

Student Project Update

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Our Projects

North Carolina Health Center Development Incubator Projects

County Name	0 - 20 M	0 - 20 O	CCNG	MCC	21+ M	21+ O	CCNG	MCC	FQHC - Status
ALAMANCE	855	264	N	N	873	1995	N	Y	Existing (PHS)
ALEXANDER	200	79	N	N	244	361	N	N	Application Under Development
ALLEGHANY	52	45	N	N	55	272	Y	N	
ANSON	179	46	Y	N	232	973	Y	N	Existing (ARMS)
ASHE	106	57	N	N	120	683	Y	N	
AVERY	79	23	N	N	113	180	Y	N	Application Under Development
BEAUFORT	318	67	N	N	372	1364	N	N	Existing (Metropolitan CHC)
BERTIE	171	66	Y	N	232	425	N	N	Existing (Bertie RHA)
BLADEN	225	45	Y	Y	401	786	Y	Y	existing site (CommWell Health)
BRUNSWICK	544	364	N	N	868	1631	Y	Y	existing site (CommWell Health)
BUNCOMBE	1298	386	N	N	1866	3284	Y	N	Existing (Western NC CHS)
BURKE	445	334	N	N	443	1334	Y	N	In Contemplation
CABARRUS	1057	107	N	N	1113	1230	N	N	Existing (Cabarrus CHC)
CALDWELL	505	418	N	N	684	1162	N	N	Existing (West Caldwell MC)
CAMDEN	40	27	Y	N	55	123	Y	N	
CARTERET	248	119	Y	N	595	646	Y	N	Application Under Development
CASWELL	236	106	N	Y	345	867	N	Y	Existing (Caswell Fam Med)
CATAWBA	915	316	N	N	741	2417	N	N	In Contemplation
CHATHAM	295	157	N	N	238	462	N	Y	Existing (PHS)
CHEROKEE	127	38	N	N	145	971	Y	N	In Contemplation
CHOWAN	116	32	N	N	192	237	Y	N	Application Under Development
CLAY	52	29	N	N	52	236	Y	N	In Contemplation
CLEVELAND	692	575	N	N	735	2417	Y	N	In Contemplation
COLUMBUS	443	94	N	N	574	1165	Y	Y	existing site (Goshen)
CRAVEN	582	135	N	N	714	1772	Y	Y	
CUMBERLAND	2270	854	N	N	3033	3095	N	N	Existing (Sted-Wade) - Applic Under Devel
CURRITUCK	107	53	Y	N	133	283	Y	Y	
DARE	101	55	Y	N	171	347	Y	N	In Contemplation
DAVIDSON	983	337	N	N	1030	2363	Y	N	Application Under Development
DAVIE	186	66	N	N	257	252	Y	Y	
DUPLIN	277	102	Y	N	261	1211	Y	N	Existing (CommWell)
DURHAM	1788	436	Y	Y	2451	3084	Y	Y	Existing (Lincoln CHC)
EDGECOMBE	472	215	Y	N	650	1226	Y	N	Existing (CFM, RHG) OIC - Applic Under Devel
FORSYTH	2142	584	N	N	2247	4530	N	N	Application Under Development
FRANKLIN	338	168	N	N	503	1231	N	N	existing site (Wake HS)
GASTON	1465	490	N	N	1815	3287	N	N	Existing (GFHS)
GATES	61	7	Y	N	109	150	Y	N	Application Under Development

Project 1: Where we started

- **Background:**

- Workgroup members represent free clinics, school-based health centers, mental health providers, state coordinating agencies...
- Together, they are the safety net

