Freddie Jaquez

SLVAHEC Director, Retires

Freddie Jaquez is a native of the San Luis Valley. He was born in Alamosa and the next day he went home to San Luis. He graduated from Centennial High School in San Luis, attended Adams State College (now University), and graduated in 1976 with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Chicano Studies. He received his MA from Adams State in Guidance and Counseling in 1977, which contributed to his success as the Director of Counseling Services for the College Assistance Migrant Program.

Freddie was asked, “What are you going to do now that you’re retired?” Without skipping a beat, he replied, “I’m going to the back yard to count the ants!” Actually, Freddie has a woodshop that will keep him quite busy, and he plans to play more music in the community.

Introducing Eric Stevens,

SLVAHEC’s New Director

The Board of Directors of the San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center are proud to announce the selection of the new San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center Executive Director, Eric Stevens.

With two decades of management experience (primarily in nonprofit and government realms of healthcare, housing, advocacy, and education), Stevens has dedicated his career to...
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Program at Adams State, Director of Alamosa County Department of Social Services, Field Services Representative for Rocky SER, and as the Executive Director of the San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center (SLVAHEC). Freddie also served 15 years as a volunteer board member for SLVAHEC before becoming the executive director.

Freddie stated, “Working in the Colorado AHEC system has been nothing short of amazing. The Colorado AHEC Program Office, housed on the CU Denver Anschutz Medical Campus, has been very supportive of SLVAHEC. They are the reason SLVAHEC and all of the other five Colorado AHEC Regional Offices have done such great things for the health of their communities.”

Recently, Freddie shared with the SLVAHEC Board of Directors, “As I reflect on the last ten years as Executive Director of the San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center, I must say that from all my professional experiences, this job has provided me with the most professional growth. I have thoroughly enjoyed working for this organization, and I hope that I left it a bit better than I found it. I thank the Board of Directors for their immense support and guidance throughout my tenure. I inherited a dynamic staff dedicated to our work. I do believe that I leave the SLVAHEC in “good shape” and with that I am able to walk away completely satisfied with no regrets.”

Freddie is a talented singer and guitar player and was instrumental in the early days of Mariachi San Luis.

“I have all the confidence in Mr. Steven’s ability to take the SLVAHEC to the next level,” stated Mr. Jaquez. “He certainly has the passion to assure the SLVAHEC will continue with the great work of making the San Luis Valley a healthier place to live.”

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making his community a better place. A third generation Alamosan, he returned to the San Luis Valley after more than thirty years away in order to earn a Masters degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Adams State University. He reports that returning to the Valley was one of the best decisions he ever made.

Eric lives in Alamosa with his wife Carmen and his one and a half year old daughter, Frida. He states, “The SLVAHEC is a very strong 39-year old organization, and I see this position as a wonderful opportunity to positively impact the lives of our people. We have so many issues to address from our current drug epidemic to threats of federal funding reductions for healthcare. I look forward to working with all of our stakeholders in developing lasting solutions.”

Eric began his employment at SLVAHEC on June 1, 2017, training under current Executive Director, Freddie Jaquez. Mr. Stevens took the reins of the organization on July 1, 2017.

“Board President, Joe Valdez shared, “I am optimistic for the future of the SLVAHEC. The transition from Freddie Jaquez to Eric Stevens will proceed smoothly. With the support and direction of the Board of Directors, I am sure the successful work of the SLVAHEC will continue.”
CU Rural Track Medical Student Explores Health Career Options with Youth in Steamboat Springs

Kelly Crane, a 3rd year University of Colorado School of Medicine Student, explains the numerous and diverse career paths available to students interested in healthcare careers to youth from Concordia Lutheran Church’s Concordia Youth Group on July 10, 2017.

WCAHEC Draws a Crowd for the Colorado Trust’s Health Equity Learning Series Event: Whistle Dog Politics

On June 8, 2017, WCAHEC hosted the last program of the 2016/2017 Colorado Trust Health Equity Learning Series. The room was full as community members gathered together to eat dinner and watch a pre-recorded presentation by Ian Haney López, one of the nation’s leading thinkers on racism’s evolution since the civil rights era. López’ presentation explored his most recent book, Dog Whistle Politics: How Coded Racial Appeals Have Reinvented Racism and Wrecked the Middle Class.

