



BERNSTEIN FELLOWS

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Jim Bernstein - A Legacy of Health Leadership

The Jim Bernstein Health Leadership Fellows Program began in 2006 to develop future leaders to work in and improve the health of rural and under-served communities in North Carolina. The Bernstein Fellows program commemorates the contributions of Jim Bernstein, a rural health pioneer who led efforts in the state to ensure access to high-quality, community-driven care for under-served populations.

The program identifies and supports the work and careers of outstanding emerging leaders who share Jim Bernstein's belief that:

- » Everyone has a right to health care
- » Health encompasses the whole person
- » Healthy individuals come from healthy communities
- » Care should be delivered in a manner that is collaborative, efficient, compassionate, respectful and effective
- » Health care belongs to and is shaped by the communities it serves

During the program, Bernstein Fellows gain confidence in themselves, increased awareness of health issues, skills for community development, and connections that prepare them for impactful leadership. As a result of the fellowship, North Carolina's communities benefit from new and improved programs and technologies, as well as an increased number of highly-effective leaders.

Core Components

Leadership Development – Through workshops, mentoring, and coaching, Bernstein Fellows learn valuable leadership skills, and identify and pursue specific leadership goals to refine during their term.



Educational Opportunities – Bernstein Fellows attend events intentionally designed to increase their knowledge about rural community health models, resources, and legislation impacting their work.

Real-World Observation – Bernstein Fellows visit at least two rural areas to observe successful health programs and partnerships that engage innovative techniques to improve community health.

Health Project Implementation – During their term, Bernstein Fellows design and implement projects that will ultimately benefit rural populations. Projects can range in focus from creating and launching pilot programs, to developing assessment tools or technologies that will lead to improved health outcomes for the communities they are serving.

