Az CRH Highlights

Thank you to the presenters, and all who joined in person and online for our Teaching Health Center conference!
A total of 68 participants attended, with 45 in person and 23 online. Presenters shared innovative approaches for community-based training models to advance the health and well-being of our rural and urban underserved populations.

» PDFs and recordings (coming soon) are available on our website!

Join us for our next AzCRH Webinar on Oct 21: Overdose Recognition & Naloxone Administration

Presenters are health educators from AzCRH - Elena “Lena” Cameron, Aimee Gutierrez and Bianca SantaMaria.

Learning objectives:

- Summarize the current opioid epidemic in
Arizona

- Identify the relationship between trauma and substance use
- Recognize signs of an opioid overdose
- Show ability to respond to an opioid overdose using naloxone

More information/registration

**URGENT: Learn More About Counterfeit Pills**

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated substance use, mental health conditions, and disparities in care. Recently, there has been an influx of counterfeit pills containing fentanyl and methamphetamine, putting people at risk for overdose. These counterfeit pills are made to look like legitimate prescription medications such as (but not limited to) Oxycotin®, Percocet®, Xanax®, or Adderall®. They are sold outside of the healthcare system. Regulated medicines, prescribed and dispensed by licensed health professionals or pharmacies are NOT affected.

To keep you, loved ones, and patients safe:

- **Engage in health promotion and prevention efforts.** Ask family, friends, or patients about substance use. Offer support and encouragement. See [https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/prevention](https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/prevention)
- **Be cautious.** Only take medications prescribed and dispensed by licensed health care professionals.
- **Test substances.** Find information on fentanyl test strips here: [https://spwaz.org/fentanyl/](https://spwaz.org/fentanyl/)
- **Get naloxone.** Learn how to respond to an opioid overdose and keep naloxone on hand. Find naloxone here: [aznaloxone.org](http://aznaloxone.org)
- **Offer treatment.** Remember substance use disorders are treatable with evidence-based medications and behavioral therapies. Find treatment at: [https://www.samhsa.gov/find-treatment](https://www.samhsa.gov/find-treatment)
- **Reduce stigma.** Provide safe, non-judgmental, and open environments for people who use drugs to communicate about their use to reduce harm,
promote health, or offer treatment.

END THE EPIDEMIC
ARIZONA FIRST RESPONDERS INITIATIVE

Program Timeline Extended to April 30, 2022!
ADHS, Bureau of EMS and Trauma System, and the Arizona Center for Rural Health are pleased to announce an extension of the Arizona First Responders Initiative to continue activities until April 30, 2022:

Request Naloxone Zoom Training:
endtheepidemic@email.arizona.edu

Order Naloxone:
https://redcap.uahs.arizona.edu/surveys/?s=LPCN3P384N

Free on-line 17 minute video entitled “Roadmap for First Responder Encounters of Patients with Potential Substance Use Disorder,” and availability of additional supporting materials: https://crh.arizona.edu/roadmap-training

Click for more information

Az CRH NEWS

Sep 09, 2021  :  Moonshot, Upshot, Hot Spot, Bullshot
Aug 18, 2021  :  Chat About MAT Podcast - AzMAT Mentors Program and Center For Rural Health
Aug 04, 2021  :  UA receives $4M grant to support health services in rural Arizona
Jul 23, 2021  :  Video: Addressing Vaccines and other COVID Issues in Rural Arizona
Jul 12, 2021  :  Arizona and COVID-19: Returning to Normal
Jul 06, 2021  :  Center for Rural Health Receives $4.4M Federal Grant to Continue
Health Services to Rural Arizona
Jul 06, 2021: Vax backtracks: State, U.S. miss goal of 70% vaccinated by July Fourth
Jun 25, 2021: Letter from a heat-parched West: How times and temps have changed

UPCOMING RURAL EVENTS

Oct 19 2021: 5th Annual Opioid Misuse Prevention Virtual Symposium
Oct 21 2021: AzCRH Webinar: Overdose Recognition & Naloxone Administration
Nov 17 2021: Second Annual Tribal Opioid & Substance Use Conference
Feb 6 2022: 2022 Rural Health Care Leadership Conference
Apr 20 2022: 2022 12th Annual Statewide Symposium in Support of Service Members, Veterans & Their Families

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Arizona Systems Change Grants
Grants for collaborative work designed to transform systems through changes to policies and practices to improve health in Arizona communities. Applicants from tribes and rural areas are encouraged to apply.
Geographic coverage: Arizona
Letter of Intent (Required): Oct 29, 2021
Application Deadline: Jan 28, 2022
Sponsor: Vitalyst Health Foundation

Arizona Vitalyst Spark Grants
One year grants to support collaborations in the journey to address systemic change in Arizona.
Geographic coverage: Arizona
Application Deadline: Mar 25, 2022
Sponsor: Vitalyst Health Foundation

Arizona AHEC Scholars Program
A multidisciplinary certificate program for certain health professions students in Arizona that offers opportunities for hands-on training, experience in rural and underserved communities, and networking with other students and professionals.

Geographic coverage: Arizona
Applications accepted on an ongoing basis
Sponsor: Arizona Area Health Education Center Program

**National Center for Farmworker Health Learning Collaboratives**

Virtual learning collaboratives that allow health centers to study and apply quality improvement methodology to a focused topic, such as increasing access to care, emergency preparedness, and social determinants of health.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Applications accepted on an ongoing basis
Sponsor: National Center for Farmworker Health

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**RECOMMENDED RESOURCES**

**We Can Do This: COVID-19 Public Education Campaign.** The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services announced a national effort to help community partners promote COVID-19 vaccine confidence. The campaign includes educational materials targeted to specific audiences, including rural communities, and seeks volunteers for the COVID-19 Community Corps. Don’t miss the Spanish-language website, [JuntosSiPodemos.HHS.gov](https://juntossipodemos.hhs.gov).

**The Ad Council’s Rural Resource Toolkit for Vaccinations [pdf].** The toolkit includes simple message elements for talking about vaccines and public service announcements that can be customized with your organization’s logo and used in print, online, on the radio, or on television.

**HHS Facts About COVID Care for the Uninsured.** The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) helps uninsured individuals find no-cost COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines. The [HRSA Uninsured Program](https://www.hrsa.gov/uninsured) provides claims reimbursement to health care providers generally at Medicare rates for testing, treating, and administering vaccines to uninsured individuals, including...
undocumented immigrants. There are at-a-glance fact sheets for providers and for patients in English and Spanish.

**NACCHO's Older Adult Fall Prevention Learning Community Series.** NACCHO, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) will be launching a Learning Community Series this October! Participants will have the opportunity to hear from expert speakers, interact and engage with local health departments and EMS agencies looking to strengthen their fall prevention initiatives, and have access to specialized tools and resources to support their older adult fall prevention efforts.

**COVID-19 Resources for People with Disabilities**