New Staff Member Joins WCAHEC

Linda Applegate is the newest member of the WCAHEC team. “Linda’s responsibilities include coordinating the Administrative aspects of WCAHEC’s daily operations and serving as the face of WCAHEC for students registering for our courses and camps,” explains Executive Director, Georgia Hoaglund.
Twenty youth from across School District 51 schools attended the WCAHEC Summer Babysitting Health & Safety Camp, July 10-14, 2017. Campers earned their American Red Cross certifications in Babysitting, First Aid, and Child & Infant CPR.

The cost was $60 per camper for the entire week-long program including lunch & snacks. “We feel strongly about offering affordable summer programing to youth in our area,” explains Georgia Hoaglund, Executive Director of WCAHEC.

Volunteers, Grantors and Sponsors of this camp included the Junior Service League, Colorado Trust, University of Colorado School of Medicine, City of Grand Junction Fire Department, Mesa County Solid Waste Management, Donor Alliance of Denver, Palisade EMS, Mesa County Health Department, Ariel Clinical Services, Pantuso’s, Café Sol, Maid to Impress and Hope West.

To meet the demand for this overwhelming popular camp, WCAHEC is offered a second camp the week of July 24th. The second camp was a condensed version of the full week-long program, offering only the American Red Cross training without the outside speakers. “With a wait list of 12 students, we didn’t feel is was right to make so many wait to receive this important training,” explains Hoaglund.

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First Personal Care Provider Training Course Huge Success

May 15, 2017, marked the first Personal Care Provider Training Course for WCAHEC and the Mesa County Workforce Center. The two organizations teamed up to develop a new job readiness program for personal care providers (PCPs). The program is in high demand as home care agencies need qualified PCPs to care for an increasing number of elderly and disabled clients, reports a workforce center representative.

The program included training in Home and Personal Care Services as well as lessons in Legal & Ethical Issues, Respecting Cultural Diversity, Qualified Medication Administration Person’s Certification, Job Shadowing, Resume Preparation and CPR/First Aid.

The next class will be held September 4-8, 2017 at WCAHEC. Those interested can contact WCAHEC at (970) 434-5474 x2.

“This course provides consistent, quality training to local employees serving our most vulnerable population. We are happy to report that all 6 students successfully completed the week-long program,” - Georgia Hoaglund.

New Partnership with Local Health Plans Insurer to Bring Continuing Education to Rural Medical Assistants

In an effort to enhance practice transformation efforts and improve services in rural clinics, WCAHEC is partnering with Rocky Mountain Health Plans (RMHP) to develop an ongoing, in practice, continuing education program for Medical Assistants. The program will focus on helping Medical Assistants apply the knowledge they acquired through formal education to the work they do each day in their active practices. The goal is to improve patient outcomes and customer service while increasing accuracy and efficiency in the work place, explains a representative of RMHP. The program is scheduled to be up and running by year end.
In 1977, the University of Colorado Denver responded to an opportunity to be a part of the second generation of AHEC programs established under the Health Professions Educational Assistance Act. Formed to develop a new partnership between states, universities, and the Health Resource Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Colorado AHEC Program quickly got to work and made positive strides towards addressing the mandate established in a 1970 Carnegie Commission report.

The report brought attention to “the serious shortage of professional health manpower, the need for expanding and restructuring the education of professional health personnel, and the vital importance of adapting the education of health manpower to the changes needed for an effective system of delivery of health care in the United States.” (Carnegie Commission, 1970) In Colorado, “the number of medical students rotating to rural areas more than tripled between the years 1978-79 and 1982-83” and nursing rotations doubled. The early data also showed that students were more likely to stay and practice in rural areas after these rotations (Project Reports, 1983).

