

2023

WMT-AHEC Annual Report



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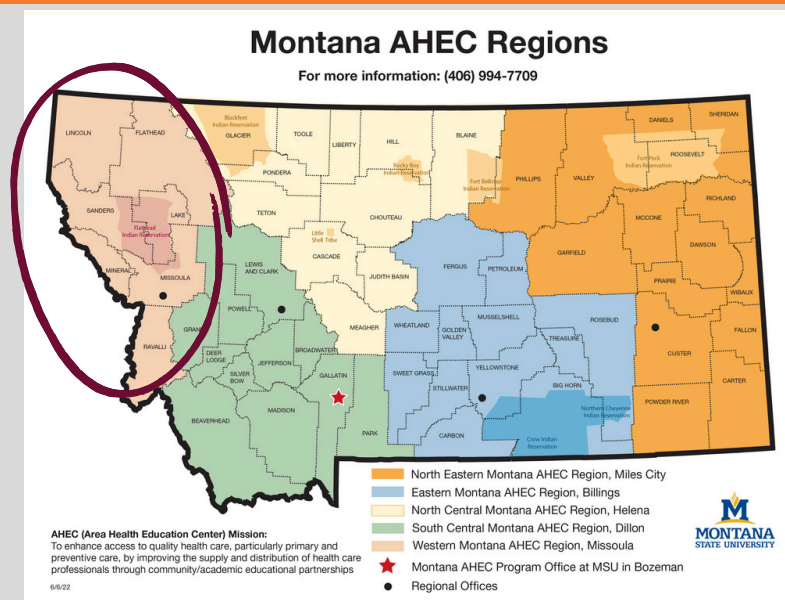
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DEIB Commitment And Mission

DEIB

- Diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) are core tenets of the Western Montana Area Health Education Center (WMT-AHEC). We recognize that by actively practicing DEIB methods it strengthens our resolve to recruit, train, and retain a health professions workforce committed to providing the best care possible for rural and underserved populations. WMT-AHEC believes that by engaging in thoughtful and respectful DEIB practices, it will enrich the whole community and promote a culture of education and reflection.
- We are dedicated to learning about and incorporating best practices for DEIB within our internal office policies, health education and workforce programming, and community engagement. Our team values the voices and stories from those in our communities with lived experiences. We strive to learn from those experts when guiding our work while aiding our communities through action.

Mission

- To enhance access to quality healthcare, particularly primary and preventive care, by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals through community and academic educational partnerships.

Website Updates

Click icons below to discover our new updates!

