



Opportunities for Health Workforce Training and Technical Support in the Pacific

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Area Health Education Center grant funded program



In US since 1965



In Hawaii since 1995



In Pacific Territories and FAS since 2000



Purpose: Improve the Diversity, Distribution and Quality of the Health Professions Workforce



Recruitment to health careers, training in areas of need, recruitment back to care for your population



75% of AHEC money goes to the community to spend as is needed locally

Recruitment to Health Careers



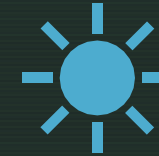
HOSA Future Health Professionals started in American Samoa



UH health professions students spend the summer in country doing clinical and community activities resulting in reports and publications



Doctors and Dentists for Tomorrow inclusive of Dental Assistant Program



Summer programs



AHEC Scholars- stipended program for student in health careers training, includes Youth Mental Health First Aid and CPR in person

<https://ahec.hawaii.edu/students/index.html>

What's Been Done

Expand local training:

- Public Health Residency in Palau
- Support for local nursing training (including NCLEX prep)



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Rapid Response to training request

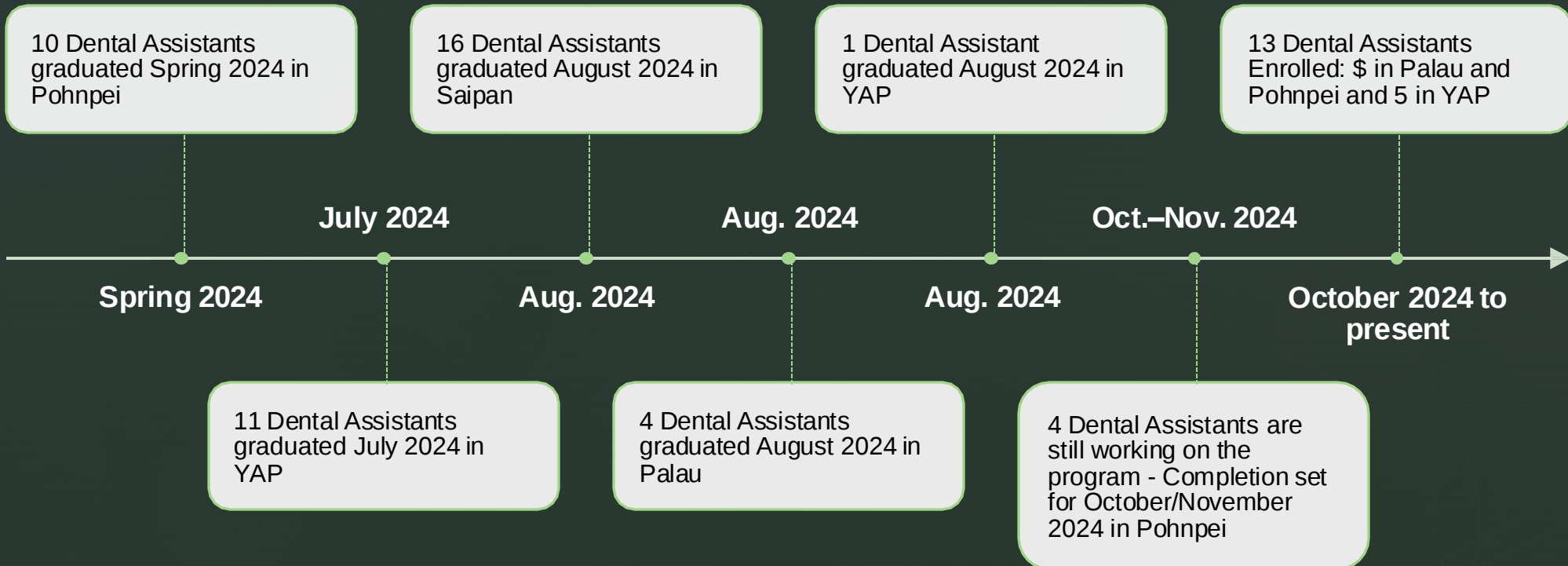
RMI nursing interns needed some skill refinement by the end of March.