- **Our project:**

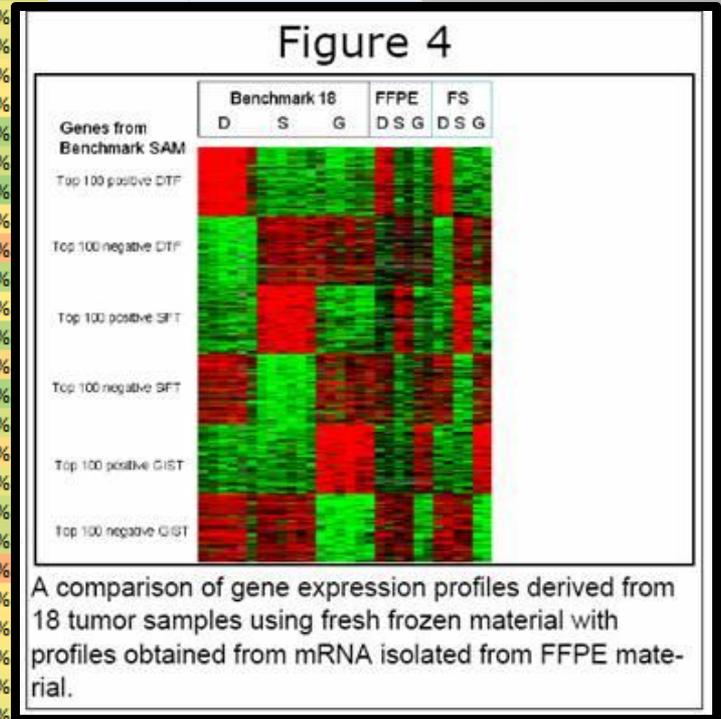
- Add to the county data resource to capture more of these dimensions



Project 1: County Data Resource

- “The Data Quilt”

	A	B	H	I	L	M	Q	R
1	County	FQHCs	Free Clinics	School Ctrs	County HPSAs	% Uninsured	CCNC Shortage	Population
2	Mecklenburg	4	8	1	0	20.1%	12640	894290
3	Wake	9	4	1	0	18.4%	8249	892409
4	Guilford	1	2	0	0	19.5%		
5	Forsyth	0	3	4	0	19.5%		
6	Cumberland	5	1	0	1	20.3%		
7	Durham	6	3	5	0	20.1%		
8	Buncombe	3	1	3	0	18.3%		
9	Gaston	5	0	0	0	19.0%		
10	Union	1	2	0	0	18.0%		
11	New Hanover	3	1	4	0	20.4%		
12	Onslow	1	1	0	0	23.4%		
13	Cabarrus	2	1	0	0	18.5%		
14	Johnston	1	0	0	1	20.0%		
15	Davidson	0	1	0	0	18.4%		
16	Pitt	4	2	0	0	21.3%		
17	Iredell	2	2	0	0	18.3%		
18	Catawba	0	1	0	0	19.1%		
19	Alamance	3	2	0	0	21.0%		
20	Randolph	2	0	0	0	19.5%		
21	Rowan	0	2	0	0	18.9%		
22	Orange	1	2	0	0	18.9%		
23	Robeson	5	1	4	1	23.9%		
24	Wayne	6	1	6	1	20.3%		
25	Harnett	3	0	0	0	20.3%		
26	Brunswick	0	2	0	1	19.8%		
27	Henderson	4	1	3	1	19.7%		
28	Craven	0	2	0	0	19.6%		
29	Cleveland	0	0	8	0	18.6%	1427	98628
30	Nash	1	1	0	1	19.7%	1522	95804



Project 1: County Data Resource

- **Background:**

- Improving access to behavioral health services a priority for FQHCs
- Co-location and referrals to CABHAs