Healthcare pipeline programs (programs that help students develop towards careers in allied health professions) have been a core component of COAHEC since our inception. A 25-year study showed that 44 percent of AHEC’s high school participants in the Summer Health Careers Institute are currently in a health occupation. Similarly, Colorado Health Professions Development (CO-HPD, a college summer program) graduates report above-average admission into health professions schools. The regional AHEC offices have also worked to develop “Grow Your Own” programs including Saturday academies and summer health professions camps. This year we are working together to merge these programs into a unified program that will pull the best elements from this history.

Today 54 AHEC programs with more than 200 centers operate in almost every state and the District of Columbia. Approximately 120 medical schools and 600 nursing and allied health schools work collaboratively with AHECs to improve health for underserved and underrepresented populations.

The opportunities and challenge of the AHEC model have been apparent from the early days. The quote on the following page from “The National AHEC Program: Review of Its Progress and Considerations for the 1980s” still reflects both the success of our efforts as well as the challenges we face in documenting our successes.

The bidirectional mode of sharing knowledge, resources, and human capital has remained remarkably consistent with the way it was originally designed in this schematic from 1970. (Smith, 1970)
AHEC has remained remarkably consistent through out the years.

The model, however, is flexible enough to allow states and communities to respond to local needs while staying true to a core set of principles.

1981 National AHEC
Description
The program stimulates the formation of a balanced partnership between university-based health professions training programs (health science centers) and underserved communities. The partnership serves to link the academic resources of the health science centers to community hospitals and other local institutions, thereby addressing the training needs for health professionals in the underserved communities.

The goals of the program are to:
* improve the geographic and specialty distribution of health care providers in rural and urban underserved areas;
* improve the retention of health care providers in shortage areas; and
* improve the quality, utilization, and efficiency of health professionals in shortage areas.

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Sandra Kohl, an accomplished office and program manager, has joined Central Colorado AHEC as the new Executive Administrative Assistant.

Sandra stepped into a newly created position at CCAHEC and is in the process of making it her own. Juggling logistics and balancing an active Executive Director’s calendar is proving exciting and informative as she learns the inner workings of Area Health Education Centers.

CCAHEC is in the midst of reestablishing worksite wellness initiatives, an assumptive first to do so within the state of Colorado AHECs. With a bachelor of science degree and numerous years’ experience within health education, Ms. Kohl is positioned to encapsulate CCAHEC health and wellness ideals and implement an employee accessible program. Staff members have already shown enthusiasm and support for program initiation and are actively working with Sandra to draw up program goals and effective measures of assessment. By committing to the health and wellness of center employees, CCAHEC is sure to reap the monetary and productivity benefits of program success as well.

Outside of the office, Sandra can reliably be found either wandering the many aisles of Barnes and Noble sipping a coffee, curled up reading a book, walking or riding her bike, ballroom dancing, or watching a movie.

Over the years, Ms. Kohl has had the good fortune of working alongside the best in formal and informal education, learning from their ingenuity and administrative resourcefulness. Health education centers have the real possibility of creating change, and she looks forward to supporting and being a part of that evolving process.

Central Colorado AHEC Welcomes New Staff Member

Health Equity is a Community Issue

Central Colorado Area Health Education Center (CCAHEC) was awarded a grant from The Colorado Trust to serve as a partner for the 2016-2017 Health Equity Learning Series. An educational program of The Colorado Trust, the Health Equity Learning Series aims to increase knowledge and awareness of health equity through presentations from experts discussing factors that increase disparities and solutions that advance health equity. The Trust partnered with organizations across the state to show recordings of the events in their communities, followed by professional facilitated discussions.

We were drawn to apply for this grant because it aligns with our mission of connecting rural and medically underserved communities to better healthcare. Additionally, it addresses many issues of health equity that our community members face.

Recognizing a need to expand outreach into our more rural communities, we selected Clear Creek and Gilpin county healthcare providers, organizations, and stakeholders as our audience. We chose to partner with the Health Advisory Council which serves both counties.

A four-part series, the “Health Equity Learning Series” consisted of recorded presentations by today’s leading
Central Colorado AHEC Welcomes New Staff Member

health equity advocates. Once the video became available, we hosted dinner or lunch meetings where attendees viewed the presentation and engaged in meaningful, facilitated discussions.