***Community
Partners***



***AHEC
Scholars***



***Donate
Today***



***Maternal &
Family Health
Initiatives***



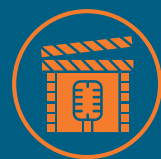
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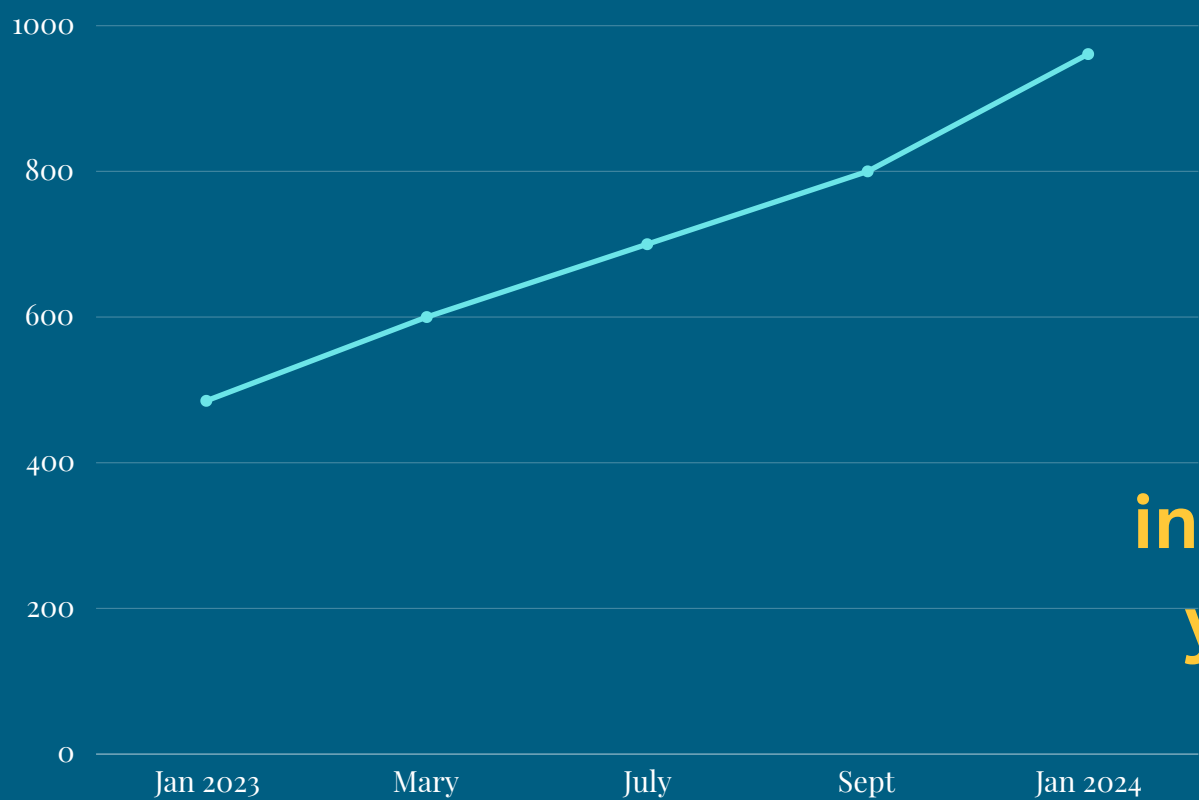
ENGAGEMENT OVER 2023



1,456 Total
Downloads



18 Total
Episodes



98%
increase
year!

Friday Medical Conference



Most Attended Presentations:

- Rural Maternal Health Disparities
- Climate Smart Healthcare- Pharmacy Perspective
- Recovery Programs & Policies for Vulnerable Population
- Outpatient Anorectic Diseases & Management

**Average
Attendance**

Live: 35

Recorded: 29



Career Awareness REACH Camps

REACH CAMPS			
<u>High School</u>	<u>Site Location</u>	<u>Number of Camps</u>	<u>Total Students</u>
Big Sky HS	Missoula College	2	69
Hamilton HS	Bitterroot Health	1	25
Sentinel HS	Missoula College	2	50