- Online training:
 - Career Upskilling Opportunities
 - Professionalism and Teamwork
 - Mental and Financial Wellness
- Summer in person
 - CPR
 - Wound Care
 - Patient Transport





Latest Rapid Success



Grant writing and management

State Loan
Repayment Program

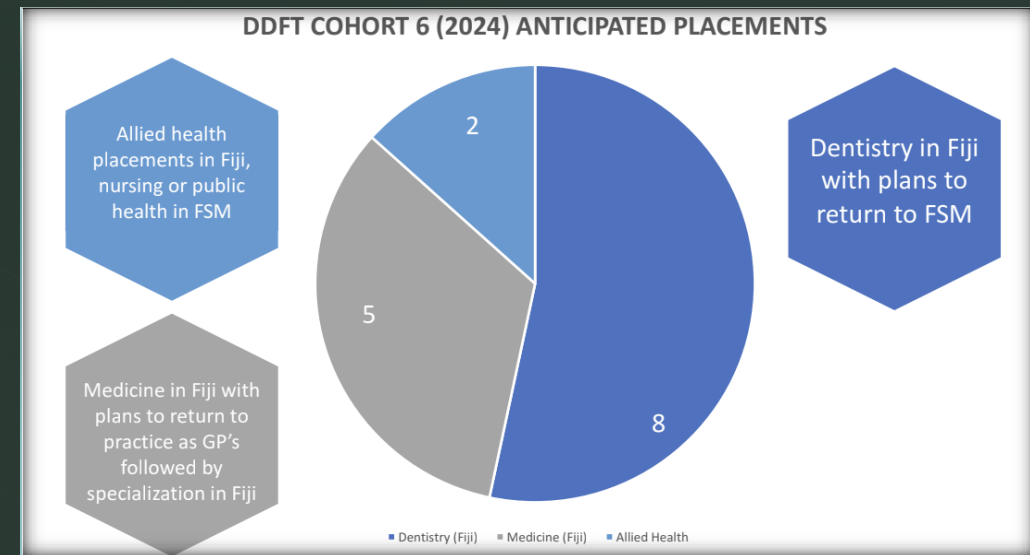
Yap-Telehealth
equipment

Pohnpei-DDFT

Doctors and Dentists For Tomorrow

DDFT started in 2017 as a 2 year boot camp degree (Health Career Opportunity Program degree from COM) preparing for students to go to Fiji for medical school. To date:

- 4 PH workers, 9 nurses, 2 physicians, 1 nutritionist, 1 psychologist, 6 lab/allied health workers have returned to FSM
- In training: 9 MBBS, 1 dentist, 7 nurses plus those applying now:
- <https://ddftmicronesia.org/>

