



# CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY AHEC

## ABOUT

The Central Valley Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is hosted by the Central Valley Health Network (CVHN) and focuses on coordinating collaborative workforce development activities in response to member health centers' needs in the areas of recruitment, retention and on-going staff development.

CVHN's mission is to advocate for community health centers' strength in the health care delivery system and to support members' effective delivery of high quality and accessible health care. Incorporated in 1998, CVHN is comprised of 15 Community Health Center corporations designated as Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs serve people of all ages, races and ethnicities and people with and without health insurance. CVHN was established to conduct advocacy at national, state and local levels on behalf of its Central Valley membership of FQHCs and their unique patient population specific to the Valley. CVHN's members are located in and serve high-need communities throughout California's greater Central Valley, where they provide comprehensive primary health care services to low-income and medically underserved families.

CVHN's network is also recognized nationally as one of the largest networks of Migrant Health Centers serving rural, farm-working populations and their families. CVHN supports member health centers in a number of different ways. CVHN provides a unified voice to advocate on behalf of network members and their patients with state and federal agencies, trade associations, providers, patients, the media and other potential strategic partners and key public officials. In addition to advocacy, CVHN also provides other program service support to FQHCs in the following areas: workforce development, public relations, resource development, technical assistance and training to members to improve the delivery of primary care services to uninsured and underserved communities.



Health coach training attendees engaged in activities (top and middle) while students gather for a 2017 Fresno Youth Conference (bottom).

## 2017-18 OUTCOMES TO DATE

**675 high schoolers** participated in Growing Health Leaders youth conferences in Fresno, Merced and San Joaquin counties

Provided **20 hours** of Health Coach training and implementation guidance to 11 MAs, 1 LVN and 4 Behavioral Health Specialists

Placed **9 CVHN interns** in member health centers in Merced, El Dorado, Kern and Sacramento counties for a six-month period

Coordinated "Teach for UCSF" certificate trainings for **50 community health care professionals**

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