

***CURRENT AND FUTURE ROLES OF PEHSU
PROGRAM IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
EDUCATION***

PEHSU

Pediatric Environmental
Health Specialty Units

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THE BEGINNING



- 1996 ATSDR Child Health Initiative
- 1996 to 1998 PEHSU Program Catalyst
 - Methyl Parathion Exposure in 400+ children
 - Mercury Exposure
- 1998 first 2 PEHSU sites formed



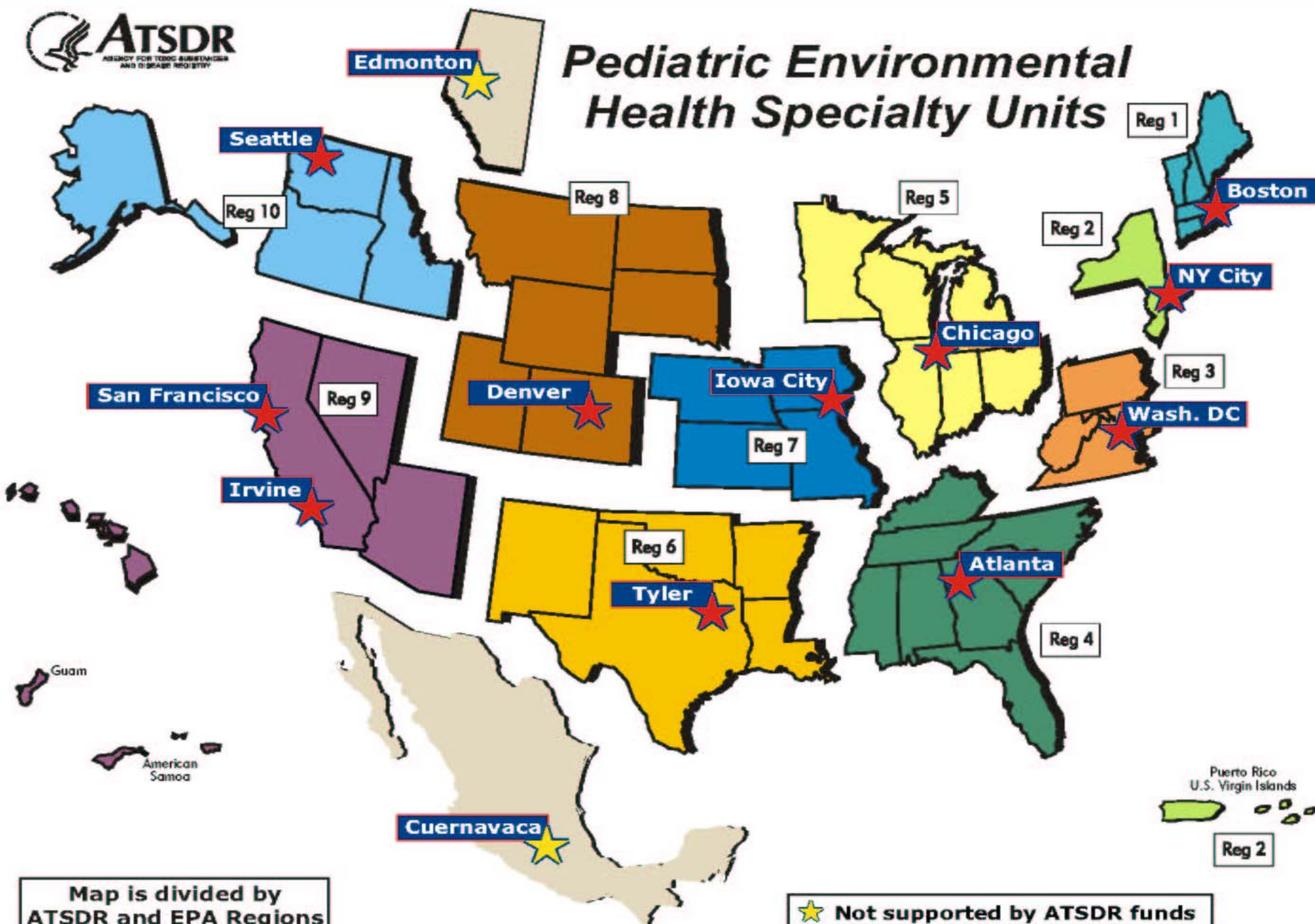
Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU)

*Objective: to increase knowledge base of
pediatric environmental medicine by
providing a forum for environmental
specialists and pediatricians
to combine knowledge*