**144
Students!**



Career Awareness 2023 MedStart

22 Students hosted
by:

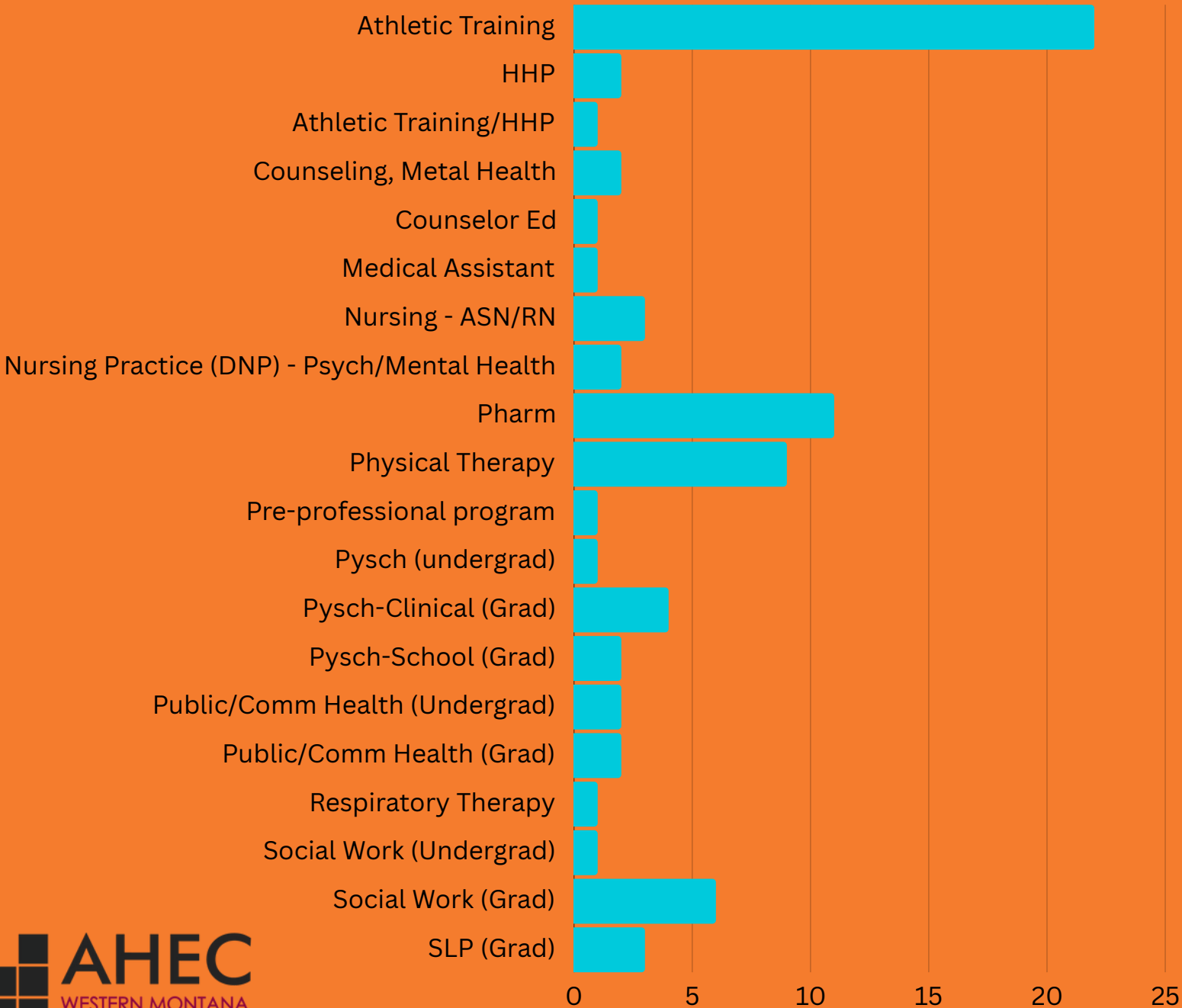
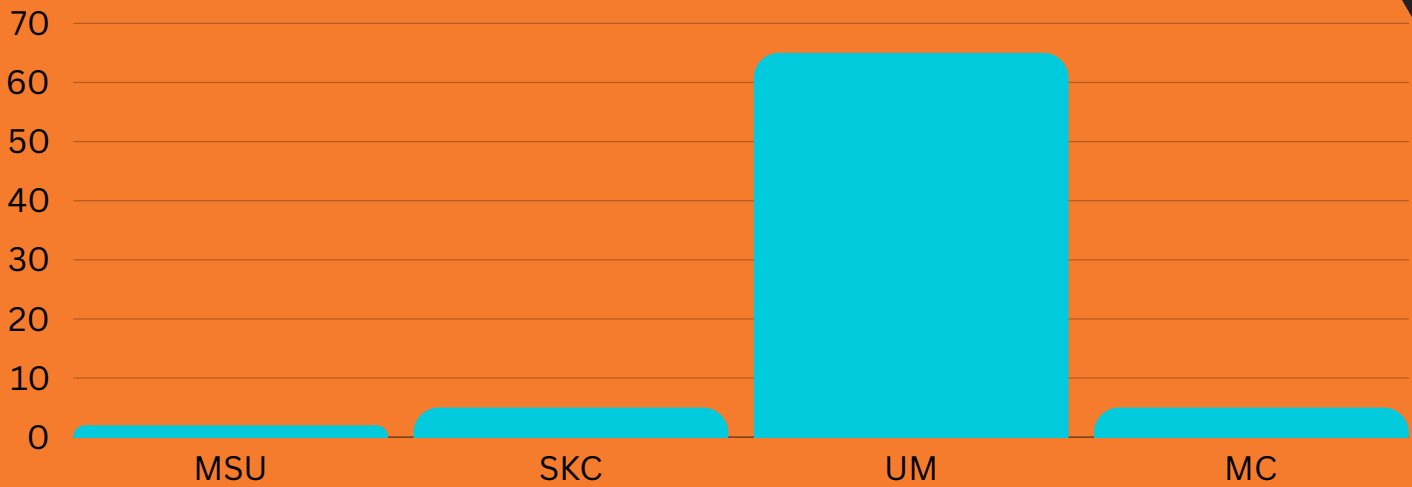
- University of Montana
- Missoula College
- Bitterroot Health
- Rocky Mountain Labs

