**UC Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Resources: December 2021**

This resource guide highlights upcoming webinars, activities and organizations of interest and is organized by topic and type of activity.

***Healthcare Workforce and Pipeline***

REPORT: The Department of Health & Human Services released its Health Workforce Strategic Plan in October. It provides a framework for forward-looking health workforce improvements, focused on four key goals – expanding supply, ensuring equitable distribution, improving quality and enhancing the use of data and evidence to improve outcomes. <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/bureau-health-workforce/about-us/hhs-health-workforce-strategic-plan-2021.pdf>

REPORT: Rand Institute report on “Building Ohio’s Workforce Through Stackable Credentials” outlines how Ohio has been a leader in scaling stackable credentials programs. Stackable credentials are common in fields that offer many ‘middle-skill jobs’ – those that require some post-secondary education and training below the bachelor’s degree level. <https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RBA207-1.html>

***Strategic Regional Partnerships***

WEB RESOURCE: This guide from the National Council on Mental Wellbeing details how meaningful youth-adult partnerships across the nation are inspiring transformational community change to build responsive support systems that nurture resilience, self-efficacy and mental well-being. <https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/connected/youth-adult-partnership-guide>

***Interprofessional Learners who Serve the Community***

JOURNAL ARTICLE: *“Preparing Health Professions Students to Serve Southern Rural Communities – A Model for Interprofessional Online Telehealth Training.”* Describes a model for online telehealth interprofessional education (IPE) designed to meet the needs of rural communities in the South. Offers an overview of the program's design and implementation and highlights lessons learned related to training fundamentals, staffing and planning, faculty involvement, technology concerns, and Heath Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance, and more.
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8505031/>