

THE AZ CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH WEBINAR SERIES

A webinar series focused on providing technical assistance to rural stakeholders to disseminate research findings, policy updates, best-practices and other rural health issues to statewide rural partners and stakeholders throughout the state.

Webinar: Thursday, April 21, 2022

12-1:00 pm Arizona Time

Opioid Stewardship Assessment Program for Arizona Critical Access Hospitals

Arizona Center for Rural Health (AzCRH) and Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) collaborated in 2021 to assess the opioid stewardship program (OSP) implementation in Arizona's 17 critical access hospitals' (CAHs) acute care and emergency departments (EDs). In this webinar, we will describe the 11 OSP components that were assessed, the assessment instrument, and our approach to surveying CAH leadership teams at each hospital.

Learning objectives:

1. Describe Opioid Stewardship Programs,
2. Explain differences and similarities in initiative implementation by department setting and prevention orientation at Arizona Critical Access Hospitals
3. Understand how assessment information is used to guide technical assistance and quality improvement efforts.



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