**High Schools
Included:**

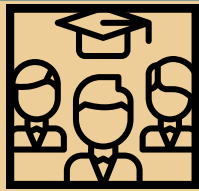
Darby
Lincoln County
Flathead
Big Sky
Frenchtown
Libby
Lone Peak
Whitefish
Polson
St Ignatius
Thompson Falls
Capital
Plains
Power
Park
Hamilton



AHEC Scholars



2023 Rural Rotation Students



**Total Students
Supported**

13



Donations

\$2,500



**Support Disbursed
(grant funds
supplemented)**

\$3,523



**Different
Clinical Sites**

9

2023 Rural Rotation Students



**Different health
professions**

6



**Total Miles
Traveled**

6,993

**“I want to keep
healthcare accessible
for everyone and by
keeping healthcare
workers in rural towns
we will be able to
achieve that.”**

**-McKenzie Schneider
Rural Rotation Student**

**“The rotation provided
me with a fresh
perspective on rural and
Native health regarding
major health issues and
drug shortages impacted
the area”**

**-LaRae Dahl
Rural Rotation Student**

BHWET-West

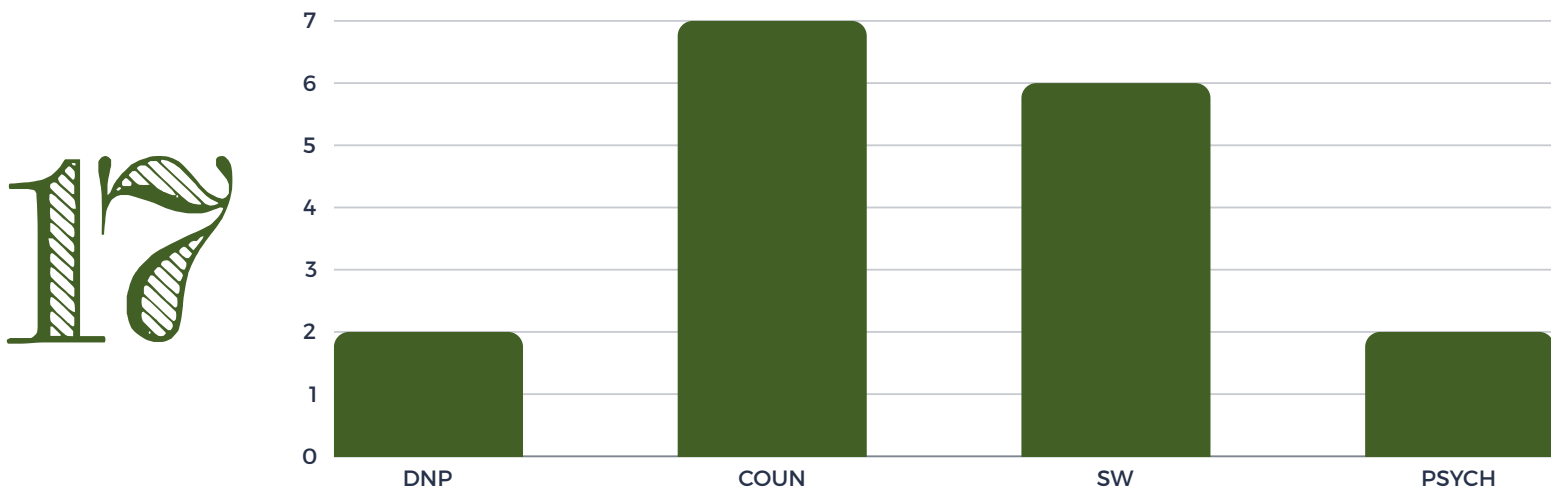
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE PROGRAM

