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WNY Rural AHEC plans to increase focus on Community Health Education

WNY Rural AHEC is planning to broaden our areas of focus to include more Community Health Education. Through grants provided by the NAO's Maternal Telehealth Access Project, the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Rural Health Outreach Project (RHOP), and other community-based funding opportunities, R-AHEC hopes to extend our reach to further our mission of improving health and healthcare in our communities through education.

The Maternal Telehealth Access Project (MTAP) is in part designed to increase the capacity of maternity care providers to provide perinatal care via telehealth. That increase in capacity would translate into better communication between mothers-to-be and their providers, greater psychosocial support for patients, easier reimbursement processes, and enhanced at-home self-monitoring. R-AHEC is facilitating the project by promoting it throughout our 12-county catchment area using our social media accounts and provider networks.

The RHOP Lupus Education and Networking Events grant will provide funding for R-AHEC to build connections between healthcare providers and rheumatologists in our underserved communities and collaborate with them to raise awareness of lupus and associated concerns. R-AHEC staff will coordinate and host virtual presentations for primary care providers and residents which will include lupus information provided by a practicing rheumatologist and a personal perspective given by a person living with lupus.

Our mission: To improve health and healthcare through education

Another community education opportunity that R-AHEC is applying for is the Prevent Cancer Foundation Community Grant. If awarded, staff would work with two Cancer Services Program centers to offer promotional campaigns, educational presentations, and social media postings designed to increase awareness and use of colorectal, cervical, and breast cancer screening programs in eight counties.

The Rural AHEC Scholars and Champions Programs also serve to increase our community health education focus. Students spend three weeks learning about various community-based agencies and how they might utilize their services in future healthcare practice. Giving students a chance to see first-hand how communities collaborate for the benefit of all is a positive step towards patient-centered care.

Together we can make a difference in the health and healthcare of our communities!

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Rural AHEC FYI

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R-AHEC addresses health needs of rural communities by creating community partnerships.

R-AHEC's areas of focus: Health Workforce Development, Rural Healthcare Technology Development, Community Health Education, Preceptor Development/Student Housing and "Pipeline" programming designed to expose K-12 students to health careers.

R-AHEC supports these counties:

Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates.

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