

Center for Health Services Research & Development

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Purpose: The Center for Health Services Research and Development is dedicated to understanding the health care needs of rural North Carolina, discovery of new knowledge that will improve the health of the state's residents, and development of improved community health services. The Center serves as a focal point for population-based, interdisciplinary, collaborative research. Its staff is committed to assisting faculty engaged in applied research, particularly those engaged in understanding epidemiology, the organization, finance, and delivery of health services, as well as professional workforce and public health issues. We expect that our research and the assistance we provide to other researchers will have a positive impact on the health and well being of the state's citizens.

Capabilities: The Center's staff and resources are available to assist ECU faculty, health planners, legislators, health care providers, administrators, consumers, and communities that seek to understand our present health care system and/or plan, deliver, and evaluate health services. Services include assistance with:

- Access to vital statistics and demographic data
- Access to and analysis of health surveys and other secondary data
- Research design
- Survey design
- Data collection
- Statistical and geographical data analysis

The Center maintains numerous databases that serves as a clearinghouse for data on:

- Vital Statistics
- Demographics
- Health resources (e.g. health care providers and facilities) and other areas of interest to health services researchers

Center staff are able to analyze these databases to meet the data needs of our clients or provide data in easily manipulated formats.

The Center maintains an electronic, interactive *Directory of Physicians Practicing in Eastern North Carolina* and regularly publishes reports and updates to its *Eastern North Carolina Health Care Atlas* on the Center's website available at www.chsrd.med.ecu.edu