The first session, “Equity at the Intersection of Poverty, Migration and Health”, featuring Deliana Garcia, MA of the Migrant Clinicians Network, presented on the health challenges facing migrant workers and how these issues are related to health equity. Participants were able to relate to the needs of the transient workforce as is experienced in their local casinos.

Session two, “Racism and Health Inequities”, featuring Rachel Hardeman, PhD, MPH of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and Partners in Equity and Inclusion (Minneapolis, MN), explored the historical context of structural racism, its role in creating health inequities in the United States, and the importance of naming and recognizing racism in order to mitigate its impact on society and health.

Session three, “Beyond Service Provision and Disparate Outcomes: Disability Justice Informing Communities of Practice”, featuring Lydia X. Z. Brown, past president of TASH New England, chairperson of the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council, and a board member of the Autism Women’s Network, presented on inequities in health services for disabled people with an intersectional focus on race, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

The final session, “Dog Whistle Politics: Race, Politics and Economic Inequality”, featuring Ian Haney López, JD, the Earl Warren Professor of Public Law at University of California, Berkeley, presented on how coded language and racial pandering among politicians has led to public policies that reinforce racism and inequities in the United States. Recordings with English and Spanish subtitles was provided.

CCAHEC chose to take this final event to a new community and partnered with the City of Aurora. We were pleased to partner with the Department of International and Immigrant Affairs, the Community Relations Division, and the Aurora Chapter of the NAACP for this event. We were honored to be a part of this learning experience as it provided opportunities to expand our collaborations within our communities while increasing our own awareness of the importance of bringing health equity into our regular conversations. CCAHEC is a stronger organization for this opportunity and we look forward to being able to provide similar events in the future.
Regional Health Connector HSR 17

As a recipient of the Regional Health Connector (RHC) program for Colorado Health Statistic Region (HSR) 17 which covers Park, Clear Creek, and Gilpin Counties, CCAHEC sought to determine alignment between two practice transformation initiatives in Colorado: EvidenceNOW Southwest (ENSW) and the Colorado State Innovation Model (SIM). Colorado SIM and ENSW include target areas within which each RHC project will collect data from a broad range of partners offering community-level perspectives, including: anxiety, asthma, cardiovascular disease, child development (screenings), depression, diabetes, hypertension, obesity, prevention (flu shots, breast and cervical cancer screenings), safety (older adult falls), and substance use. These target areas will guide the work of the RHC and determine the three RHC projects chosen for each region.

RHCs will focus on activities that improve disparate health outcomes. Many partners and initiatives may support the priorities of local practices and the community. RHCs will coordinate with local, regional, state, and national initiatives to reduce duplication and maximize available resources. After much collaboration with RHC Program Staff, CCAHEC’s Regional Health Connector, Ashley Hill, has determined regional alignment between Local Priorities and Colorado SIM/ENSW target areas. Ashley selected three local priorities that align with one ENSW target area and two Colorado SIM target areas, as shown in the figure to the left.

As RHC for HSR 17, Ashley will prioritize connecting partners and stakeholders to existing evidence based interventions which relate to the social determinants of health for the selected local priorities within HSR 17’s communities. Ashley will engage the community and its local partners to support existing initiatives related to her three selected projects and target areas. HSR 17 identified access to primary care, access to mental health resources, and substance abuse prevention as the three chosen target areas.

Although RHCs may help to identify and implement evidence-based and promising practice interventions for their community partners, they may also assist local partners in identifying and applying for additional resources to support planned activities.

These chosen projects are currently being reviewed by Program Staff and can change and adapt to regional needs. As a reminder, CCAHEC has formed a Regional Health Advisory Committee to assist in locating resources and guiding Ashley’s duties and responsibilities. If you or someone you know should be part of this conversation in HSR 17, please contact Ashley at ashley@centralcoahec.org.
CAHEC Hosted Nurse Educator Conference in the Rockies

CAHEC hosted another great Nurse Educator Conference in the Rockies, July 13-15, 2017, in beautiful Breckenridge. We had over 260 participants and 20 vendors. We are grateful to the participants who chose to make this conference their choice for professional development in continuing nursing education.

