

The Center's Purpose

The <u>National Rural Health Resource Center (The Center)</u> is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining and improving health care in rural communities. As the nation's leading technical assistance and knowledge center in rural health, The Center focuses on five core areas:

- Transition to Value and Population Health
- Collaboration and Partnership
- Performance Improvement
- Health Information Technology
- Workforce





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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Anti-racism



Building a culture where difference is valued

The Center is committed to DEI and anti-racism. We create an environment that reflects the communities we live in and serve; a place where everyone feels accepted and empowered to be their full, authentic selves; and where everyone belongs.

We understand the impact of and seek to defeat racism and discrimination in ourselves, our workplace, and the world. This guides how we cultivate leaders, build our programs and resources, and deliver our technical assistance.

We are an organization that honors, celebrates, and respects all dimensions of diversity. These principles are central to our mission and to our impact.



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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Who is HRSA?

Health Resources and Services Administration Programs Serve Those Most in Need

- 30 million people in underserved communities
- More than 58
 million pregnant
 women, infants,
 and children
- 3.6 million infants nearly every infant in America

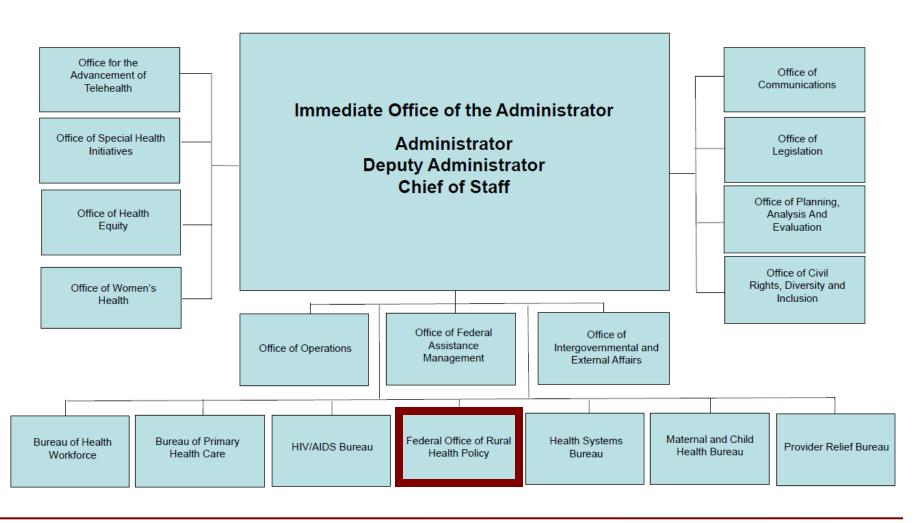
- More than 576,000 people with HIV
- More than 1,800
 rural counties and
 municipalities
 across the country





HRSA Organizational Structure

Health Resources and Services Administration



U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) collaborates with rural communities and partners to support community programs and shape policy that will improve health in rural America.

Cross Agency Collaboration

Works across HRSA, HHS, and several other federal partners to accomplish its goals

Capacity Building

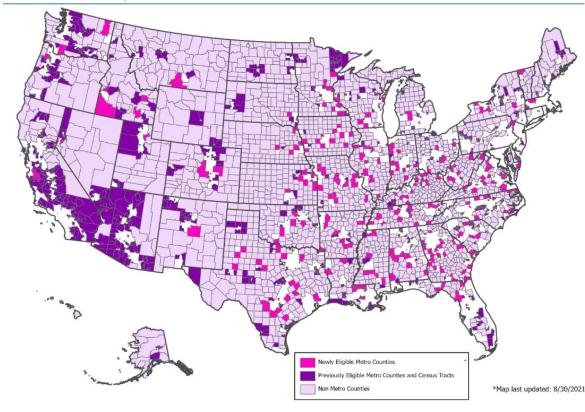
Increases access to health care for people in rural communities through grant programs and public partnerships

Voice for Rural

Advises the HHS Secretary on policy and regulation that affect rural areas

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Counties and Census Tracts Eligible for FORHP Funding







FORHP Organizational Structure



Hospital State Division

State Offices of Rural Health, Flex and Small Rural Hospital Improvement Programs, Rural QI TA, Small Rural Hospital Transitions



