



# CALIFORNIA INLAND EMPIRE AHEC

## ABOUT

The Community Health Association Inland Southern Region is a champion for community-based health centers and clinics located throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties. We provide advocacy, public policy promotion and education services as well as resources and networking opportunities to support our diverse membership in providing access to care and quality health services for safety net communities. The Association was founded in 2009, incorporated in 2010 and designated a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2011. Our membership is comprised of 17 organizations which represent 46 community-based primary care health centers and clinics. In 2016, member health centers and clinics reported 459,719 annual patient visits, serving 176,509 unduplicated patients across the Inland Southern Region.

The Inland Empire Area Health Education Center (IE AHEC) is a HRSA-funded program managed by the Community Health Association Inland Southern Region (Association). The IE AHEC is also a Public Health Training Center (PHTC) and collaborates with the California AHEC Program Office ([www.cal-ahec.org](http://www.cal-ahec.org)) as funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration. In addition to the Association's mission, the AHEC is committed to Cal-AHEC's mission of improving access to quality healthcare for underserved populations through academic and community partnerships. The IE AHEC utilizes a collaborative approach to increase diversity in the health care workforce, increase community-based health professions training programs, develop and strengthen partnerships between multi-disciplinary organizations, contribute to pipeline programs to promote health care careers within youth of underserved communities and support communication amongst health centers/clinics, academic institutions and community partners.

The IE AHEC facilitates advanced learning placement, such as internships for undergraduate and graduate students and clinical rotations for healthcare students, with the support of the Association's membership and other community-based organizations. Furthermore, the AHEC is involved in various partner collaborations that address workforce issues by targeting all levels of students and professionals including the Inland counties' Sling Shot Workforce (addressing the current workforce), Cal-AHEC's Statewide Program Advisory Committee (SPAC) and the Inland Health Professions Coalition (IHPC; [www.inlandcoalition.org](http://www.inlandcoalition.org)). The AHEC is actively engaged in facilitating continued education and training opportunities, participating in planning of annual Health Professions Conferences lead by IHPC and establishing an MA training program in the Inland Southern Region in partnership with the National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement.



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Federally Qualified Health Center staff at an FQHC Compliance Training in April 2018 (top). Participants at an Active Shooter Training learned useful information and Run.Hide.Fight. techniques (middle). CHAIRS President and CEO, Deanna Stover, PhD, RN, presented at the Innovation in Ambulatory Care hosted by Azusa Pacific University, School of Nursing

## 2017-18 OUTCOMES TO DATE

### **700 high schoolers**

attended the 2018 Health Professions Conference at California Baptist University in Riverside, CA on workforce development with support from the IE AHEC

### **59 health center staff**

attended FQHC compliance trainings, furthering their professional development

### **360 community members**

learned about health coverage options, reform and insurance marketplaces at the Consulate of Mexico

### **171 professional development events**

occurred from September 2017 to May 2018 consisting of webinars, phone-in and in-person meetings and trainings

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