

# CORPS CONNECTIONS

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May 2011

## Attend the NHSC Scholar Orientation and Placement Conference to Recruit New Providers for Your Site

This year's [Scholar Orientation and Placement Conference](#) will be held June 23-25 in Tampa, FL at Saddlebrook Tampa. The conference allows eligible NHSC sites to meet with prospective NHSC scholars who are completing training and ready to begin fulfilling their service commitment.

The conference also offers opportunities to get connected with regional representatives and learn about NHSC efforts to simplify and improve collaboration with NHSC sites.

NHSC sites in good standing are eligible to submit a request to exhibit at the conference. During this placement cycle, NHSC Scholars are expected to be able to serve at NHSC-approved sites with a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score of 17 or higher for most disciplines (Nurse Practitioners and Dentists will likely serve at sites with a HPSA score of 18 or higher). Priority will be given to sites with vacancies. Sites with eligible HPSA scores that do not have vacancies can request to be placed on a waiting list.

### Interested in attending? Follow the steps below:

- **Request to attend** by following the instructions provided in the [Request to Attend](#) section of the conference website, complete your request, and submit it **no later than May 31**.
- **Receive email notification** from the [NHSC Conference Team](#) that your request has been received.
- **Receive email notification** from the [NHSC Conference Team](#) that you have been approved.
- **Complete conference and site representative registration by June 7**.
- If you are approved to attend, you will receive more information via email notification from the [NHSC Conference Team](#).

**Please note that submitting a request to attend this conference does not constitute approval to attend and participate. Please do not make and confirm travel (airline) arrangements until you have received an approval via email.**

Should you have questions related to the request to attend or registration process, please email the [NHSC Conference Team](#) or call 800-676-8785, ext. 3900.

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## Event Calendar

- [NHSC Dallas Community Connection](#)

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Center for Community Cooperation  
2900 Live Oak Street  
Dallas, Texas 75204

Please contact [nhscdallas@hrsa.gov](mailto:nhscdallas@hrsa.gov) for more information or to RSVP by May 31.

- [Scholar Orientation and Placement Conference](#)

June 23-25, 2011

Saddlebrook Tampa  
5700 Saddlebrook Way  
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

- [NHSC Boston Community Connection](#)

Thursday, July 14, 2011

4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Massachusetts General Hospital  
O'Keefe Auditorium  
55 Fruit Street  
Boston, MA 02114

Please contact [nhscboston@hrsa.gov](mailto:nhscboston@hrsa.gov) for more information or to RSVP by June 24.

- [NHSC Awardee Conference](#)

July 21-23, 2011

Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta  
210 Peachtree Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303

- [NHSC Awardee Conference](#)

September 8-10, 2011

Sheraton Denver  
1550 Court Place  
Denver, CO 80202

## New Resource for NHSC Providers: PrimaryCareForAll.org\*

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC), in collaboration with Morehouse School of Medicine's National Center for Primary Care, recently launched [www.PrimaryCareForAll.org](http://www.PrimaryCareForAll.org) \* in an effort to address some of the challenges NHSC providers face working in underserved areas. Training and networking opportunities available on the website support Corps members, who work at sites during and beyond their service obligation.

As it grows, [www.PrimaryCareForAll.org](http://www.PrimaryCareForAll.org)\* will include publicly available content; the first phase is intended for NHSC providers. The content and commentary they contribute will increase its value, so please help us in encouraging NHSC providers at your site to log in, participate in available sessions and post information often.

This unique website features:

- **Education and Training Resources** – including hours of free online CME/CEU trainings, as well as other interactive presentations and modules.
- **Online Virtual Community** – that provides a password protected, secure location for NHSC providers and scholars to connect via coffee shop discussions and blogs.
- **Resource Center** – containing best practice examples, tools and templates, links to research, and file-sharing opportunities.



\* This Web site was developed in whole under a cooperative agreement with the National Center for Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine. Linking to a non-HRSA.gov website does not constitute an endorsement by HRSA or any of its employees of the sponsors or the information and products presented on this website.

## New Resources for Sites Added to the NHSC Website!

New resources have been added to the [NHSC's Sites and Communities web page](#) with additional information that impacts sites' daily administrative and financial operations.



These resources include:

- [Federal Grant Opportunities](#) – includes a list of Federal grants that are available across the country for organizations that would like to improve and expand health care services for underserved communities and vulnerable populations
- [2011 HHS Poverty Guidelines](#) – a simplification of the poverty thresholds for use for administrative purposes, such as determining financial eligibility for certain Federal programs
- [Developing and Implementing a Discount Fee Schedule](#) – summarizes basic information about developing and implementing a discount fee schedule for low-income populations
- [Steps to Locate Your Site's HPSA](#) – provides step-by-step instructions on how to view your site's HPSA score

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## HIV/AIDS Archived Webinar Slides and Audio Now Available



On April 28, 2011, NHSC hosted a new webinar for Corps members, **Responding to the Domestic HIV/AIDS Epidemic: A National Call to Action**. During the webinar **Michael Evanson**, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau, discussed the Obama Administration's *National HIV/AIDS Strategy*.

Former NHSC Scholar **M. Keith Rawlings, M.D.**, Medical Director and Director of Clinical Research at AIDS Arms, Inc. in Dallas, TX, also provided insights on helpful strategies for prevention, screening, and management.

NHSC clinicians who were unable to participate can now view the archived slides and audio files from the webinar. The webinar presentation can be accessed on the new website [www.PrimaryCareforAll.org](http://www.PrimaryCareforAll.org)\*

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## Nominate a Colleague for the 2011 Presidential Citizens Medal

Each year, the American public is asked to help identify outstanding Americans to receive the Presidential Citizens Medal, the nation's second-highest civilian honor that recognizes everyday heroes in your community. In 2010, 13 recipients were honored – [learn more about these dedicated individuals](#).

If you know of someone who has performed exemplary deeds of service outside of their regular jobs and provided inspiration for others to serve, please nominate them for this honor. [View the full criteria and submit a nomination](#). **The deadline to submit a nomination is May 30, 2011.**



THE 2011 PRESIDENTIAL  
CITIZENS MEDAL

Submit a Nomination

# Office of Regional Operations – How They Can Help!

The Health Resources and Services Administration maintains roughly 10 percent of its staff in 10 different regional offices located across the United States. The Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service's Division of Regional Operations staff members are a great resource for an NHSC site – are you maximizing your relationship with them?

Contact your regional office representative to learn more about how they can help:

- ✓ Offer recognition and support to NHSC providers
- ✓ Link your site to state partners (e.g., State Primary Care Offices, Primary Care Associations) and assist with site applications
- ✓ Address site and provider issues and concerns

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## Questions or Comments?

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