Community Based Division

Black Lung, Delta, Opioids, Care Coordination, Network Development and Planning, Quality Improvement, Outreach



Policy Research Division

Rural Health Research Centers, Rural Health Value, Rural Policy Analysis, RHC Policy and Clinical Assessment



Rural Strategic Initiatives
Division

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program grants





FORHP for You

Technical Assistance

We provide technical assistance and support to rural hospitals and clinics

Resources

We support rural health research, information, and policy programs

Grants

We fund grant programs designed to build health care capacity at both the local and State level





Technical Assistance

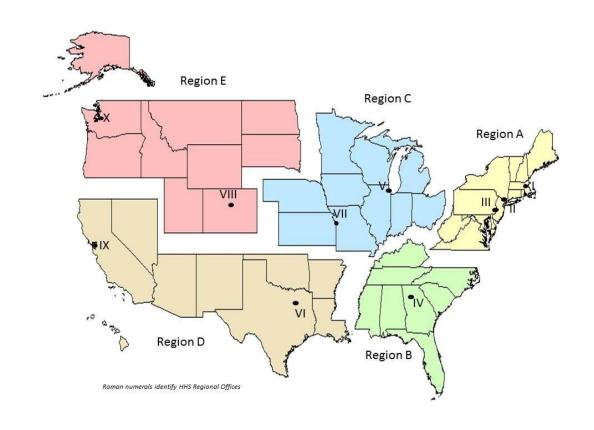
Direct Guidance and Support





State Offices of Rural Health

- Share information, resources and innovative projects with other rural health stakeholders
- Coordinate with other state partners on rural health issues
- Link rural health stakeholders to Federal and state resources
- Rural recruitment and retention





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Supporting Rural Hospitals and Clinics



Transition and Redesign

- HRSA
 - ✓ Rural Health Value, Rural Health Providers Transition Project
- CMS
 - ✓ Rural Emergency Hospital Designation, Innovation Center Models, Medicare Shared Savings

Ongoing Support

- Rural Hospital Flex Grants, Small Hospital Improvement Grants, Rural Health Clinic Technical Assistance
- Research Policy Analysis, Flex Monitoring Team

Targeted Technical Assistance

- Focusing on "At-Risk" Facilities
 - ✓ <u>Delta Region Community Health Systems Project</u>
 - ✓ Sustaining Essential Access To Hospital Services Program
- Rural Hospital Quality Improvement Technical Assistance



- https://ruralhealthvalue.publichealth.uiowa.edu/
- https://www.hrsa.gov/library/vulnera ble-rural-hospital-assistance
- https://www.ruralcenter.org/rhptp
- https://stratishealth.org/initiative/rur al-quality-improvement-technicalassistance-rqita/



Resources

Research, Information, and Tools





Rural Health Information Hub (RHIhub)

Topic Guides

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Rural Healthcare Workforce

Maintaining the healthcare workforce is fundamental to providing access to quality healthcare in rural areas. Rural healthcare facilities must employ enough healthcare professionals to meet the needs of the community. They must have proper licensure, adequate education and training, and cultural competency skills. Equally important, optimizing how health professionals are used and enhancing coordination among them helps ensure that patients are getting the best care possible.

Strategies can include:

- · Using interprofessional teams to provide coordinated and efficient care for patients and to extend the reach of each
- · Ensuring that all professionals are fully utilizing their skill sets and working at the top of their license; that is, practicing to the full extent of their training and allowed scope of practice.
- Removing state and federal barriers to professional practice, where appropriate
- · Changing policy to allow alternative provider types, once evidence shows they can provide quality care

Funding Opportunities

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Rural Healthcare Workforce – Funding & Opportunities

For additional funding options, please see RHIhub's Online Library: Funding & Opportunities

Sort By: Date | Name

Narrow by type

Hide Inactive Funding

Narrow by geography Narrow by topic

Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program

Loan repayment for undergraduate and graduate health professional educational loans in return for full-time clinical service in Indian Health Service programs.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide Application Deadline: Aug 15, 2019

Sponsors: Indian Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

NIDDK Education Program Grants (R25 Clinical Trial Not

Grants to support educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. Institutions are encouraged to diversify their student and faculty populations to enhance the participation of individuals from groups identified as underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral and social sciences.

