Az CRH Highlights

AZ Physician Shortage Highlighted in News Media

…the current shortage of doctors in rural Arizona is glaring. Several rural hospitals in the state either currently are experiencing a shortage or expect to experience one in coming years. The shortage of physicians is especially pronounced in primary care. Arizona ranks 44th out of 50 states in total active primary-care physicians, and that shortage is worse in rural areas…

AzCRH Associate Director, Heather Carter is quoted in recent articles in *The Arizona Republic and other news outlets.*

» Read more: Rural Arizona towns wrestle with serious doctor shortage
Don't miss our next AzCRH Webinar:
Superbugs are Taking Over... Here's How Telehealth Can Stop Them

On Thurs. September 19, 2019 at 12:00 pm Arizona Time with Kevin T. Stephan, MD, FACP, a board-certified Infectious Disease specialist. Check out all upcoming and past webinars in the Center for Rural Health Webinar Series.

Click for more information

The 2019 Arizona Veteran Survey is Now Open

The Arizona Veteran Survey was first conducted in 2017. It was the first ever comprehensive survey of our military, veteran and family community, with a focus on strengthening the care, services and support provided to service members, veterans and their families throughout Arizona. The survey is open through December 31, 2019. We invite you to start, finish and share the online survey.

Click to take survey

3rd Annual Southern Arizona Opioid Misuse Prevention Symposium

AzCRH invites you to join the 3rd Annual Southern Arizona Opioid Misuse Prevention Symposium on Oct. 30 in Tucson. The focus will be on the Systematic Decriminalization of Trauma - systematic changes to address trauma and prevent, intervene, and treat related substance use disorders. Vendors, sponsors, and attendees register here!

Click for more information
Sep 04, 2019: Rural Arizona towns wrestle with serious doctor shortage
Aug 22, 2019: Students Spend Transformative Summer on the U.S.-Mexico Border
Aug 22, 2019: More States Adopt Laws to Boost Oral Health Care Workforces
Aug 09, 2019: Mobile Telehealth Units and Care Coordinators Improve Emergency Care Services for Rural Arizona Patients
Jul 30, 2019: Rural hospital masters what many large hospitals have not
Jul 26, 2019: Lack of broadband puts tribal, rural areas ‘in jeopardy,’ lawmakers told
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

Sep 13 2019: MAT (Medication-Assisted Treatment) Symposium
Sep 13 2019: Webinar: Live Demonstration of the New J1 Visa Waiver Program Automated System
Sep 16 2019: Politics, Policy, and Advocacy for Health and Healthcare in Arizona
Sep 18 2019: Greenlee County/Morenci Community Overdose Prevention Training
Sep 19 2019: AzCRH Webinar: Superbugs are Taking Over... Here’s How Telehealth Can Stop Them
Sep 20 2019: Tribal Health Symposium: Creating Innovative Strategies for a Healthier Future
Sep 22 2019: MAT Waiver Training
Sep 23 2019: 3rd Annual National Native Health Research Training Conference
Sep 23 2019: Arizona Telemedicine Policy Symposium
Sep 24 2019: Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
Sep 25 2019: ACEs, Trauma and Substance Exposure: Standards of Care for Infants and Toddlers
Oct 30 2019: 3rd Annual Southern Arizona Opioid Misuse Prevention Symposium
**Addressing Disparities Research Grants**
Funding to research the comparative effectiveness of enhanced interventions that reduce or eliminate disparities in health and healthcare. Research that focuses on residents of rural areas is listed as a funding priority.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Letter of Intent (Required): Oct 1, 2019
Application Deadline: Jan 14, 2020
Sponsor: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

**Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grant Program**
Grants to support new or existing edible gardens at K-12 schools and nonprofit organizations.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Oct 15, 2019
Sponsor: Whole Kids Foundation

**Recommended Resources**

**Just starting to work with Rural Health Clinics?**
Check out the [CMS Rural Health Clinics Center](#)

As we approach the **upcoming ACA marketplace enrollment period (November 1)**. This is a [useful tool](#) from [Cover AZ](#) for organizations to understand where to target outreach efforts for Medicaid and Marketplace health insurance enrollment. » See the report [here](#).

**Improving Access to Maternal Health Care in Rural Communities**
Highlights the issues affecting access to healthcare for women in rural communities before, during, and after pregnancy. Demonstrates the need for national, state, and community organizations to work together to develop a plan to improve access to care and the outcomes for rural women and their babies.
Sponsoring organization: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Date: 09/2019

**How-To Videos Now Available at data.HRSA.gov**
Data.HRSA.gov features short "How-to" videos on popular tools such as the Health Center Locator, Shortage Area Dashboards, Fact Sheets, and more. Check them out to learn how easy it is to use the data.HRSA.gov website.

**UA & Pima County Health Department Launch Academic Health Department**

The University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and the Pima County Health Department have launched the Academic Health Department (AHD) to enhance public health education, training and research to improve community health in Pima County.

**Hopi Tribe Citizen Scientists Investigate Environmental Hazards**

Robin Harris, professor of epidemiology and Mary Kay O’Rourke, professor emeritus from the UA Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, are co-principal investigators of the Hopi Environmental Health Project and developed the curriculum for the “Citizen Science” component of the study designed for students at Hopi High School in Keams Canyon, Arizona. » Read more.

**Casa Grande High School Students Explore Careers in the Health Professions**

The Youth Engagement for Success (YES) health education program is a week-long interactive and interprofessional summer camp to introduce high school students in Casa Grande, Arizona to the health professions.