This conference encountered a few hurdles worth mentioning. First, the main lecture hall where the keynote address was scheduled experienced a roof cave-in this past winter due to record snow fall in Breckenridge. This meant facility accommodations beyond normal and a wonderful tent was erected for the event. The keynote speaker, address on Thursday at noon, afternoon due to flooding in the decision that a was needed.

Fortunately for us, the for the conference and was address. The keynote “Cultural Relevance in Nursing presented by, Audrey Snyder, the stage for addressing the diversity committee’s review of evaluations from past conferences and personal experiences in nursing education. The purpose of the presentation was to enable the learner to: (1) discuss concepts of cultural relevance vs. competence in the health professions, (2) state the process of developing cultural relevance in nursing education, and (3) articulate two methods for incorporating cultural experiences for understanding of culture relevance into the nursing curricula. Dr. Snyder was energizing and hopeful in her opening, setting the stage for participants to open their minds and learn about the importance of cultural relevance and nurse educators’ opportunities to incorporate relevant strategies into their teaching.

There were over 80 contact hours offered to participants. The opportunities included both skill and knowledge building sessions. Attendees were encouraged to take advantage of the electronic scheduling apps as well as complete evaluations as they went. Participants were offered numerous opportunities for engaging with their peers in a relaxing atmosphere.

The closing plenary session was presented by Dr. Snyder as planned: “Similar or Diverse? Inclusivity in Nursing’s Future”. Dr. Snyder highlighted both NLN’s challenge to nurse educators as well as the IOM call to action regarding diversity in health professionals. The closing explored existing data on diversity in nursing and nursing education, barriers to diversity and inclusion in nursing practice and education, and creating opportunity for dialogue allowing participants to explore their own beliefs and values and how this may impact their role as nurse educators.

The conference was a success in large part due to the conference planning committee, the hard work by the conference contracted planner, and finally a big shout out to the CAHEC team! CAHEC looks forward to NEC in the Rockies July 10-13, 2018 in Vail. To learn more about this conference or the 2018 conference, please visit us at WWW.NECINHEROCKIES.ORG.

Upcoming Events at CAHEC:

- Eclipse Viewing programs will be held throughout our region on Aug 21st to celebrate the Solar Eclipse.
- Back to School Events will be held throughout our region in August.
- Veterinary Exploration Day is scheduled for Sept 23rd. Free all-day program working with high school students to learn about the career path to becoming a veterinarian.
- Nurse Exploration Day is scheduled for November. Free all-day program working with high school students to learn about the career path to becoming a nurse. Exact time and date to be announced.
Southwestern Colorado Area Health Education Center (SWCAHEC) would like to thank the sponsors that made our 4th Annual Health Careers Camp a success!

Because of the hard work and dedication of staff and community volunteers, thirty 9th, 10th and 11th grade students from seven of the eight Southwestern Colorado counties, were exposed to the healthcare profession on the campus at Fort Lewis College, June 13-16, 2017.

First and foremost thank you to our generous financial sponsors: Colorado AHEC, The Durango Network, Alpine Bank, Mercy Regional Medical Center, San Juan Basin Public Health, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, and Southwest Memorial Hospital.

Thank you to our Adopt-a-Camper financial sponsors: Lynn Borup, Annette Zuccolillo, Kevin Griffith, Bill Plauth, Susan Kolb, Lois MacKenzie and La Plata Medical Society.

A big thank you to our camp counselors for your leadership and guidance: Shane McManamon, Cedra Etesam, Morgan Fry, Olivia Markham, and Reanne Irvin.