Models and Innovations

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Rural Healthcare Workforce - Models and Innovations

These stories feature model programs and successful rural projects that can serve as a source of ideas and provide lessons others have learned. Some of the projects or programs may no longer be active. Read about the criteria and evidence-base for programs included.

Sort By: Date | Name

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of Rural Health

Policy, HRSA

Promising Examples

High Plains Community Health Center Care

Updated/reviewed February 2019

- . Need: Meeting health care demands in a region with a limited number of physicians, where recruiting additional providers is considered impractical.
- · Intervention: Using the additional support of health coaches, implementation of care teams consisting of 3 medical assistants to support each provider.
- · Results: More patients seen per provider hour, with improved patient outcomes and clinic cost savings.



Check it out for yourself!



Help Other Rural Communities by Sharing Your Story!



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Share Your Story

RHIhub is looking for project examples to share with rural service providers.



Tell us about:

- Your program's successes
- Program results demonstrated in formal program evaluations or research studies
- Best practices and processes you're using
- Innovative solutions to problems
- What does and doesn't work in your program
- Things you wish you'd known before starting your program

Share Your Story



Topics & States -

Rural Data Visualizations -

Case Studies & Conversations -

Tools for Success +

Rural Health > Case Studies & Conversations

Rural Health Models and Innovations

Featured Projects

Recently Added

Online

Library -

- · Queen Anne's County Mobile Integrated Community Health (MICH) <u>Program</u>
- Health Profession Rural Summer Immersion Program
- Community Health Worker-based Chronic Care Management Program
- Camp Mariposa

Video Highlights



Video Series: Rural Programs Making a Difference

ABOUT RURAL HEALTH MO AND INNOVATIONS

This section features rural health programs and interventions, inc approaches that have demonstra success in research studies and evaluations, as well as anecdota accounts. Each rural community consider whether a particular ap a good match for its needs and While it is sometimes possible to program components to match v resources, keep in mind that cha the program design may impact Programs listed in this section a endorsed by RHIhub or the Fede of Rural Health Policy.

Read about the criteria and evid





Rural Health Research Gateway







Rural Health Research Recaps

- · Access brief summaries on key rural health issues
- Key findings from the work of the Rural Health Research Centers



Research Alerts

- · Email notifications when new research products are completed
- · See five most recent



Research **Publications**

· Access policy briefs. chartbooks, journal articles, and other products developed under the Centers' Research Projects



Research Centers

- · Learn about the Rural Health Research Centers Program
- · View list of currently funded research centers
- · Learn about their areas of expertise

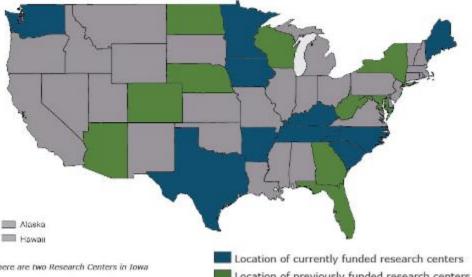
Dissemination Toolkit

- · Learn how to create health research products
- · Tips for developing policy briefs, fact sheets, journal articles and more

Check it out for yourself!







Grant Programs

Supporting and Enhancing Rural Health Care Delivery





FORHP Grant Program Focus Areas



Building Capacity

These programs focus on developing a collaborative plan to address community need by bringing together partners and/or engaging in community planning.

- Rural Health Network
 Development Planning
 Program
- Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Program
- Rural Health Network
 Development Program



Expanding Services

These programs expand access to and improve the quality of health care in rural communities.

- Rural Health Outreach Services Program
- Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Psychostimulant Support
- Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Implementation



Supporting Hospitals

These programs provide technical assistance and/or support to rural hospitals.

- Delta Health Systems
 Implementation Program
- Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project
- Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)
- Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Flex)



Providing Direct Services

These programs directly improve upon the delivery of health care services and improve population health.

- Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement
- Delta States Rural Development Network
- Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies Program





Rural Residency Planning and Development Program

FY19-FY22 RRPD Grant Program

- HRSA awarded \$43.4M to 58 award recipients spanning across 32 states and 5 medicine disciplines.
- Support the development of new, accredited and sustainable rural residency programs in family medicine, internal medicine, psychiatry, general surgery, preventive medicine, and obstetrics and gynecology.
- Created 32 new accredited rural residency programs for 415 new resident positions* in family medicine, psychiatry, internal medicine and general surgery.
- 22 Programs enrolled nearly 190 resident physicians training in rural clinical settings

FY19-22 RRPD Rural Counties







RRPD Program Recipient Information

Organizational Types



- Rural Hospitals
- Critical Access Hospitals (CAH)
- Sole Community Hospitals (SCH)
- Institutions of Higher Education

- Non-profit Healthcare Organizations
- Tribal Organization

Specialty Areas



- 45 Family Medicine Programs
- 4 Internal Medicine Programs
- 7 Psychiatry Programs

- 1 General Surgery Program
- 1 Multi-Specialty (FM, IM, Psych and Obstetrics - Gynecology)

Rural Practice Sites



- Hospitals (Rural IPPS, CAH, and SCH)
- Health Facilities operated by the Indian Health Service (IHS)
- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)

- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Behavioral Health Clinics
- VA Clinics



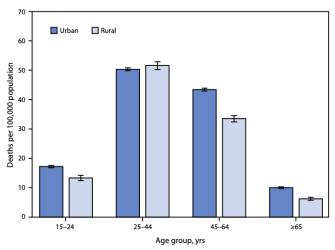


The Opioid and Substance Use Epidemic

QuickStats

FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS

Drug Overdose Death Rates* Among Persons Aged ≥15 Years, by Age Group and Urban-Rural Status† — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2020

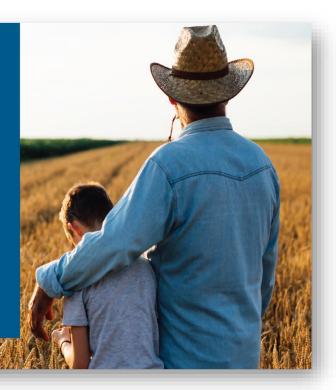


^{*} Deaths per 100,000 population; 95% CIs indicated by error bars. Drug overdose deaths were identified using the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision underlying cause-of-death codes X40–X44 (unintentional), X60–X64 (suicide), X85 (homicide), or Y10–Y14 (undetermined intent).

Advancing Behavioral Health Equity in Rural Communities

The Rural Community Opioid Response
Program (RCORP) provides direct funding and
technical assistance to rural communities.

We have invested over **\$580 million** since the start of the program. This funding addresses behavioral health needs, substance use disorder, and opioid use disorder.







[†] Urban-rural status is based on county of residence using the National Center for Health Statistics Urban-Rural Classification Scheme for Counties. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_02/sr02_166.pdf

Rural Communities Opioid Response Programs

Capacity Building

- Previously funded Planning Grants to support networks of community partners
- Ensuring diverse cohorts that help build economies of scale in rural communities.

Expanding
Access and
Building
Infrastructure

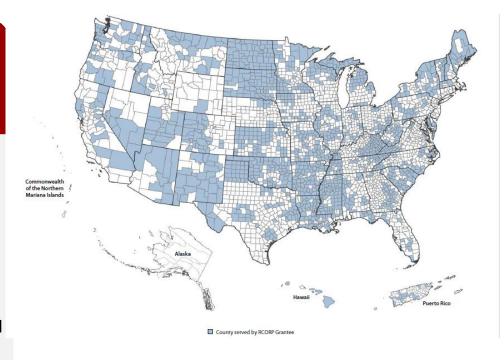
- Flexible funding to adapt to unique community needs.
- Focus on prevention and treatment.

Targeted Approaches

- Medication
 Assisted
 Treatment
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Addressing Psycho-Stimulants
- BH Integration

Centers of Excellence

- VT: Evidencebased practices
- Fletcher:
 Supporting
 Recovery
 Housing Efforts
- Rochester:
 Synthetic Opioid
 Overdose
 Mortality



RCORP – Opioid focused

SUD more broadly

Behavioral Health





RHC COVID-19 Programs

Rural Health Clinic (RHC) COVID-19 Programs

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, new programs are available to help RHCs meet community needs and improve rural health care services:

Expanding COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation

<u>Rural Health Clinic COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation (RHCCTM) Program</u> helps RHCs maintain and increase testing levels and
establish and expand mitigation activities tailored to local community needs. The program builds upon HRSA's Rural Health
Clinic COVID-19 Testing Program.