- ◆ Education
- ◆ Consultation
- ◆ Referral



Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units



Map is divided by ATSDR and EPA Regions

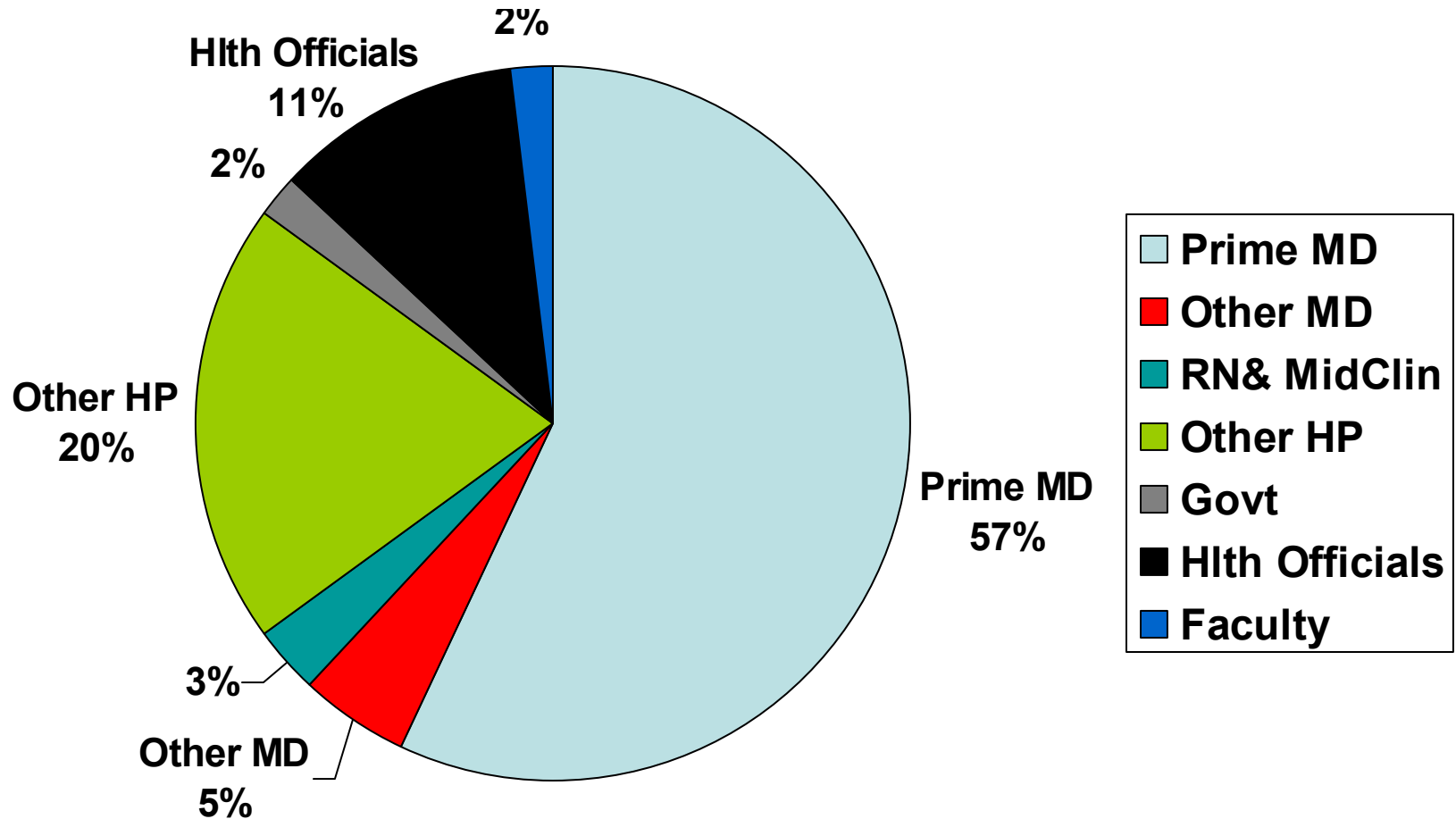
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PEHSU Locations

