

ECU Leadership Training in Special Needs Population Oral Health

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- 5 year HRSA supported project designed to provide leadership in oral health delivery for patients with special health care needs
- Three main goals:
 - Address the needs of vulnerable populations
 - Expand training in rural populations
 - Develop health management tools

- Three focus areas have specific activities that will result in outputs that will enhance oral health care for special needs populations. This includes activities that:
 - 1: Support training for oral health care providers to care for vulnerable populations and foster community-clinical linkages
 - 2: Expand the training of the oral health workforce in rural areas
 - 3: Improve access to care for underserved communities

- Tangible outcomes so far:
 - Expansion of the pediatric dental residency into Community Service Learning Center Ahoskie and Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital
 - Creation of a second-year option for the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program to focus on treatment of the adult with special needs
 - Creation of an airway management course that addresses concerns in adult and pediatric special needs
 - Creation of learning modules through AHEC that addresses oral health care for special needs populations
 - Development of a year long collaborative CE course to enhance the care general dentists provide for pediatric dental patients

- How to give the pediatric dental residents an appreciation for rural issues
- Successfully recruit second year AEGD residents
- Foster interdisciplinary collaborations to improve care
- Consider how to leverage community resources