Ensuring Equitable Distribution of Vaccines in Rural Areas

<u>Rural Health Clinic Vaccine Distribution (RHCVD) Program</u> was launched in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC). Under the program, enrolled CMS-certified RHCs will receive direct COVID-19 vaccines in addition to
their normal jurisdictions' weekly allocation.

Building Vaccine Confidence

Rural Health Clinic Vaccine Confidence (RHCVC) Program supports outreach efforts to increase vaccinations in rural
communities. Nearly 2,000 RHCs are using these resources to promote vaccine confidence and work to get more people
vaccinated and protected from COVID-19 in medically underserved rural communities.

Expanding Access to COVID-19 Testing Supplies

 Rural Health Clinic COVID-19 Testing Supply (RHCCTS) Program provides free COVID-19 testing supplies to CMS-certified RHCs. RHCs choosing to participate receive direct shipments of COVID-19 testing supplies to distribute in their communities.
 Supplies available through this program include: at-home self-test kits, point of care testing supplies (POC) and other COVID-19 specific supplies, as available.

Expanding Access to COVID-19 Antiviral Treatment

 Rural Health Clinic COVID-19 Therapeutics (RHCTH) Program provides access to COVID-19 oral antiviral medications (i.e., therapeutics) to eligible CMS-certified RHCs. The Program supplements state and jurisdictions of COVID-19 antiviral medications to ensure equitable access. Distribution sites are subject to state scope of practice guidelines.

Resources

- Rural Health Clinic (RHC) COVID-19 Programs (PDF) (PDF 171 KB)
- Expanding COVID-19 Response in Rural Communities through Rural Health Clinics Fact Sheet | January 2022 (PDF) (PDF 144 KB)
- RHIhub Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
- Rural Health Clinics and Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) Rural Health Areas (Map) (PDF 1 MB) (PDF 1.7 MB)



Check out these programs!





FORHP Weekly Announcements

Focus on ...

- ✓ Rural-focused Funding opportunities
- ✓ Policy and Regulatory Developments
 Affecting Rural Providers and
 Communities
- ✓ Rural Research findings
- ✓ Policy updates from a Rural Perspective

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Announcements from the

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

January 12, 2022

What's New

Ending Sunday: Open Enrollment for Health Insurance. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has a collection of tools for helping individuals and families get health insurance during the Marketplace Open Enrollment period, November 1, 2022 through January 15, 2023. Graphics, social media messages, and customizable posters and fact sheets, are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese. Marketplace plans are an important source of coverage for people in rural areas, who represent approximately 15 percent of Marketplace enrollees in states using HealthCare.gov.

New Awards to Train Doctors in Underserved Areas. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded the first round of Medicare-funded residency slots to 100 teaching hospitals across 30 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, effective July 1, 2023. The graduate medical education slots prioritize hospitals located in Health Professional Shortage Areas, and the majority are allocated for primary care – including obstetrics/gynecology – and mental health specialties. CMS is set to create 200 new positions every year over the next five years. The application period for the second round of 200 residency slots will open in January 2023 and close on March 31, 2023.

Finding Doctors Offering Medicare-Paid Telehealth. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) added a telehealth indicator on Medicare Care Compare, the site that allows consumers to search for doctors, clinicians, groups, and facilities accepting Medicare beneficiaries. Last year, CMS reported a 30-fold increase in telehealth services. The new indicator helps beneficiaries and caregivers more easily find clinicians who provide telehealth services.

Extended: HHS Seeks Feedback on Tribal Consultation Policy – New Deadline, January 27.

HHS extended the deadline for submitting comments on the updated draft HHS Tribal

Consultation Policy to January 27, 2023. The updated draft addresses comments and

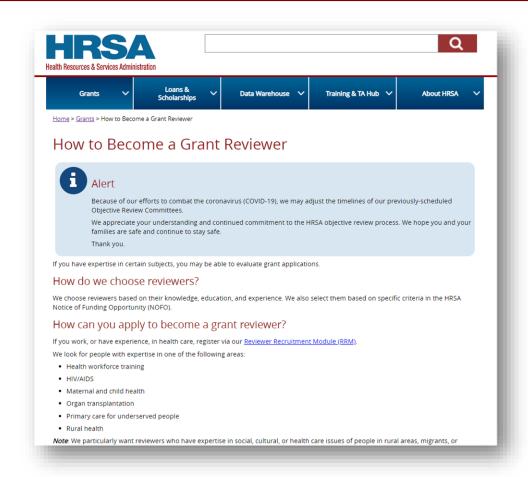




HRSA Needs Your Help!

