

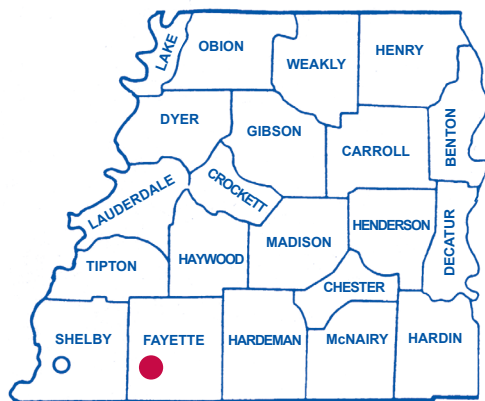
***Our Partners Include:***

Public Schools  
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West Tennessee Examiner News and Classifieds  
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***Our Funders Include:***

Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation  
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Tennessee Department of Labor  
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***Our Service Area:***



● WTAHEC Central Office

**AHIEC**

**West Tennessee Area  
Health Education Center, Inc.**

*Affiliate of Meharry Medical College,  
Area Health Education Centers  
Program of Tennessee*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To improve access to quality health care in underserved communities through the provision of community health education, continuing professional education and recruitment of health professionals for underserved areas in West Tennessee.

### ***Quality Health Care Through Quality Education***

The health and well being of a community depends heavily on its health care resources. West Tennessee Area Health Education Center, Inc. (WTAHEC) is based in Somerville, Tennessee, a family oriented rural community located in the southwest corner of West Tennessee, approximately 30 miles east of Memphis. Established as a non-profit community based health education and training center, the agency serves 21 counties west of the Tennessee River since 1987.

### ***A Successful Story with a National Scope***

While advances in medical science have dramatically improved the health status of the American people, imbalances in accessibility and availability of services have continually affected the health care delivery system. In 1971, the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education issued a landmark report entitled "Higher Education and the Nation's Health" advocating incentives and regionalized training programs to address the specialty and geographic maldistribution of health professionals in medically underserved areas. Based upon the Carnegie Commission's findings, in 1972 Congress authorized the establishment of the national Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program. In October 1984, through Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee became the one of 42 states in the country to enter into a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Department of Health & Human Services to develop an AHEC program. The Tennessee AHEC program is a dynamic partnership linking institutions of higher education with the health care delivery system.

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