Public Health Training Center Program in Georgia

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National PHTC Program

- 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

• 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

• Draw on strengths of each university and school

• Collaborative and synergistic

• Both Centers work throughout Georgia
Emory and Georgia PHTC Activities

• 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
Training Activities

**Online Learning Modules**
- Public Health Impact Series
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Influenza
- Gerontology

**Placement of Public Health Professionals**
- Extension of training
- Archway Partnership

**Online Webinars**
- The Power of Advocacy
- The Biology of Obesity
- Fighting Back!

**Face to Face Trainings**
- OASIS
- Motivational Interviewing
- Economic Evaluation
- Leadership & Management (Tier 1, Pilot)
Trainings by the Numbers

• No. of Trainings: 21

• No. of individuals trained: 272 (duplicate)  
                          219 (unduplicated)

• No. of contact hours: 919
Planned Trainings in the Field

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

- 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

• 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)
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
• 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

- 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
Future
Future Directions

• 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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