



## Fast Facts: Arizona State Office of Rural Health Program (AzSORH)

The [Arizona Center for Rural Health](#) (AzCRH) is federally designated as the **Arizona State Office of Rural Health** (since 1990). AzSORH addresses ongoing and emerging rural health needs and is funded by the state of Arizona and the US Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration, [Federal Office of Rural Health Policy](#).

### AzSORH links our diverse staff and faculty with state agencies, rural communities, organizations, stakeholders, state and federal resources to:

- Collect & disseminate rural health information, convene annual events – AZ Rural Health Conference and AZ Rural and Public Health Policy Forum.
- Provide technical assistance to rural communities, organizations, and others (e.g., community health needs assessments and grant writing).
- Develop and support rural health networks and partnerships.
- Support and expand the health workforce pipeline to rural and underserved areas, through education and training, research and data, and policy analysis and development to address unmet health needs.
- Collect and analyze rural health metrics and outcomes data, produce actionable reports, and publish current data visualizations.
- Identify and address issues that create disparities impacting rural and underserved communities. Promote affordable coverage, and accessible, community-oriented, high quality, culturally effective healthcare for all Arizonans.
- AzSORH links rural communities including Tribal Nations with state and federal resources to enhance long-term partnerships and identify solutions to improve rural health and equity.
- AzSORH leverages other programs housed in the Center for Rural Health including the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (AzFlex), Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (AzSHIP), the Rural Health Professions Program (RHPP) and others.

[crh.arizona.edu/programs/sorh](http://crh.arizona.edu/programs/sorh)



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### AzSORH by the Numbers: July 1 to June 30 Fiscal Year (FY)

Technical Assistance (TA)	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19*
Total TA	3,847	3,902	4,938	3,136
In Person	1,984	2,016	2,633	1,921
Phone/Email	828	798	536	394
Webinar	668	760	1,241	593
Teleconference	198	116	125	71
Assistance to researchers, others	169	212	403	157
Newsletter (launched 11/16/16)	3,235	6,098	9,600	2,433
Webpage Visits	14,601	37,000	30,681	17,135

\*As of 2/28/19