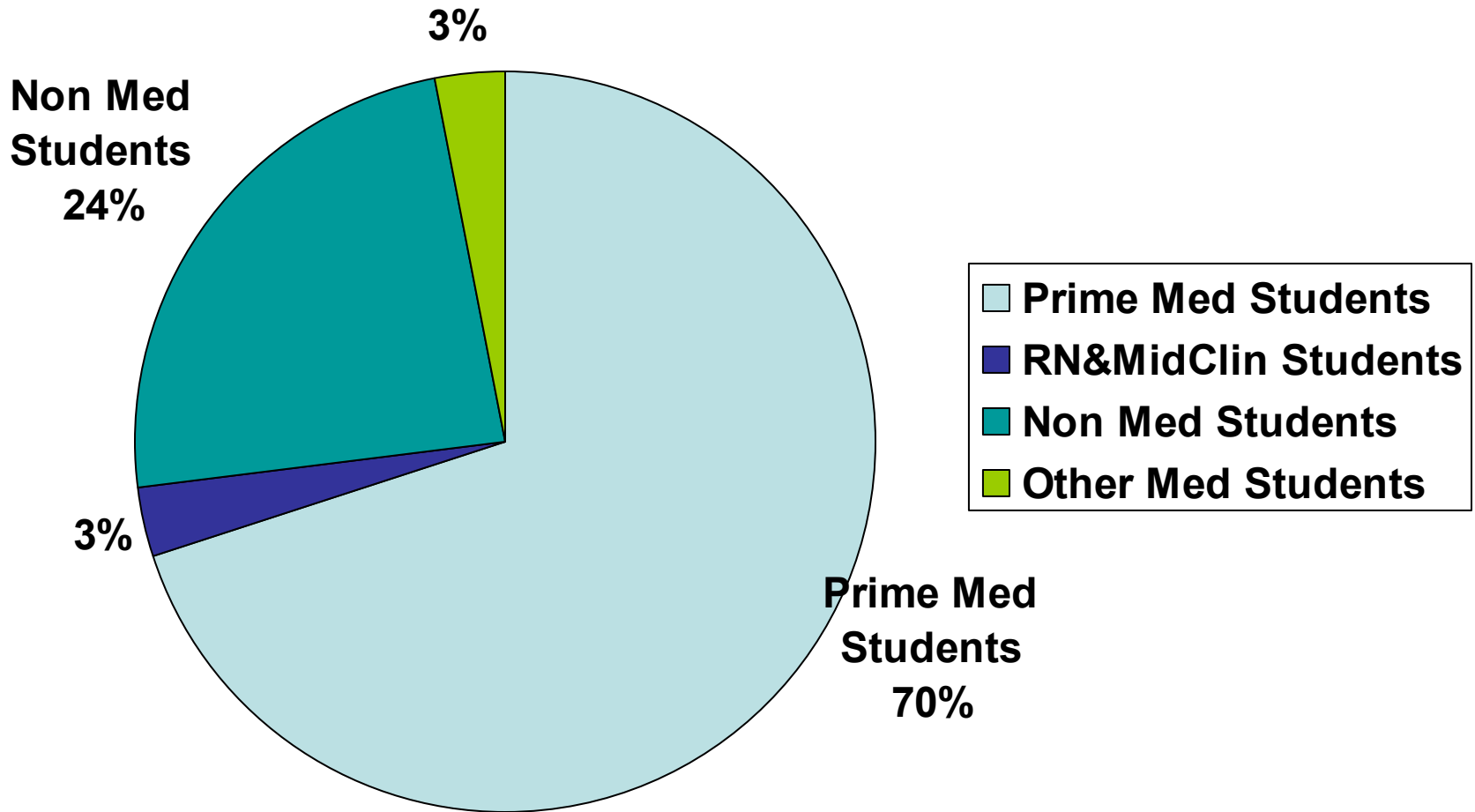
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- **Region 1: Boston, MA**
- **Region 2: New York, NY**
- **Region 3: Washington, D.C.**
- **Region 4: Atlanta, GA**
- **Region 5: Chicago, IL**
- **Region 6: Tyler, TX**
- **Region 7: Iowa City, IA**
- **Region 8: Denver, CO**
- **Region 9: Irvine & San Francisco, CA**
- **Region 10: Seattle, WA**
- **Alberta, Canada**
- **Morelos, Mexico**

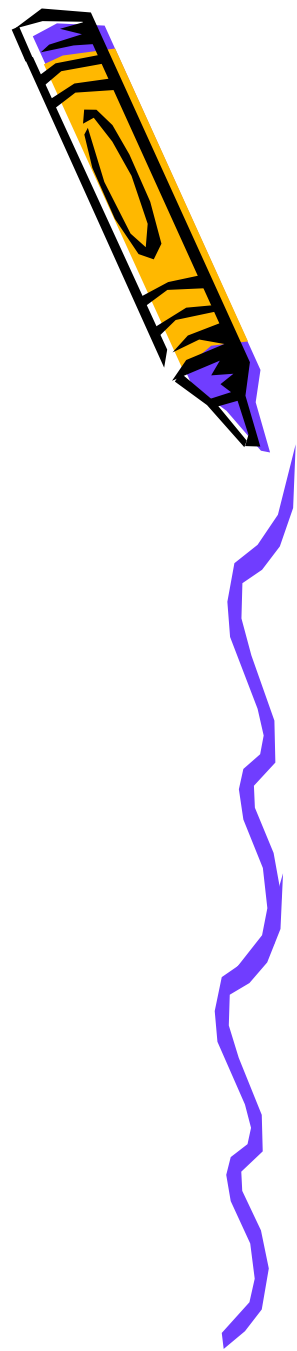
Health Professional Education (Health Professionals Reached: January – December 2001)



Health Professional Education (Post Secondary Students Reached: January – December 2001)



Gaps in Health Professional Education



- Reaching community based, practicing physicians
- Limited inclusion in education curricula
- Understanding the value of children's environmental health



Future Direction

Professional Health Education & PEHSU Program

- Develop a core of highly trained experts
- Expand educational materials and uniformity in content
- Raising awareness of Primary Care Physicians



