Az CRH Highlights

Please join us for a special AzCRH Webinar moderated by Dan Derksen, MD and Ronald Weinstein, MD on National Rural Health Day as we take a virtual tour of the State of Arizona, celebrating and connecting with some of the people and
organizations from across the state who contribute to a dynamic process of change in rural communities. » **Thursday, Nov 21 at 11:00 am MST.**

» Check out all Events This Week for National Rural Health Day, November 21. Each year on the third Thursday of November, the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy celebrates National Rural Health Day to give a closer look at the federal effort to assist communities. The event was created in 2010 by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) to recognize the ongoing efforts, contributions, and collaborations occurring in rural communities to address the unique challenges in accessing and delivering health care services. #PowerOfRural

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**AzCRH Receives National Award of Excellence**

The Arizona Center for Rural Health received the **2019 SORH Award of Excellence** from the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) at its annual meeting in Albuquerque. NOSORH presents the award to a State Office of Rural Health making outstanding contributions to rural health. Nominations are made by NOSORH members, national rural health partners and other organizations.

Picture: Jennifer Peters, Program Manager for the Arizona State Office of Rural Health Program, accepted NOSORH’s 2019 Award of Excellence on behalf of the Center. Cathleen McElligott, Director, Massachusetts State Office of Rural Health, presented the award. (Albuquerque, NM, October 2019)

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**Two New Workforce Reports from AzCRH**
AzCRH is pleased to release two data briefs: Maternal Health and the Obstetrician and Gynecologist Physician Workforce in Arizona. Women’s and maternal health begins where women live, learn and work. Access to timely and high-quality women’s health and primary care services is also an essential component of a supporting maternal health. According to the March of Dimes, Greenlee and La Paz counties are maternal care deserts and Cochise, Graham Pinal, and Santa Cruz counties have limited access to maternal care. Women in rural Arizona face barriers to maternal health care including a lower ratio of Ob-gyn providers per population. In general, women in rural areas have additional barriers like longer drive-times and fewer facilities offering obstetric services.

Click for more information

2019 AzAHEC Annual Report

Since 1984, the Arizona Area Health Education Center (AzAHEC) Program has served Arizona in pipeline to practice health professions workforce development for rural and urban underserved communities. The Fiscal Year 2019 AzAHEC Program Annual Report updates progress in carrying out its mission, federal and state required activities that reached 15,758 participants.

» Download report.

AzCRH Staff Member Honored
Tucson Public Voices Fellowship selected Bryna Koch to be one of twenty Tucson Public Voices Fellows for 2019-2020. The goal of the Fellowship is to increase the influence of women and minority thought leaders, changing who narrates our world. Tucson Public Voices Fellowship “is a partnership between The University of Arizona, the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona and The OpEd Project, the Fellowship is a prestigious year-long initiative to accelerate the ideas and impact of 20 new and necessary women thought leaders.” You can read more about the fellowship here: https://www.womengiving.org/op-ed/

AzCRH Director Receives Alumni of the Year Award

The Alumni Association salutes University of Arizona alumni for their achievements, public service, advocacy for education, volunteerism and services to students, the colleges and the university. AzCRH Director, Dan Derksen, MD received the College of Medicine's 2019 Alumni of the Year Award (seen here getting a thumbs up from Wilbur).

» Read more.

Az CRH NEWS

Nov 13, 2019 : Arizona Center for Rural Health Receives National Award of Excellence

Nov 13, 2019 : Hometown health care providers know importance of National Rural Health Day

Nov 13, 2019 : ‘In this for the long haul’: How a labor organizer’s daughter became
Improving the health of 'invisible' farmworkers is a community effort in Willcox

AzFlex Program Receives $3.5 million grant from HRSA

Bike Ajo Program is Model for Rural Communities

Rural counties seek state, federal help to prepare for apocalypse

Something Special Is Happening in Rural America

AzCRH Webinar: Partnerships: The Power of Rural in Arizona

6th Annual ACE Summit

2019 4th Annual Accountable Care Symposium

Arizona Telemedicine Program - Developing a Telemedicine Program (Phoenix & Tucson)

Arizona’s Drug Epidemic: Understanding a Pharmacist’s Roles and Responsibilities

AHA Rural Health Care Leadership Conference

Arizona Rural & Public Health Policy Forum

2020 Annual Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers Conference

Arizona Telemedicine Program - Telemedicine Applications (Phoenix & Tucson)

2020 11th Annual Statewide Symposium in Support of Service Members, Veterans & Their Families

SAMHSA Tribal Behavioral Health Grant Program – December 10

NIH Strategies to Reduce Disparities in Rural – December 13

Economic Impact Initiative Grants

Funding to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities that have extreme unemployment and severe economic depression.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Applications accepted on an ongoing basis
Sponsors: U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA Rural Development

**NACCHO's Model Practices Award**
Recognizes and honors outstanding local health officials and practices in the United States.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Dec 30, 2019
Sponsor: National Association of County and City Health Officials

**Recovery Community Services Program**
Grants to recovery community organizations to provide peer recovery support services to individuals with substance use disorders or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders or those in recovery from these disorders.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Dec 23, 2019
Sponsors: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**RECOMMENDED RESOURCES**

**HealthCare.Gov Open Enrollment:**
**Lower Premiums, More Choices, Easier to Compare**

» From **now until December 15**, consumers can log on to [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) and [CuidadodeSalud.gov](http://CuidadodeSalud.gov), or call 1-800-318-2596, to enroll in a health plan for coverage in 2020.

**Comments Requested: Rural Eligibility for FORHP Funding** – EXTENDED to November 23

**HRSA Recognizes Diabetes Awareness Month** – Thursday, November 21 at
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 30 million people in the United States have diabetes and 1 in 4 of them don't know they have it. Adults with diabetes are nearly twice as likely to die from heart disease or stroke; for people living in rural areas, the risk factors associated with diabetes are higher. In recognition of National Diabetes Month, HRSA's Office of Regional Operations will share resources and prevention strategies in a 90-minute presentation that includes HRSA's Health Center Diabetes Quality Improvement Initiative.

NIHB: Call for proposals for the 11th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit.
Conference topics include disease prevention, public health policy, substance misuse and behavioral health, environmental health and traditional AI/AN public health practice.
March 17-19, 2020 in Omaha, Neb. Register.
Deadline for proposals is December 15

American Public Health Association (APHA) Fact Sheet: Creating the Healthiest Nation Water and Health Equity
"Creating the Healthiest Nation: Water and Health Equity" (PDF) is the latest release in APHA's series of fact sheets on health equity. Previously released fact sheets explore advancing health equity, promoting environmental justice and assuring health and educational equity. All the fact sheets in the series describe why health equity is central to creating the healthiest nation and highlight ways public health practitioners and partners can advance equity.
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