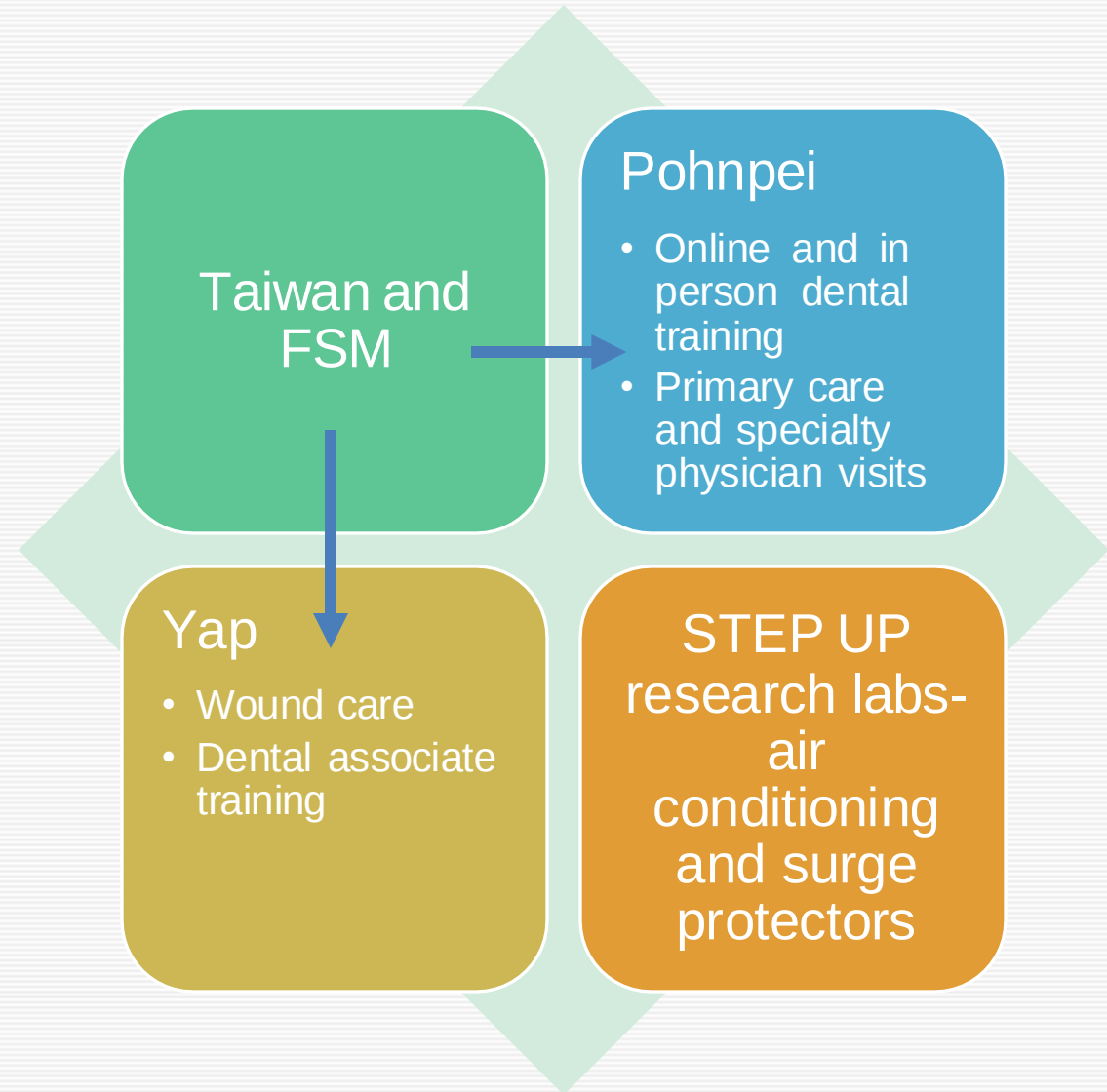


Students can attend from other USAPI countries

Partnerships

PBTRC-
Telehealth
advancement

ASTHO-
Workforce
Interest Group-
Listing of training
and grant
opportunities





A DREAM...

- Online regional allied health 'campus'
 - Students do prerequisites at local CC
 - One application for all allied health profession
 - Individual prioritize their choices
 - Take all possible courses locally
 - Take clinicals as close as possible to home
 - Can get diploma from both schools, local and distributed campus

Can Do?

Can't Do

Contracts

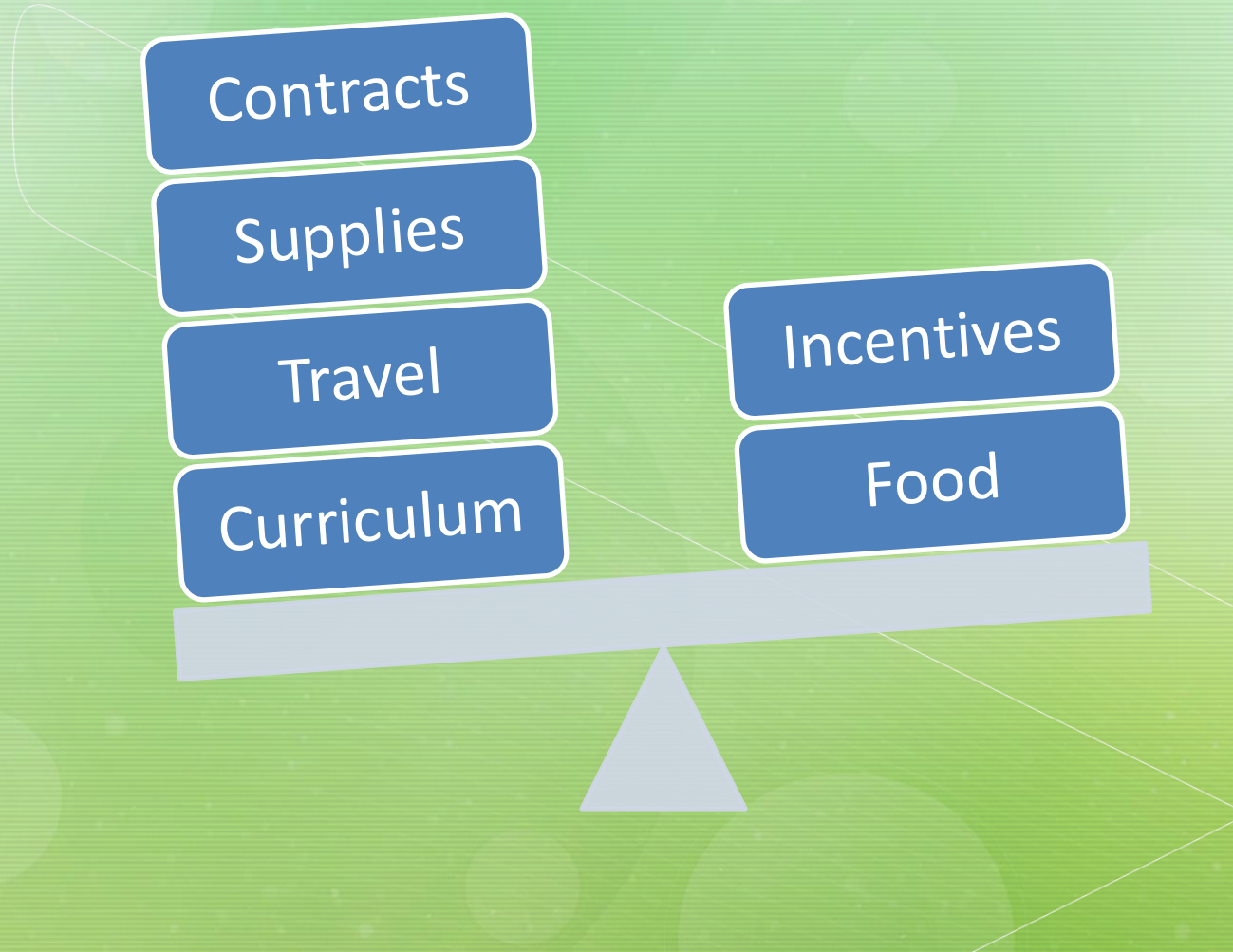
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Travel

