



## **About the Tri-State Stroke Network**

The Tri-State Stroke Network (TSSN) is composed of twenty-seven appointed members, nine each from Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. The membership includes public health and medical professionals, policy-makers and advocates, resource persons, and consultants.

The activities of the TSSN are organized into committees: Executive, Epidemiology and Data, and Ad Hoc. Activities are supported by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Funding began October 1, 2000, and was scheduled to end on June 30, 2010. Since then, CDC approved a no cost funding extension to complete several activities by December 31, 2010.

### **Mission:**

*TSSN – a consortium of public health leaders and experts in stroke prevention and treatment in NC, SC, and GA – creates system and policy improvements to reduce morbidity, mortality, and reduce the impact of stroke in the “Stroke Buckle” of the 3 states.*

### **Goals:**

1. Generate information resources based on current data that could be used to reduce the burden of stroke in the Stroke Buckle.
2. Identify and promote best practices in prevention and treatment for replication across state lines.
3. Increase awareness of the burden of stroke (health, economic, social) among key decision makers to promote policy and systems change.
4. Reduce stroke-related health disparities in the Tri-State Region.

### **Highlights of Accomplishments:**

- Established an identity package for the Network, a PowerPoint presentation, and a standard exhibit on the Network for use by each state with a customized panel detailing specific stroke statistics
- Created a partnership in May 2002 with NINDS for the “Know Stroke. Know the Signs. Act In Time.” campaign by co-branding of posters and disseminating educational kits to all three State HDSP staff and communities



- Played a role in the North Carolina and Georgia applications to CDC for funding to develop the Paul Coverdell Stroke Registry and to promote the stroke registries in the region
- Provided technical assistance to the Delta States Stroke Consortium
- Compiled a matrix of clinical guidelines and programs for stroke in the Tri-State area
- Developed a website for public and professional use
- Shared a host of presentations on the Network, which have been made across the country at various conferences
- Assessed Enhanced and Basic 9-1-1 coverage in the Tri-State area
- Received media coverage of Face to Face meeting and mentions in various CDC publications
- Produced regional GIS maps of stroke mortality and Joint Commission certified primary stroke centers
- Wrote journal articles on geographic disparities of stroke
- Held annual stroke summits that offer continuing education opportunities
- Surveyed stroke facilities (hospitals) in SC and GA that showed capacity to treat stroke patients
- Produced the Impact of Stroke in the Southeast Region document and a fact sheet highlighting data
- Published stroke data on the TSSN website, which has generated an estimated 39,000 total hits per month during FY 09-10
- Piloted worksite wellness projects based on the Asheville Project in Rocky Mount, NC and Fayetteville, NC in 2008
- Provided continuing education webinars for health care practitioners offering continuing medical credits through a university medical school
- Provided training on the importance of recognizing the signs and symptoms of stroke to emergency medical dispatchers in SC
- Formed a partnership with the NC Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to explore ways to expand the telehealth infrastructure and research capacity for NC and the region