The event would not have been possible without the help of Durango area businesses: Alan’s Electric & Photovoltaics, Alpine Animal Hospital, Alpine Bank, Assistant Coroner - City of Durango, AXIS Health System, Colorado Highland Helicopters, Colorado State University Extension, Durango 9-R Schools, Durango Animal Hospital, Durango Fire & Rescue, Flight for Life Colorado, Fort Lewis Admissions, Fort Lewis College, Four Corners Eye Clinic, Four Corners Health Care, Hood Mortuary, La Plata Family Center, La Plata Family Medicine, Lifeguard 5, Medical Hypnotherapist, Mercy Regional Medical Center, Peak Physical Therapy, Pediatric Partners of the Southwest, Riverview Animal Hospital, San Juan Basin Public Health, San Juan Hand Therapy,


“Our annual Health Careers Camp exposes students to many different facets of the healthcare industry. We are confident that this experience will stimulate interest for future health professionals” - Kathleen McInnis, Executive Director, SWCAHEC.
SECAHEC Welcomes New Student Intern, Maria Rios-Rodriguez

Maria Rios-Rodriguez is a student from Colorado State University-Pueblo and is double majoring in Exercise Science with an emphasis in Health Promotion & Wellness and Spanish. She is graduating in December of 2017. Maria is originally from Colorado Springs, Colorado. She enjoys the outdoors, kayaking, gardening, and cooking. Her goal is to become a medical interpreter and be able to work with the Hispanic community to reduce chronic diseases like obesity, heart disease, and type 2 diabetes. Maria is a Promotora and a certified Lifestyle Coach for the Latino Initiatives Colorado at the American Diabetes Association, is trained in the “Cavities Get Around” campaign, and does patient education at Parkview Medical Center. Maria has been a great help with front desk administrative duties, assembling diabetes and Delta Dental materials, and the crucial task of entering data on all of SECAHEC’s activities in the Salesforce data management system.

SECAHEC’s “Cavities Get Around” Campaign Champion

Jasmine Hall, former student intern for Southeastern Colorado AHEC, has been instrumental in achieving our goal of reaching a high number of children’s oral health education contacts in our campaign as a volunteer. SECAHEC is really excited to note that Jasmine also serves as a Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation media spokesperson for Pueblo.

KOAA in Colorado Springs interviewed Jasmine on July 7, 2017, as part of the “Your Healthy Family” segment.

Jasmine is also a guest contributor to the “Cavities Get Around Campaign” blog. Her conversations center around the Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation’s messages for families with young children, “Baby Teeth Matter”, “Drink More Water”, and “Avoid Sugary Drinks”. Dental Delta has selected Jasmine to work with the media company, Amelie, regarding the “Cavities Get Around Campaign.”

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The University of Colorado’s Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program Office, in collaboration with the STAR Library Education Network (STAR_Net) team, and CLACE present Discover Health/Descubre la Salud (DH/DS), a bilingual informal education program funded by the National Institutes of Health/Science Education Partnership Award. This traveling exhibition addresses the nation’s most serious public health issues (diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular health), especially among underserved and rural populations. It also encourages youth, especially those from at-risk communities to pursue careers in health care professions.

**Project Goals**

**Goal 1.** Increase Latino and rural adult and family public library patrons’ interest in, knowledge of, and engagement with health science topics relating to their bodies and how to keep them healthy. The focus will be on preventing diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular disease.

**Goal 2.** Increase Latino and rural adult and family public library patrons’ participation in STEM activities at their local libraries.

**Goal 3.** Build the capacity of libraries and library staff in Colorado to deliver inspiring and effective health science learning experiences for their local Latino and rural communities.

**Goal 4.** Increase the interest and capacity of libraries to collaborate with a variety of health science professionals and educators (in Colorado and beyond) to establish effective, on-going health education programs.

**Goal 5:** Promote opportunities and best practices for partnership building by leveraging resources and connections on the STAR_Net online learning community website.

