

# 2025 ARIZONA 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.*



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
MEL & ENID ZUCKERMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
Center for Rural Health

**Thursday, February 20, 2025**  
**12:00 - 1:00 pm MST**

## **Closing the gap in pediatric eye care: A network adequacy study**

**REGISTER**



### Learning objectives:

- ▶ Evaluate gaps in pediatric vision care networks in Arizona, focusing on disparities for Medicaid (AHCCCS) patients, rural residents, and children under 5.
- ▶ Analyze barriers to accessing pediatric vision care, including provider availability, bilingual services, and directory reliability.
- ▶ Identify strategies to improve access to pediatric vision care for underserved populations.



**RIZWANA BIVIJI, PHD, M.S.**

**Dr. Rizwana Biviji** is an Assistant Teaching Professor in the College of Health Solutions at Arizona State University. She has a PhD in Health Policy and Management and M.S. in Nutrition Science. Her research centers around maternal and child health, digital health, health policy and health disparities. Primarily her research focuses on reducing barriers to high quality care by evaluating health policies, workforce capacities, and behavioral interventions. She also studies consumer behavior patterns and user uptake of digital health tools such as mobile health platforms and telemedicine as means to reduce access barriers and improve health outcomes.

**For more information contact Mariah Erhart: [merhart@arizona.edu](mailto:merhart@arizona.edu) • 520.626.2243**

**To register: [crh.arizona.edu](http://crh.arizona.edu)**

*This webinar is made possible through funding provided by Health Resources and Services Administration, Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (U1U42527). Arizona State Office of Rural Health is funded granted through a grant from US Department of Health and Human Services. Grant number H95RH00102-25-00. This information or content and conclusions are those of the author and should not be construed as the official position or policy of, nor should any endorsements be inferred by HRSA, DHHS or the U.S. Government.*