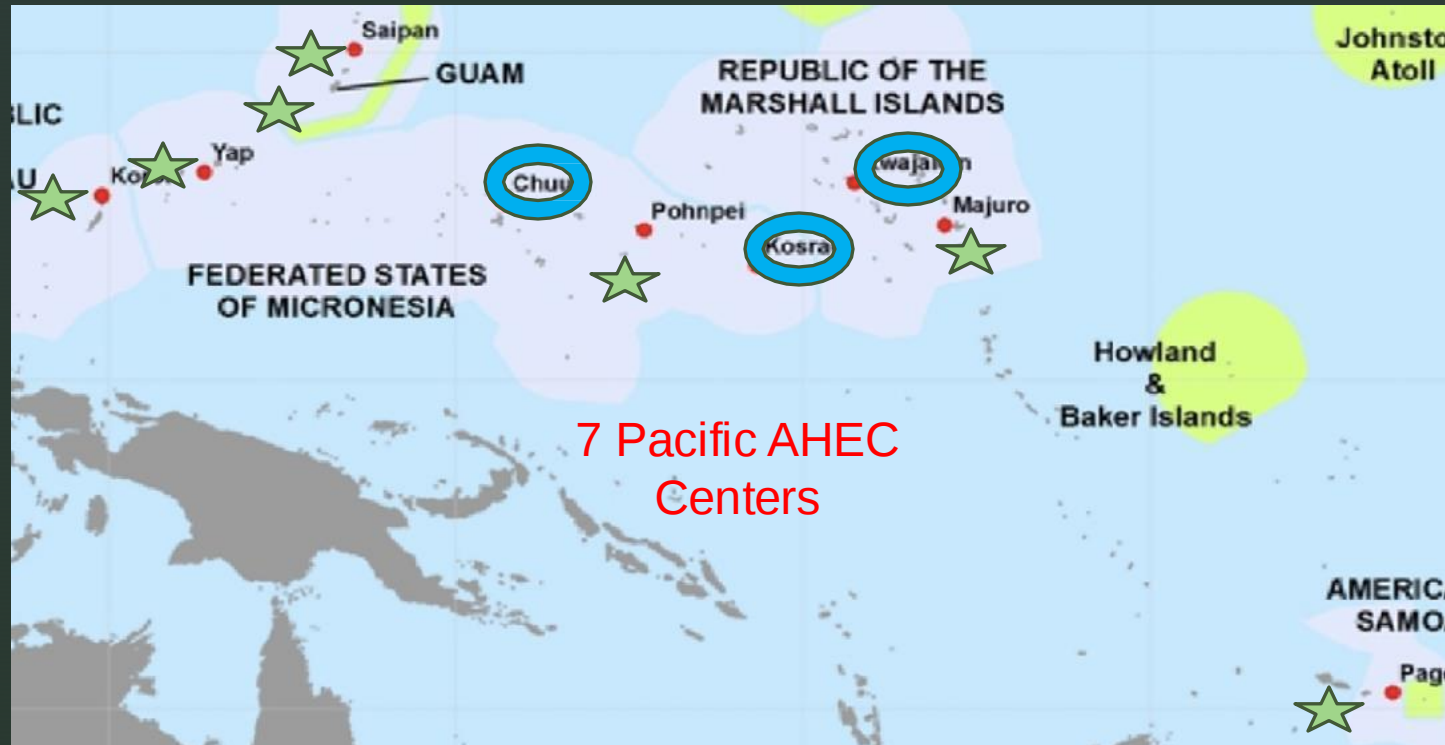
Curriculum

Incentives

Food



What ideas do you have???



Sky is the limit!!