Health @ NMSU

PRESENTATION TO THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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The College of Health and Social Services

- HSS consists of School of Nursing, School of Social Work and Department of Public Health Sciences
- Faculty members – 31 tenured/tenure-track faculty
- College faculty and adjuncts – 70

- Students
  - Nursing – 811 undergrads and 114 graduate students
  - Social Work – 215 BSW and 146 MSW students
  - Public Health – 118 undergrads and 84 graduate students

Health is Important to Everyone at NMSU

- College of ACES has extension service and nutrition
- College of Education has kinesiology and counseling
- College of Arts and Sciences has pre-pharmacy program, science foundation courses and psychology
- College of Business has faculty working on health care economics
- College of Engineering – designing technology to address health issues and mobility.

Discovery is Essential to Improving Health

- Research in HSS is focused on health disparities
  - Childhood obesity prevention in Texas, New Mexico & Arizona
  - Cancer screening outreach – Traveling colon
  - Promoting health eating and physical activity with Hispanic-American families living in Border Region colonias.
  - Examining strategies to encourage Hispanic men to seek medical attention for health issues including diabetes & hypotension.
  - SBIRT – Screening Brief intervention and referral training to help primary care providers to address alcoholism and substance abuse through prevention and early intervention.

HSS contributes to the policy conversation in the state and nationally

- Southwest Institute for Health Disparities Research
- Survey Research and Program Evaluation Center

  --Adult Day Centers in New Mexico

  -- Evaluation of the program in Dona Ana County for DUI offenders.
- School of Social Work
  - Training of social workers and state workers in protective services to enhance the well-being of New Mexico's children (CYFD)

HSS Engages the Community

- Adolescent Mental Health Conference (May, 2015)
- Childbirth classes
- School-based health services
- NAMI Chapter on campus
- Dean's Health Symposium – A beautiful death: What will you choose? May, 2015
- Vitality for Life May, 2016
- Student organizations serve the community
  - Food drives
  - Fund raising
  - Direct Services to underserved populations

Translating Research to Practice

- SoAHEC (Southern Area Health Education Center)
- Statewide network to better educate and serve the residents of our colonias and other low income groups.
- Promotora network that uses evidence-based programming

Overview of HSS

- We educate and prepare professionals who will work in New Mexico
- We design and conduct research in the area of health disparities, health outcomes and community support strategies
- We provide technical support to improve the quality of life of New Mexico residents.
  - Policy analysis
  - Evaluation of programs and strategies
  - Polling and survey design.

Parkinsons