Consider Being a HRSA Grant Reviewer

- Ensures We Get the Rural Perspective
- Provides a good insight into the grants process
- Key Steps:
 - Once registered note rural as your area of expertise
 - Let us know when you are in the database (so we can select you)
 - ✓ Email Lisa Chechile at lchechile@hrsa.gov





https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/reviewers



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Appendix A: Funding Opportunity Forecast





FORHP Funding Opportunity Forecast

(Pending Appropriations)

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
RCORP-Overdose Response	NOFO Available Fall 2023 Project Start Date: 9/1/2024		
Rural Health Care Services Outreach		NOFO Available TBD Project Start Date: 5/1/2025	
RCORP-Psychostimulant Support	NOFO Available Winter 2023 Project Start Date: 9/1/2024		
Rural Health Network Development Planning	NOFO <u>Available NOW!</u> Project Start Date: 7/1/2024	NOFO Available TBD Project Start Date: 7/1/2025	NOFO Available TBD Project Start Date: 7/1/2026
Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement			NOFO Available TBD Project Start Date: 8/1/2026
Rural Residency Planning and Development Grants	NOFO Available Fall 2023 Project Start Date: 8/1/2024		
Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies		NOFO Available Winter 2024 Project Start Date: 9/1/2025	
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Appendix B: Additional Resources





HRSA Grant Resources

- Grants Policy Update
- Effectively Managing Your Grants
- Grant Budgeting
- Understanding and Managing your Award
- Changes in Financial Reporting and Payment Management
 System Updates
- Healthy Workforce Resiliency
- Answers to Common EHB Questions
- HRSA IEA- Connecting and Supporting HRSA Grantees
- A Healthy Single Audit
- Improving the Federal Grants Experience
- Improving the Health of Underserved Populations
- Promoting Effective Communication in Healthcare



Presented as a Web Series



https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/manage-your-grant/training/workshops



Telehealth.HHS.gov

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- Best practice guides
- Funding opportunities
- Events
- Tip sheets
- Videos







HHS Telehealth Resources

- Telehealth.HHS.gov https://telehealth.hhs.gov/
- Telehealth Resource Centers
 https://www.telehealthresourcecenter
 .org/
- ProviderBridge
 https://www.providerbridge.org/
- Multi-Discipline Licensure Resource Project
 - https://licensureproject.org/
- Rural Telehealth Research Center <u>https://ruraltelehealth.org/</u>

TELEHEALTH.HHS.GOV













Cybersecurity



- Cybersecurity Training: Cyber-Attack and Ransomware Guidance
- Cybersecurity Toolkit for Rural Hospitals and Clinics





Workforce Resources

The National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network (3RNet)

- State-Level resource for job seekers and employers
- Tools for enhancing retention https://www.3rnet.org/









RCORP-Rural Centers of Excellence

Focus Area 1:

Innovative and effective treatment interventions for SUD, particularly OUD, in rural communities

- Patient-centered and family-based approaches to address the generational impacts of substance abuse
- Workforce and service delivery challenges common in rural communities and unique to rural health care providers
- E.g. Hub-and-spoke model, etc.

University of Vermont Center on Rural Addiction

https://uvmcora.org/

Focus Area 2:

Best practices in recovery housing programs for SUD, particularly OUD, intervention among low-income, high-risk individuals in rural communities

 Other prevention and treatment services for low-income, high-risk rural residents, including criminal justiceinvolved persons

Fletcher Group Rural Center of Excellence

https://www.fletchergroup.org/rcoe/

Focus Area 3:

Addressing synthetic opioid-related overdose mortality in rural communities in the Delta and/or Appalachian regions

 Unique factors that may contribute to rural synthetic opioid use, including underlying social, economic, and environmental conditions

University of Rochester Recovery Center of Excellence

https://recoverycenterofexcellence.org/



Questions or Comments





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