



# RURAL HEALTH CONNECT

Improving the Health of Rural Communities

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## Statewide Updates & News

### NHSC Loan Repayment Program

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is accepting applications now through **Thursday, May 6 at 7:30 PM ET** for three loan repayment programs: [NHSC Loan Repayment Program](#), [NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program](#) and [NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program](#).

### NHSC Scholarship Program

The [NHSC Scholarship Program](#) is accepting applications through **May 11, 2021 at 7:30 PM ET**. For more information on the application process or questions, please follow either link below. If you want to apply, please follow the link [here](#).

#### [NHSC Scholarship Application Webinar](#)

Tuesday, April 6

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. ET

[Join the webinar](#)

#### [NHSC Scholarship Application Online Q & A Sessions](#)

Tuesday, April 13 & Tuesday, April 27

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET

[Ask a Question](#)

### NHSC Site Application is OPEN

The NHSC Site Application is scheduled to open in April and will follow the NHSC LRP application period. For more information, please follow the link [here](#).

### NEW VA Training Opportunity

The VA is dedicated to ensuring that women Veterans get the gender-specific care they need, no matter where they receive their health care. Women Veterans have unique health care needs that may require different assessments, care and resources. For example, issues such as military sexual trauma, musculoskeletal pain and post-deployment readjustment can differently impact women Veterans. To get the highest-quality care, women Veterans must have access to clinicians who

are trained in women's health.

To view the training, please click [here](#).

## OPCRH Program Updates

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TEAM

- The State Primary Care Grants Program will begin accepting applications for SFY2022 on **April 12**. Applications **must be submitted online via our website by 5:00 p.m. MDT on May 10**. We will be holding an online orientation for interested applicants on **April 13 at 11 - 12 p.m.** Information will be available on our [website](#). Please submit any questions in advance to [opcrh@utah.gov](mailto:opcrh@utah.gov).
- The **Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program (HCWFAP)** is available and accepting applications. For more information, please visit our [website](#) or email us at [opcrh@utah.gov](mailto:opcrh@utah.gov)

## Webinars & Upcoming Events



### Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project

The Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project's (RHPTP) Health Education and Learning Program (HELP) webinar series begins on April 2021 along with a four-part RHPTP Eligible Learning Collaborative (LC) which begins May 2021.

This technical assistance (TA) is tailored to guide small rural hospitals (SRH) and certified rural health clinics (RHC) in preparing for and positioning their organizations to be effective participants in a health system focused on value.

Please review and register for upcoming HELP Webinar events plus the opportunity to participate in our eligible Learning Collaborative.

To learn more and register, please follow the link [here](#).

## HIV and Hepatitis C in Rural Areas: Prevalence, Service Availability, and Challenges

Speakers will highlight findings from recent work on estimating HIV prevalence and maternal hepatitis C prevalence in rural areas across the U.S. Speakers will also discuss findings from a qualitative study on the challenges and promising practices in addressing HIV and hepatitis C outbreaks in rural areas. Presenters for this webinar include Katherine Ahrens and Amanda Burgess from the Maine Rural Health Research Center.

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Time: 11:00 am Mountain,

Duration: Approximately 60 minutes

Website: [ruralhealthresearch.org/webinars/hiv-and-hepatitis-c](http://ruralhealthresearch.org/webinars/hiv-and-hepatitis-c)

Zoom Link: <https://und.zoom.us/j/97215444909>

## Funding Opportunities

[Emergency Broadband Benefit Program](#)

## Toolkit Highlight



## Free Telehealth Certification Courses

The Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center is offering multiple telehealth certification courses for free. You can find the resources by following the link [here](#).



# Connections for Community Care Project

Funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP), this project will provide Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) across the nation with easy access to and technical assistance (TA) for comprehensive, community-centric COVID-19 onsite testing and is *available at no cost*.

National Organization of State Office of Rural Health (NOSORH) will work with State Offices of Rural Health (SORH) to develop and implement strategies to enhance local, state, and national collaboration as well as provide targeted, individualized, community-centric technical assistance (TA) to participating RHCs.

Accessing additional information or getting started with the program is as simple as sending an email expressing interest to [rhccovidtestinginfo@nosorh.org](mailto:rhccovidtestinginfo@nosorh.org).



## Rural Suicide Prevention Toolkit

The Rural Suicide Prevention Toolkit compiles evidence-based and promising models and resources to support organizations implementing suicide prevention programs in rural communities across the United States.

The modules in the toolkit contain resources and information focused on developing, implementing, evaluating, and sustaining rural suicide prevention programs. There are more resources on general community health strategies available in the [Rural Community Health Toolkit](#).

[To access the toolkit, please follow the link here.](#)

## National Organizations

[Human Services to Support Rural Health](#)

[Oral Health in Rural Communities](#)

[Overdose Data to Action \(RFA-CE19-1904\)](#)

[HRSA US Fact Sheet by State](#)

[Rural Health Care Professional Job Posting](#)



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The OPCRH provides support to our stakeholders and clients in the form of hands-on support, economic impact analysis, research, community health needs assessments, and healthcare workforce needs assessment. We also provide technical assistance and pertinent information on student loan repayment programs and grant opportunities

If you would like to be a part of our newsletter in the future and/or would like to submit a success story, announcement, or communicate any other information to us or your rural health partners, please contact Colton Gordon, OPCRH Program Specialist 801-230-6570, [coltongordon@utah.gov](mailto:coltongordon@utah.gov)

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