>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
0		Happy Valley Medical Center	West Caldwell Health Council	Patterson	Yes					2415 Morganton Blvd, Lenoir, NC 28645		
1	Caldwell	Collettsville Medical Center	West Caldwell Health Council	Collettsville				1	New River Behavioral Care		828-757-5685	828-757-5681
2		Caswell Family Medical Center	Caswell Family Medical Center	Yanceyville								
3	Caswell	Prospect Hill Community Health Center	Piedmont Health Services, Inc.	Prospect Hill				0				
4									Freedom House	287 East Street, Suite 421, Pittsboro, NC 27312	919-542-4422	919-542-2624
5	Chatham	Siler City Community Health Center	Piedmont Health Services, Inc.	Siler City	Yes			2	Therapeutic Alternatives	P.O. Box 814 - 4270 Heath Dairy Road, Randleman, NC 27317	336-495-2700	336-495-5552
6		Goshen Medical Center B&G Home	Goshen Medical Center, Inc.	Lake Waccamaw					NC Mentor	800 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 114, Whiteville, NC 28472	910-642-3598	
7		Goshen Medical Center Waccamaw	Goshen Medical Center, Inc.	Lake Waccamaw					Evergreen Behavioral Management	1409 Pincelney Street, Whiteville, NC 28472	910-641-0600	
8	Columbus	Goshen Medical Center Bolton	Goshen Medical Center, Inc.	Bolton				3	Community Innovation	801 Wilson St., Whiteville, NC 28472	910-642-5697, 800-789-1268	910-642-8039
										1540 Purdue		

- **Our Project:**

- Request of NC Community Health Center Association
- Identify which FQHCs in the state do not have access to CABHAs in their county
- Compile contact information for within-county CABHAs for each FQHC in the state

Project 2: FQHC Behavioral Health Services Access Data

• **Background:**

- Challenges recruiting workforce for underserved areas
- Additional NHSC funding available through ACA
- Many eligible areas still not designated as HPSAs

• **Our Project:**

- Request of the Office of Rural Health and Community Care
- Created one-pagers to get the word out about HPSA and NHSC

For Health Professionals:

What does NHSC mean to you?

→ **Loan Repayment:**

You may be eligible for National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment if you are a:

- Health Service Psychologist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Psychiatric Nurse Specialist, Marriage and Family Therapist, or Licensed Professional Counselor
- MD, DO, Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, or Certified Nurse-Midwife
- Dentist or Dental Hygienist

The amount of repayment depends on years of service, and the benefits are substantial.

Years of Service	2 years	4 years part-time	5 years	6 or more years
Loans Repaid	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$170,000	Total Debt

The loan repayment is for providers at qualified sites in qualified areas. For more information, see nhsc.hrsa.gov or call 1-800-226-9393.

If you are seeking a new job, you can search eligible positions on the website. Visit nhscjobs.hrsa.gov.

If you are working in an area currently classified as a high-need Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and your site meets the service requirements, your site may qualify for loan repayment eligibility. Contact us at the **Office of Rural Health and Community Care**.

To find out if you are currently located in a Primary Care, Dental, or Mental Health HPSA see hpsafind.hrsa.gov.

→ **Tried before? Try again.**

- With the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of February 2009, a broader range of counties and facilities are now able to qualify.
- In addition, the Affordable Care Act of March 2010 has brought new funding for higher repayments and more positions.

→ **In North Carolina,**

We use **compatible matching** to place professionals at sites that reflect their desires.

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Project 3: Brochures



Expected Impact of Projects

- Identification of areas of greatest need--and what their specific needs are
- Use of resources available to bring most needed to increase safety net coverage of those areas

- The Affordable Care Act requires that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) establish a new methodology for designating MUPs and HPSAs through the rulemaking process



High-Need Designation Methods

- Methodologies that designate underserved areas are highly debated
- Insufficient number of providers to meet a population's healthcare needs
 - Primary Care – 2,000:1
 - Dental - 3,000:1
 - Mental Health – 10,000:1
- Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)
- % of people \geq age 65
- % of population with incomes $<$ the FPL



What is a High-Need Area?

- Changing HPSA designation responsibility of federal government, but affects safety net providers on state and local level
- At the same time, we can think creatively about how to identify high-needs areas within the state and direct safety net resources to them
- Additional criteria to consider:
 - demographics and health status of population
 - proportion of providers serving an area that are safety net providers

Improving Designation Methods

- Safety net programs will still be important after healthcare reform
- Think creatively about ways to designate areas of greatest need and directing resources to those areas
- Improve health status of NC residents

Conclusion



- NCIOM Safety Net Workgroup
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