistic
- Both Centers work throughout Georgia

# Emory and Georgia PHTC Activities

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- Collaborative Activities
  - Training Needs Assessment
  - Advisory Board
  - GDPH Field Placement Program (state, district, county)
- Center-specific Activities
  - Topical Trainings for Current Public Health Workforce
  - Boards of Health Trainings
  - Field Placements for Future Public Health Workforce (non-governmental public health)

# Georgia Public Health Training Center

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# Training Activities



- Online Learning Modules
  - Public Health Impact Series
  - Evidence-Based Practice
  - Influenza
  - Gerontology
- Online Webinars
  - The Power of Advocacy
  - The Biology of Obesity
  - Fighting Back!
- Placement of Public Health Professionals
  - Extension of training
  - Archway Partnership
- Face to Face Trainings
  - OASIS
  - Motivational Interviewing
  - Economic Evaluation
  - Leadership & Management (Tier 1, Pilot)

# Trainings by the Numbers

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- No. of Trainings: 21
- No. of individuals trained: 272 (duplicate)  
219 (unduplicated)
- No. of contact hours: 919





# Planned Trainings in the Field

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2012 Focus: Building Capacity at the Community Level to Improve GA Health Outcomes

## **On-Line**

- Primary Care to Public Health: Evidence Based Practice
- WIC Nutrition Skills
- Motivational Interviewing
- Breastfeeding Communication and Support
- Program Evaluation

## **Face-to-Face**

- Prominent Lecture Series
- Poverty Sensitivity
- Childhood Obesity Prevention
- Quality Improvement
- Leadership Academy

# Field Placement Agencies

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- Georgia Department of Public Health
- Health Districts
  - SOWEGA Health District
  - Coastal Health District
  - North Health District
- County Health Departments
  - Fulton County Health Department
- CDC
- American Red Cross
- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association
- Non-governmental Clinics
- Hospitals
- Local Non-Profits
  - Healthy Colquitt Coalition
  - Center for Black Women's Wellness

# Field Placements by the Numbers

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- No. of students placed: 10
- No. of field placements:
  - 4 Health Districts
  - 2 Non-Profit Community Health Agencies
- No. of field placement hours: 3000 (10 at 300)



# Emory Public Health Training Center

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# Training Activities

- 2011 Models of Excellence Lecture Series
  - The Georgia Meth Project (Jim Langford)
  - Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Georgia (Danielle Ruedt, Dale Alton, Jennifer Bartl, and Kaffie McCullough)
  - The Longevity Project: Surprising Discoveries for Health and Long Life from the Landmark Eight-Decade Study (Leslie Martin)

No. of individuals trained: 221

No. of contact hours: 442

2012 focus: Translation of Science into Practice



# Training Activities cont.

- 2011 Public Health Practice Academy (2-day)
  - Practical Evaluation Skills
  - Public Health Informatics: Using Data to Impact Public Health Practice
  - Health Communication Skills for the Public Health Practitioner
  - Epidemiology and Public Health Surveillance

No. of individuals trained: 61

No. of contact hours: 793

2012 courses will include previous courses plus:

- Grant Writing
- Community Needs Assessment



# Training Activities cont.

- 2011 Partner-requested Training: Logic Models

No. of individuals trained: 27

No. of contact hours: 54

2012 trainings include Leadership and Management (awaiting HRSA approval)

- 2011 Boards of Health Trainings (subcontract with GPHA)

No. of individuals trained: 44

No. of contact hours: 308

2012 trainings include: Boards of Health Training with GPHA and NALBOH



# Field Placement Agencies

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- Atlanta Regional Commission, Area Agency on Aging
- Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission
- Center for Pan Asian Community Services
- CDC
- Clarkston Community Center
- Clarkston Development Foundation
- Cobb-Douglas Public Health
- Community Health Works
- Diabetes Association of Atlanta
- Emmaus House
- Good Samaritan Health Center
- Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention
- Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies



# Field Placements by the Numbers

- No. of students placed: 14
- No. of field placements: 17
- No. of field placement hours: 4,292



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# Future Directions

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- Provide quality training on relevant topics for current public health workforce
- Implement opportunities for public health students to be mentored by state/district/county practitioners
- Assist in strategic thinking and policy development for public health system in Georgia
- Collaborate with other training resources to enhance synergy and avoid duplication

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