**Goal 6:** Build a deeper understanding of how public libraries can develop and conduct effective STEM programs to underserved populations through project documentation and evaluation.
Calendar
(Tentative Dates)

July 5, 2017 to October 2, 2017
Aurora Public Library
14949 E Alameda Pkwy, Aurora, CO 80012
Phone: 303-739-6600
Website:
https://www.auroragov.org/things_to_do/aurora_public_library/

October 3, 2017 to January 2, 2018
Pueblo City-County Library District – Rawlings Branch
100 E. Abriendo Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81004
Phone: 719-562-5600
Website:
http://www.pueblolibrary.org/

January 3, 2018 to April 2, 2018
Alamosa Public Library
300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101
Phone: 719-589-6592
Website:
http://www.alamosalibrary.org/

April 3, 2018 to July 2, 2018
Cortez Public Library
202 N Park Street, Cortez, CO 81321
Phone: 970-565-8117
Website:

July 3, 2018 to October 1, 2018
Mesa County Libraries Central Library
443 N 6th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501
Phone: 970-243-4442
Website:
http://mesacountylibraries.org/

October 2, 2018 to January 2, 2019
Delta Public Library
211 W 6th Street, Delta, CO 81416
Phone: 970-874-9630
Website: http://www.deltalibraries.org/

January 3, 2019 to April 2, 2019
Rifle Branch Library
207 East Avenue, Rifle, CO 81650
Phone: 970-625-3471
Website: http://www.gcpld.org/

April 3, 2019 to July 2, 2019
Pikes Peak Library District (Library 21C)
1175 Chapel Hills Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920
Phone: 719-884-9800
Website: http://ppld.org/library-21c

Science-Technology Activities & Resources For Libraries

SEPA
SCIENCE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AWARD
Supported by the National Institutes of Health

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LATIN AMERICAN CENTER FOR ARTS, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION
Rural and Frontier Health Care Preceptor Tax Credit

What you need to know

Here is everything you need to know about how to take advantage of this exciting new incentive aimed at increasing the rural primary healthcare workforce!

WHO can take advantage? and WHAT do I get?

WHO? Rural CO preceptors for these disciplines:
- MD, DO, APN
- PA, DDS, DMD

WHAT?
- $1,000 tax credit against taxes owed per income year for an eligible preceptorship provided during the tax year in which the credit is claimed.

WHEN?
- Eligible preceptorships taking place in a tax income years 2017-2019.

WHERE do I have to be precepting?

Eligible preceptorships must take place in Colorado rural and frontier counties. In order to find out if you are in a rural or frontier county, please visit the following website: www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural

HOW do I get started?

In order to claim this credit, the preceptor must:
1. Complete the Department of Revenue certification form, located at http://coruralhealth.org/precept stating that the preceptor satisfied all requirements to receive the credit from the institution for which the preceptor teaches or from the regional AHEC office with jurisdiction over the area in which the preceptorship took place.
2. Send an electronic copy of this completed certification by email to dor_preceptor@state.co.us
3. If the preceptor receives notification from the Department that the credit has been issued to him or her, file a Colorado income tax return and claim the credit on his or her return. However, providing this form by mail is only necessary if the preceptor is filing a paper return.
4. Please complete our survey to ensure the Rural & Frontier Health Care Preceptor Credit will be reauthorized in the future: http://coruralhealth.org/preceptor-survey

Up to 200 credits will be issued each tax year in chronological order based on the timestamp of the email the Department receives from the preceptor, which must include an electronic copy of the completed certification.

Additional Details

- The aggregate amount of the tax credit awarded cannot exceed $1,000 per income tax year, regardless of the number of preceptorships provided.
- The preceptorship must last a total of not less than four weeks during the income year.
- No more than 200 eligible preceptors per year are entitled to claim the credit.
- If the amount of the credit exceeds the amount of income tax owed, the amount of the credit not used will not be refunded to the tax payer, but may be carried forward and applied against the income tax due in the next 5 succeeding income tax years.
- The regional AHEC may charge a fee for certification of the tax credit.
- A preceptor may precept multiple eligible students to satisfy the preceptorship duration requirements.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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CU Pre-Health Day has been developed and created to provide pre-college, undergraduate, and graduate level students as well as pre-health advisors with information that can help ensure success in a health-related admissions process. We charge a nominal fee of $15* to provide attendees access to admissions professionals and faculty. Our Pre-Health Day event represents an exceptional opportunity for all prospective students with an interest in a health-related course of study. Our third annual event will be held at the Anschutz Medical Campus on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

$15 is the early-bird registration fee, regular registration is $20. Day of event is $20-cash only.

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More information and registration at: www.cuprehealthday.org
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