



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](#). In June 2021, we received HRSA Notice of Award for competing continuation of \$4.5M over 5 years.

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 to improve rural health, equity, and access.
- 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.

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AzSORH Five-Year Summary 2016-2021

AzSORH Activity	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Total Technical Assistance	3,902	4,858	4,236	5,210
In Person	2,016	2,633	2,620	2,631
Phone/Emails	798	536	545	484
Webinar	760	1,241	749	1,343
Teleconference	116	125	106	134
Assistance to researchers, others	212	323	216	553
Newsletter Distribution	3,235	6,098	9,792	10,164
Webpage Visits	31,807	37,000	40,696	46,143

