Az CRH Highlights

National Rural Health Day - November 15!
Showing our rural pride, the staff at AzCRH joins the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) and other state/national rural stakeholders in celebrating National Rural Health Day on Thursday, November 15, 2018. To mark the day this year, we invited community groups from around the state to send in pictures holding "I am rural" signs. Check out some of the great pictures we received here! And be sure to register for our special NRHD webinar: Growing the Power of Rural: The Rural Health Workforce in Arizona.

AzCRH Welcomes Heather Carter
Heather Carter, EdD, recently joined the AzCRH as an assistant professor of practice in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and Associate Director of the AzCRH. Heather served in the AZ House of Representatives representing District 15 from 2013-18. On November 6th she was elected Senator representing District 15 in the state legislature.

Project SHARE Featured by NOSORH
Project SHARE, run by the Arizona Center for Rural Health, trains University of Arizona health sciences students as Certified Application Counselors (CACs)
that provide information on enrollment through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace. Alyssa Padilla, who supervises the SHARE program for the Arizona State Office of Rural Health (AzSORH) under the AzCRH, said that the program helps not just the patients but also the students, who become more rural and health insurance literate. » Read more.

**Remembering Don Proulx**

Donald E. Proulx, former Associate director of Arizona AHEC and former staff member of the Arizona Rural Health Office, passed away on Oct. 21, 2018. The Arizona Center for Rural Health wishes to extend its sincere condolences to his family and recognize his service to rural and underserved communities in the state. » Read more

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### AzCRH News and Updates

**Nov 05, 2018**: Promising Practice: Arizona Center for Rural Health SHAREs Health Insurance Information, Gets People Enrolled

**Nov 01, 2018**: A Sense of Alarm as Rural Hospitals Keep Closing

**Oct 30, 2018**: Will the Midterms Transform our Health System?

**Oct 29, 2018**: Pima County residents have more options in 2019 Affordable Care Act marketplace


**Oct 18, 2018**: Arizona course on science behind vaccines canceled after parental backlash

**Oct 15, 2018**: Arizona Senate race: Martha McSally, Kyrsten Sinema at odds over Affordable Care Act

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### Upcoming Rural Events

**Nov 14 2018**: Community Overdose Prevention and Naloxone Training - Ajo, AZ

**Nov 15 2018**: National Rural Health Day - November 15, 2018

**Nov 15 2018**: AzCRH Webinar: Growing the Power of Rural: The Rural Health Workforce in Arizona

**Dec 5 2018**: 2018 Accountable Care Symposium
Jan 24 2019 : Sexual Violence Prevention Conference
Jan 28 2019 : Arizona Rural & Public Health Policy Forum
Feb 3 2019 : 2019 32nd Annual Rural Health Care Leadership Conference

Technical Assistance for Small, Rural, Vulnerable Hospitals
Targeted technical assistance for rural hospitals to improve quality of care, maintain access to care, and address the challenges that are unique to small hospitals and the towns they serve.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Nov 30, 2018
Sponsors: Center for Optimizing Rural Health, Texas A&M University Rural and Community Health Institute

Rural Primary Care SBIRT for Maternal Opioid Use – March 29. The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) will grant $2 million to support the implementation and evaluation of screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment services (SBIRT) for maternal opioid misuse. Although SBIRT is an evidence-based intervention shown to decrease substance use that is covered by both Medicare and Medicaid, it is not yet widely used in rural primary care settings for women’s health. Rural providers can find guidance on implementing SBIRT services from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

Webinar recording
In case you missed it: A recording of last week’s webinar with the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services (NACRHHS) on their policy brief on rural adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) is available online.

Rural Resource Guide to Help Communities Address Substance Use Disorder and Opioid Misuse.
Harvard: Poll Finds Drug/Opioid Abuse and Economic Concerns Cited as Biggest Problems Facing Rural Communities

Combatting the Opioid Crisis: Addressing Stigma Experienced by People Who Use Drugs
University at Albany School of Public Health’s Center for Public Health Continuing Education will host a free, live webcast: Combatting the Opioid Crisis: Addressing Stigma Experienced by People Who Use Drugs, Thursday, November 15, 2018, from 9 am to 10 am EDT. The broadcast will feature Allan Clear, Director, AIDS Institute’s Office of Drug User Health, New York State Department of Health. The high level of stigma often experienced by People Who Use Drugs (PWUD) prevents many from maximizing the benefit from programs seeking to mitigate the effects of drug use nor succeed in drug treatment. The New York State Office of Drug User Health has used harm reduction and anti-stigma approaches to reduce the level of harm associated with substance use. These approaches promote acceptance and focus on reducing stigma and adverse consequences of drug use. This webcast will provide an overview of how stigma negatively affects PWUD and provide strategies for reducing stigma as key strategy for addressing the opioid crisis.
https://www.albany.edu/sph/cphce/phl_1118.shtml

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