

Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME)

Primary Care Medical/Dental Residencies & Community Health Centers

Health Innovation Steering Committee

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Leads

- Dr. Ramin Ahmadi — Western CT Health Network
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- 8 Community Health Centers
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- Optimus Health Care Bridgeport
- CIFIC Greater Danbury Community Health Center Danbury
- Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center New Haven
- Fair Haven Community Health Center New Haven
- First Choice Health Centers Hartford
- Generations Family Health Center Willimantic
- United Community and Family Services Norwich
- StayWell Health Center Waterbury



- Internal Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- OB GYN
- Dentistry
- (Geriatrics)



SEC. 5508. INCREASING TEACHING CAPACITY.

`(a) Program Authorized- The Secretary may award grants under this section to teaching health centers for the purpose of establishing new accredited or expanded primary care residency programs.

`(b) Amount and Duration- Grants awarded under this section shall be for a term of not more than 3 years and the maximum award may not be more than **\$500,000**.

`(c) Use of Funds- Amounts provided under a grant under this section shall be used to cover the costs of--

`(1) establishing or expanding a primary care residency training program described in subsection (a), including costs associated with--

`(A) curriculum development;

`(B) recruitment, training and retention of residents and faculty;

`(C) accreditation by the **Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education** (ACGME), the American Dental Association (ADA), or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA); and

`(D) faculty salaries during the development phase; and

`(2) technical assistance provided by an eligible entity.



Advantages

- Primary care clinicians who train in community health centers more likely to stay in the communities and in primary care
- Means of increasing GME slots in CT
- Building collaboration with HRSA
- Truly innovative
- CT's community health centers working with each other and with CT's hospitals
- Approaching the feds with an innovative idea as a state and as a community

