



# CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO AHEC

## ABOUT

The San Francisco Area Health Education Center (SF AHEC) is hosted by the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium (SFCCC), a partnership of 10 non-profit community health centers and clinics. The AHEC sponsors a Health Care for the Homeless program (SOS Van) that provides outreach, health education and psycho-social support to the city's homeless community by health professionals, medical residents, medical and nursing students. To date, the program has trained more than 240 UCSF primary care medical residents, 48 UCSF PRIME medical students and numerous of other students. After SOS rotations, 100 percent of residents and medical students are able to recognize and overcome barriers to health care and social services for the homeless population; recognize and treat medical and psycho-social issues of the homeless population; and successfully work with a multidisciplinary team including outreach workers and case managers. One hundred percent of residents and students completing their rotations state the experience reinforced their interest in primary care and in working with underserved urban populations.

The AHEC also supports the Community HealthCorps program at SFCCC. These members are committed to a year-long service-learning program, working as outreach and health educators in member clinics, shadowing health professionals in clinics and in the homeless van and helping the outreach and education tasks for Covered California. A majority of the members go on to be trained as health professionals who are interested in working with underrepresented populations served by clinics and health centers.

Professional continuing education is provided for member clinicians and staff. Topics include patient-centered medical/health homes, inter-professional team care, communications skills and chronic disease management. Clinic support staff receive targeted skills improvement training through local partnerships.



SF HealthCorps members staff a podiatric clinic for homeless community members (top). SOS AmeriCorps member, Karen Hong (bottom, left), conducting outreach under a freeway overpass.

## 2017-18 OUTCOMES TO DATE

**29 UCSF medical residents** trained and rotated with SFCCC's Street Outreach Services (SOS) Van, a homeless community mobile medical program

Coordinated rotations of 2 UCSF nursing students and trained **5 vet residents** and others

**213 clinic staff** received practice transformation-focused training and opportunities for TA, peer support and conference scholarships

Hired and/or retained 4 staff workers with SOS who have more than **50 hours** of didactic training in addition to experiential van training

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