

# Nebraska **SEARCH** Program

## Examples of Community Projects

The **SEARCH** program requires that students participate in one (or more) community projects during their rotation. These projects should focus on the community by providing education, services, and/or information to individuals beyond those encountered during regular clinical work. The projects should have a broad impact.

Listed below are just a small number of suggestions for projects. The Nebraska **SEARCH** program provides great flexibility and allows students to be creative so that the project is interesting and enjoyable to them, as well as to their audience.

- Assist with Summer Health Careers Camps provided by the AHECs.
- Present health career information to school groups/classes—K-12 and undergraduates
- Provide “Lunch and Learn” sessions with community groups – seniors, new parents, parents with special needs children, etc.
- Work with community to develop walking or biking trails.
- Organize a Bicycle Rodeo and Helmet Safety day for kids in the community
- Provide educational sessions on topics such as advanced directives; Medicare pharmacy benefit; qualifying for Medicaid; accessing services in the community, etc.
- Assist with health fairs/health screenings.
- Assist with community assessments to determine gaps in health coverage or other unmet needs.
- Make presentations at places like Geneva and Kearney Youth Rehabilitation and Training facilities; county juvenile detention centers, etc.
- Provide in-service training with daycare providers –working with children with special needs.
- Help organize or be a judge at regional science meets organized by the AHECs
- Plan and implement some type of community awareness/education event
- Develop a directory of health resources in area.

The **Area Health Education Centers (AHECs)** located across the state are your partners in developing, planning and implementing these events. They are great resources, so use them!

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