COHORT 6 (JAN 23-MAY 23)



19

COHORT 7 (AUG 23-MAY 24)



17

\$486,816

Amount stipend support
provided to students in
cohorts 6 & 7.

36

Number of
students total
participating

16

Number of students
from a rural and
disadvantaged
background for
cohort 6 & 7

WWAMI Missoula Clerkships/Rotations 2023

+

**1 Visiting
Resident**

Visiting from University of
Washington.
ICU at St. Patrick's Hospital

+

72

Students participated in **101**
clerkships, rotations, and/or electives!

+

**2 New
Faculty**

Dr. Claire Frost, FM
Dr. Jeffrey LaPorte, Ortho

+

**4 Nagasaki
University Students**

- Research Experience at UM
- Clinical Experience in
Missoula & Stevensville



WWAMI Missoula Clerkships/Rotations 2023



Providence Psych

Providence Surgery

Providence, Grant Creek Family Medicine

Providence, Lifespan Family Medicine in
Stevensville

Providence, Women's Care and Family
Medicine

Providence Broadway Internal Medicine

BearGrass Family Medicine

Hometown Family Medicine and Women's
Health

Western Montana Clinic, Family Medicine

Curry Health Center

Community Medical Center, Maternal Fetal
Med, inpatient Peds, NICU

Western Montana Clinic, Peds, Peds Cardiology,
Peds GI

Western Montana Clinic OBGYN

Billings Clinic Cardiology

Rocky Mountain Eye Clinic

Rocky Mountain ENT

Providence Neurology Specialists

Providence Emergency (Western MT Emergency
Physicians)

Missoula Anesthesiology at various locations

Providence Pathology

Providence Palliative Care

Providence Spine and Pain Center

Missoula Valley Physical Medicine and Rehab

Providence Inpatient Hospitalist group

Partnership Health Center

Providence, ICU(UWSOM Residents)

Missoula Bone and Joint

Pre-Health Job Shadowing

2023



148

Pre-health students registered in SONIA seeking shadowing experiences.

27

- Number of in-person shadowing experiences.
- More than half **shadowed 2 times or more.**

4

Robot Shadows

HEALTH EQUITY

Western Montana Health Equity Taskforce

The Western Montana Health Equity Taskforce will be transitioning to a “**Western Montana Health Equity Collaboration**” starting in June 2024.

During 2023:

- 8 individuals shared their work and their organization's goals.
- Stephanie Iron Shooter facilitated 2 Talking Circles.
- 4 open house hours offered
 - 3 grant applications support provided.

WMT-AHEC QUICK INFO

21

Current Mentors and Mentees
in Advancing Health Equity in
Mentoring Program

47

Health Equity
Taskforce Members

8

Presentations to working
groups/organizations
learning about health
equity in W. Montana

Montana Health Equity Taskforce Impact Report 2022-2024



Thank you, Grace Behrens, MPH at the Montana Office of Rural Health & AHEC for capturing the work completed by statewide partners and collaborators in a report. [READ HERE.](#)

You can learn about the lessons learned by our health equity taskforce members.

Community Engagement

New Partnerships	Details	Outcome
Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies	- Cultural Safety for Western-trained family medicine physicians. - Native American Maternal Health CAB	In Progress, ends November 2024.
Mountain Home Montana	Support DEI Audit, Internal Trainings, & Indigenous Community Engagement	Current-March 2025
Salish Kootenai College	- Working with faculty and students to engage students in Mentoring Program. - Working with Scholarship Director for Health Professionals Stipend	On-going



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