



The Alabama-Mississippi Public Health Training Center (AL-MS PHTC) works to improve the public health system by strengthening the technical, scientific, managerial, and leadership competency of the current and future public health workforce. The Center is vital in assuring that the public health workforce has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to address complex public health issues now and into the future. Training and education programs developed by the AL-MS PHTC are competency-based, grounded in core public health functions and Essential Public Health Services, and designed to improve the capacity of the public health workforce, including those in community-based organizations providing public health services in underserved areas. Training and education programs are tailored for specific target audiences and delivered through distance education technologies and on-site programs.

The AL-MS PHTC is located at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). UAB is comprised of 11 academic colleges and schools in health sciences and academic areas spanning more than 85 blocks in the city center with over 250 buildings and an annual budget of over \$3 billion. The UAB School of Public Health, accredited through the Council on Education for Public Health, has more than \$40 million in active grant research through five academic departments offering training in more than 20 major specialty areas and numerous interdisciplinary training programs.



Areas of Expertise



Infectious Disease



HIV/AIDS



Maternal and Child Health



Public Health Preparedness



Distance Learning Education



Leadership and Management



Finance and Budgeting



Key Partners

- ▶ Alabama Department of Public Health
- ▶ Alabama Maternal & Child Health Leadership Network
- ▶ Mississippi State Department of Health
- ▶ UAB Center for AIDS Research (CFAR)
- ▶ UAB Department of Nutrition Sciences
- ▶ UAB School of Public Health, Department of Maternal & Child Health
- ▶ Mississippi State Medical Response System
- ▶ Alabama AIDS Education and Training Center
- ▶ United South & Eastern Tribes
- ▶ Alabama Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)



Specific Activities

- ▶ Identify workforce development capacity and needs targeting public health workers in community-based organizations (CBO) specifically in the medically underserved areas (MUA) of Alabama and Mississippi.
- ▶ Develop and provide competency-based education and training to improve the capacity of the public health workforce in the underserved areas of Alabama and Mississippi.
- ▶ Develop opportunities for public health faculty, students, and practitioners to work collaboratively on identified public health needs in MUAs and with medically underserved populations (MUP).
- ▶ Provide opportunities for faculty and/or practitioners to mentor public health students in organizations that serve MUAs and MUPs



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