

Universities Rebuilding America Partnerships (URAP) Grant

Alcorn State University

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Project Objective

To restore healthcare networks and infrastructure in low income coastal and rural underserved communities affected by Hurricane Katrina

Project Goals

- ❑ To meet the primary health care needs of low income coastal and rural underserved individuals and families residing in Hurricane Katrina affected communities
- ❑ To develop a model for rebuilding and sustaining high quality continuous primary health care services
- ❑ To empower low income coastal and rural underserved communities to achieve and sustain healthy lifestyles, a precursor for active engagement in recovery, and rebuilding
- ❑ To utilize contract opportunities with individuals and families during primary healthcare delivery to conduct an assessment of perceived housing needs and health status for the purpose of establishing a user-friendly database
- ❑ To utilize housing assessment data to avail resources for meeting housing rehabilitation needs, a fundamental element for rebuilding communities after Hurricane Katrina

Community to be served

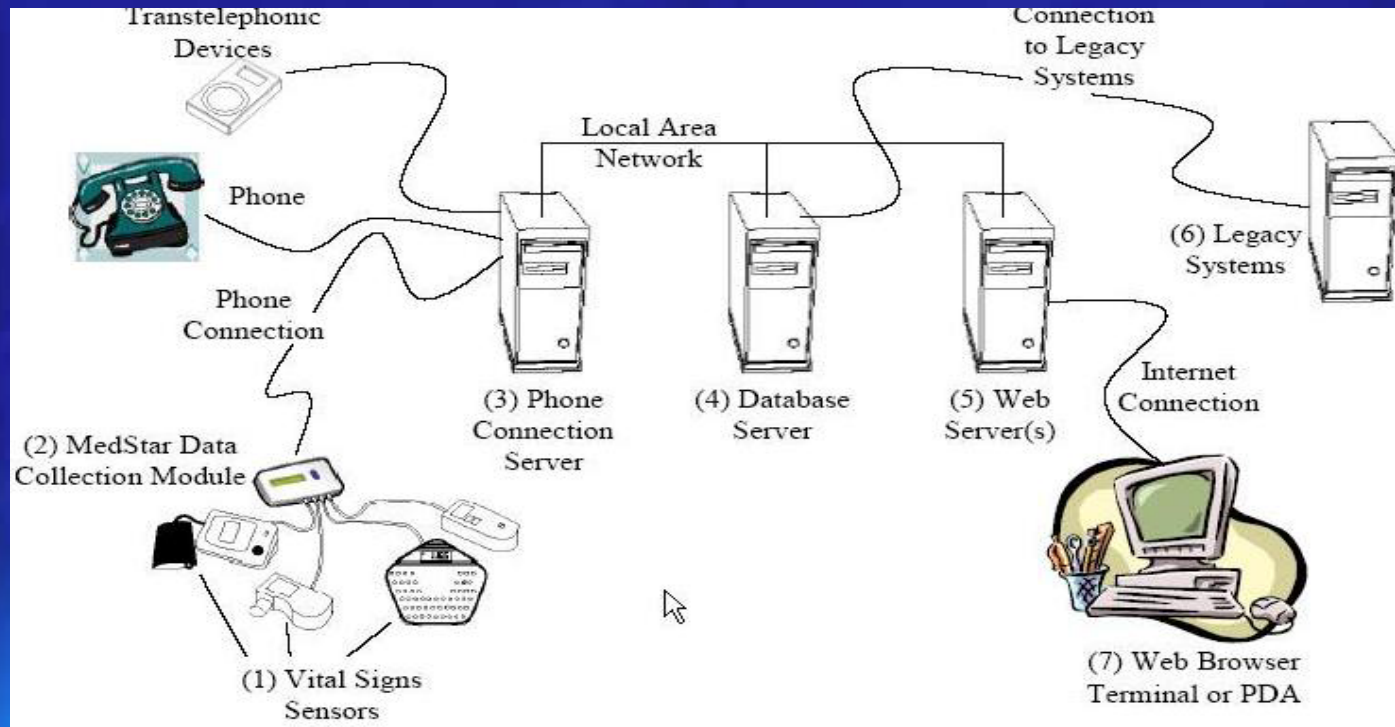
- Turkey Creek Community
 - Harrison County, Mississippi
 - 250 People
 - 60 household
 - Historic Community (Est. In 1896)
- Natchez
 - Adams County
 - City Population 18,464

Project Overview

Partners and their roles

- ❑ The clinical sites for providing PHC will be a Mobile Health Unit (MHU) located on-site at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Biloxi, MS, a local partner for this project and the ASU Family Clinic located in Natchez, MS
- ❑ Coastal Family Health Center will serve as a local referral in Biloxi, MS area
- ❑ Conduct a Homeowners with Housing Rehabilitation and/or Accessibility Needs Survey and the finding will be submitted to Mississippi Rural Conservation and Development Council (a local partner in this project) for final data analysis and subsequent action plan
- ❑ Create a Community Technology Tele-health Center for multipurpose usage at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Turkey Creek Community

The Tele-health / Telemedicine System



Project Expected Outcomes

- Engage in lifestyle changes to reduce obesity and related health problems
- 12 homeowners will receive needed repairs and retrofits to their homes
- Removal of conditions that pose a serious threat to health and welfare
- Housing need database in the proposed communities
- Broadband Internet enabled community, reduced digital divide

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