



Greetings from the Virginia Primary Care Office & the State Office of Rural Health

Request your copy of the first annual VA-SORH "Community Conversations Calendar" before the new year!



The calendar highlights topics commonly discussed during conversations held in various rural communities, "Community Champions," and local resources. Calendar photos were taken exclusively from rural Virginia. If you're interested in receiving a copy or more of the calendar, please complete the form below.

ALSO, submit your own photos of rural Virginia for the chance to be featured in the 2022 edition of the VA-SORH Community Conversations Calendar!

[Calendar Request Form](#)

[Photo Submission Form](#)

Information & Resources for Providers



Updated "COVID-19 Funding Sources Impacting Rural Providers" guide

This funding resource by the Technical Assistance and Services Center (TASC), in coordination with the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP), is intended to support rural health care providers, along with their state and local partners, navigate the availability of federal funds to support the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic response and recovery efforts. This guide is updated regularly to capture changes in funding sources. One of the main updates for this version is the addition of the RHC COVID-19 Testing Program found on Page 57.

[To Access the Updated Guide](#)

Unite Virginia is launching as a statewide network!



The overall goal of Unite Virginia is to build a community of partners across Virginia equipped with the tools they need to collaborate across sectors and create a more equitable community. Partners in the network are connected through a shared technology platform, Unite Us, which enables them to send and receive electronic referrals, address people's social needs, and improve health across communities.

[For More Information and to Join the Network](#)

The Unite Virginia team will be hosting Community Strategy Sessions on **December 15, 2020 and January 5, 2021 at 10 AM ET**. The Community Strategy Sessions will include an overview of Unite Virginia and a software demonstration. Please register for the session most convenient for you.

COVID-19 Vaccine Community Conversations presented by the VDH Office of Health Equity

To learn more about how Virginia is preparing for the COVID-19 vaccine, register for one or all of the following Community Conversations:

- Asian American & Pacific Islander Community- Tuesday, December 8 at 6 PM ET
- LatinX Community- Wednesday, December 9 at 6 PM ET
- LGBTQIA+ Community- Thursday, December 10 at 6 PM ET
- African-American Community- Tuesday, December 15 at 6 PM ET
- People with Disabilities Community- Wednesday, December 16 at 6 PM ET
- **Rural Community**- Thursday, December 17 at 6 PM ET

To Register

VDH Primary Care Needs Assessment Survey

Please encourage your community members and stakeholders to participate in the following survey. The Virginia Office of Health Equity and Virginia Department of Health are conducting a survey in order to fuel discussion about how to improve the Primary Care system for all Virginians.



If you have any questions about the survey, please contact VA-SORH's Program Coordinator, Sarah O'Connor, at sarah.oconnor@vdh.virginia.gov.

Primary Care Needs Assessment Survey

Digital Survey Flyer

State & Regional Resources & Funding Opportunities

The VA-SORH *Innovative Rural Programming* Application Cycle is Open Now!

Application Deadline: January 8, 2021 by 5 PM ET



The Virginia State Office of Rural Health (VA-SORH) is pleased to announce that we will be offering awards for *Innovative Rural Programming* for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Awards consist of annual grants that range in value from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

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The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy has released a new funding opportunity called the Rural Health Care Outreach Services Program. Information about the grant opportunity is below with links to the application and slides from a webinar hosted by FORHP for your reference. If your agency plans to apply for funding you must send an email to the VA State Office of Rural Health, at heather.anderson@vdh.virginia.gov, notifying VA-SORH of the intent. Additionally, if you need any technical assistance please reach out to the VA-SORH for assistance.

[For More Information and to Apply](#)

Community Opioid Intervention Pilot Projects

Application Deadline: December 15, 2020

The Department of Health and Human Services is offering funding that seeks to address the opioid crisis in American Indian/Alaska Native communities by developing and expanding community educations and awareness of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for opioid misuse and opioid use disorder. The intent is to increase knowledge and use of culturally appropriate interventions and to encourage an increased use of medication-assisted treatment (MAT).

[For More Information and to Apply](#)



USDA Farm to School Grants Program

Application Deadline: January 8, 2021

The Farm to School Grants program seeks to improve access to local foods in schools. Funds support a wide range of activities from training, planning, and developing partnerships to creating new menu items, establishing supply chains, offering taste tests to children, purchasing equipment, planting school gardens, and organizing field trips to agricultural operations.

[For More Information and to Apply](#)

Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) Program

Application Deadline: January 19, 2021



The US Department of Health and Human Services is currently accepting applications for the NWD Program. The purpose of this program is to assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds (including ethnic and racial minorities underrepresented among registered nurses) throughout the educational pipeline in becoming registered nurses. This purpose is accomplished by supporting diploma or associate degree registered nurses as they become baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses, and preparing practicing registered nurses for advanced nursing education.

[For More Information](#)

Rural LISC - Lowe's Rural Relief Small Business Grants program, upcoming application round

As part of our continuing commitment to elevate our impact in rural America,



OneLISC is inviting small business owners in rural locations across the country to apply for the LISC-Lowe's Rural Relief Small Business Grants program.

Applications are being accepted in "rounds". You must submit a new application each time in order to be considered for funding. The next round opens on **December 29th and closes January 5, 2021**. To find out more about who is eligible, to sign up for updates, and to apply, please visit the LISC website.

[For More Information](#)

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