# MONTANA MOBILE HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM

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HRSA: Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention (NEPQR)

Partnering with Montana State University's Mark & Robyn Jones College of Nursing, the Mobile Health Training Program (MHTP) addresses gaps in access to healthcare by delivering vital health screenings in rural and tribal Montana. This program expands the nursing workforce by providing nursing students with experiential learning opportunities, emphasizing advanced skills and patient - centered care delivery. Through hands-on, high-fidelity simulation and community-based learning, MHTP empowers future nurse leaders to effectively address the unique healthcare needs of rural Montana communities.

## **PROGRAM GOAL**

To develop and expand a skilled nursing workforce equipped to deliver advanced, evidence-based care through innovative mobile units and community-based learning experiences in rural and underserved Montana, with the aim of enhancing healthcare access and improving patient outcomes.

### PROGRAM TIMELINE

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2026

### **NUMBERS TO DATE**

**1158** Children served by MHTP clinics

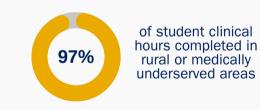
248 Nursing students in the program

90,092 Clinical hours dedicated to serving Montanans

Students from all 5 MSU Nursing Campuses



"The most enjoyable aspect of the program was getting the opportunity to travel and assist with health screenings for children on the reservations. Being able to directly impact the health and well-being of underserved communities was incredibly rewarding. It allowed me to apply my skills in a real-world setting while also gaining cultural competence and understanding of healthcare disparities." – MHTP Student



# **IMPACT & RETURN ON INVESTMENT**

### **Why This Program Matters:**

MHTP brings essential preventive services directly to underserved areas. By training nursing students to deliver screenings in rural and tribal communities, the program enhances local healthcare capacity and ensures early detection of health issues, which is crucial for long-term well-being.

This program is supported by funding from HRSA-NEPQR. Continued investment ensures that (MORH/AHEC) can continue developing **rural-ready practitioners** to serve Montana's most underserved communities. Through this program, **federal dollars directly support nursing students** in training while **improving health outcomes** for the children and families they serve.

