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STATEWIDE PROGRAM



Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grants

Southern Alabama AHEC Veteran Suicide Prevention Program

Southern Alabama AHEC is proud to announce the launch of the Veteran Suicide Prevention Program. Through the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program (SSG Fox SPGP), Southern Alabama AHEC received over \$440,000 from the VA to support local Veterans. The SSG Fox SPGP is a pilot, community-based grant program that offers financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families.

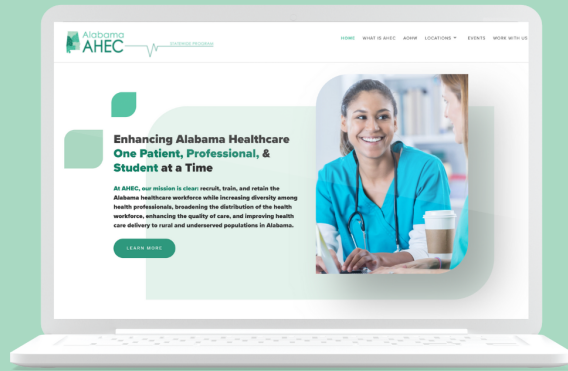
"I am an Air Force Veteran, so supporting the Veterans in our communities is very near and dear to my heart. We look forward to making a difference in the lives of Veterans in our communities," said Vanessa Hall, Executive Director of Southern Alabama AHEC.

With its SSG Fox SPGP award, Southern Alabama AHEC plans to pilot the suicide prevention program in the Butler, Conecuh, Covington, and Crenshaw Counties in year one. We hope to expand the program and services throughout its 10-county service area and the State of Alabama.

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This month we are highlighting one of AHEC's most valuable community partners. The Gadsden-Etowah Industrial Development Authority (IDA). As part of its mission, the IDA aims to expand and diversify the industrial base in Gadsden to improve the well-being of the residents. For many years, IDA Executive Director David Hooks cultivated a personal relationship with



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AHEC on a statewide basis and specifically East Central Alabama headquartered in Gadsden. Angela Anderson, the East Central AHEC's Executive Director, affirms that the "partnership... expands our network and access to the healthcare community in Alabama."

In 2019, Hooks added healthcare to IDA's targeted market sectors as one of his first actions as Executive Director. Anderson maintains, "AHEC dedicates resources to workforce development within our rural and underserved service areas." Hooks turned to East Central AHEC to assist with a workforce development program. IDA provides space for East Central AHEC in return. During COVID, the IDA and East Central partnered to provide Covid Testing to the Etowah Gadsden Community, including the County Jail. Hooks commented, "It allowed the IDA to provide a much-needed service in unprecedented times to our industrial clients" The union between our two organizations creates a "thriving, dynamic healthcare industry" utilizing Alabama's "top-notch workforce," confirms Anderson.

Upcoming Events

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Save the Date!

The UAB Primary Care Summit 2023 will be held on April 12-14th, at the Hilton Birmingham Downtown at UAB. Stay tuned for more information.

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The Alabama Statewide Area Health Education Center is dedicated to recruiting, training, and retaining the Alabama healthcare workforce while increasing diversity among health professionals, broadening the distribution of the health workforce, enhancing the quality of care, and improving health care delivery to rural and underserved populations in Alabama.