Az CRH Highlights

The AZ Rural Health Conference is only two weeks away!

We are excited to see you August 1 & 2, for the 46th Annual Rural Health Conference at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff.

» NEW for this year: we will have a smart phone app allowing you to have the agenda, speakers, exhibitors and more at your finger tips! Download and more information will be sent to all registered attendees.

» Arrive a day early and take part in one of our pre-conference sessions on Wednesday, July 31st!

- Effective Advocacy Strategies for Rural Health Policy in Arizona
- “Responding to Substance Use”
- Building a Diverse Workforce From the Ground Up: Assessing and Understanding Your Organization’s Current Context
AzCRH Annual Report - FY 2018-19

The AzCRH annual report summarizes activities from 07/01/18 to 06/30/19 related to its mission to improve the health & wellness of Arizona’s rural & vulnerable populations. The Center houses federal and state funded programs providing unbiased, trusted data, analyses, evaluations, reports and technical assistance to inform Arizonans, providers, programs, policymakers, and others on rural best practices, legislation and regulation. » Click to download PDF.

AzCRH Rural Webinar

**August 15, 12 Noon: Learn How You Can Build a Campaign to Advance Behavior Change for Social Good**

Behavior change is not easy. If it was, we would all exercise regularly and eat healthy. Even when we know something is the right thing to do, we don’t always do it. We’re human: our actions are influenced by peer pressure, personal motivations and values, convenience, cost, and the list goes on. By understanding how our target audience sees the behavior we are promoting, including the benefits it would bring and any barriers that may stand in the way, we can implement a campaign that is informed and effective. With research and pilot testing, a successful campaign “marketing mix” will include various messages, psychology-based communication tactics, and diverse channels and outreach strategies. Finally, continuously evaluating a social and behavior change campaign is important to make sure it is impactful.

This webinar will give you various tools and strategies to help you advance behavior change for social good.

HRSA Virtual Job Fair
The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is hosting a Virtual Job Fair Wednesday, August 7, 2019 from 7:00 – 10:15 p.m. ET.

- HRSA’s virtual job fairs connect job-seeking primary care trainees and practicing clinicians with healthcare facilities with vacancies.
- Interested trainees and clinicians should join our Virtual Job Fair and find thousands of healthcare jobs in all communities across the nation: https://adobe.ly/2KTfRQG

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**AZ CRH NEWS**

- **Jul 16, 2019**: Arizona’s 54th State Legislative Session: Initiatives that impact clinicians and their patients
- **Jul 10, 2019**: Extra costs, health risks for pregnant women in maternity deserts
- **Jul 10, 2019**: New Navajo Nation cancer center cuts patients' travel time
- **Jul 10, 2019**: With Rural Health Care Stretched Thin, More Patients Turn To Telehealth
- **Jul 01, 2019**: Dan Derksen, MD named acting of Arizona Health Education Centers (AzAHEC)
- **May 29, 2019**: Rural hospitals are closing — what now?
- **May 29, 2019**: For Many Navajos, Getting Hooked Up To The Power Grid Can Be Life-Changing
- **May 21, 2019**: Native American Tribes Across the Country Are Pushing for Better Internet Access

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**UPCOMING RURAL EVENTS**

- **Jul 20 2019**: Faith Community Overdose Prevention Training/Fe Comunitaria de Sobredosis Entrenamiento de Prevención
- **Jul 22 2019**: AZ Telemedicine Program: Telemedicine Applications - Phoenix & Tucson
- **Jul 29 2019**: Youth Mental Health First Aid Training For Adults
New federal rural health grants awarded to Arizona

Through the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP), HRSA awarded $800,000 to Arizona organizations for four Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Planning projects to implement and sustain SUD/OUD prevention, treatment, and recovery services in rural communities.

2019 Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - Planning II Grant Awards

- Amistades Inc., Tucson: $200,000
- Community Awareness Resource Entity of Arizona, Saint Johns: $200,000
- Mariposa Community Health Center, Inc., Nogales, $200,000
- Summit Healthcare Association, Show Low: $200,000

Learn more about the RCORP Planning program: https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/rcorp/planning

FORHP awarded $100,000 to the Arizona Community Health Workers Association, Inc for a Rural Health Network Development Planning grant. The Rural Arizona Community Health Worker Workforce Development Network will assess needs and address gaps to increase effectiveness of Community Health Workers in care coordination and the integration of primary care and behavioral health in rural areas as critical to health care transformation and value-based reimbursement in rural Arizona.
**Foundation for Rural Service Community Grant Program**
Grants to support a variety of local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural communities across America. Focus areas include business development, community development, education, and telecommunications.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Sep 13, 2019

**Strengthening the Tribal Response to Violence Against Native Women**
Training, technical assistance, and resources designed to help individual tribal governments and tribal communities strengthen the response to effectively address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Applications accepted on an ongoing basis
Sponsor: Tribal Law and Policy Institute

**AHRQ Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grants (R18)**
Supports the dissemination and implementation of research projects related to AHRQ's mission to produce evidence to make healthcare safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable. AHRQ's priorities include an interest in rural and frontier healthcare delivery.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide and U.S. territories
Application Deadline: Jan 27, 2021
Sponsors: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**RECOMMENDED RESOURCES**

**Medicaid’s Role in Addressing the Opioid Epidemic**
Provides state-by-state information on opioid overdose deaths and death rates per 100,000 population, Medicaid coverage of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) drugs, and whether states waived the Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) exclusion for substance use disorder treatment. Includes additional statistics on the opioid epidemic and related Medicaid coverage statistics.

**Rural Health Recap: State of Rural Women’s Healthcare Utilization and Health**
**Indicators**
Summarizes rural and urban statistics describing health indicators and healthcare utilization for women, maternal and obstetric healthcare services, and maternal substance use. Includes information regarding barriers to accessing care.

Sponsoring organization: Rural Health Research Gateway


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**Online Sexual Violence Training for Community Health Workers/ Promotoras**
A 4-hour online course that provides an introduction to basic knowledge and skills useful in assisting and responding to victims of sexual violence.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Applications accepted on an ongoing basis