



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

Community Spotlight

The Stone Mountain Health Services Black Lung Clinic Program brings mental health awareness to Virginia miners



The Stone Mountain Health Services Black Lung Program provides holistic medical care and legal lay representation to coal miners, their families and other patients with respiratory conditions. It is the only HRSA funded Black Lung Clinic in Virginia.

In 2018, Stone Mountain Health Services implemented a well being/behavioral health screening for all Black Lung Clinic patients. Stone Mountain Health Services has helped spearhead research on the prevalence of and risk factors for mental illness among coal miners in the United States.

[SMHS Black Lung Program Overview](#)

[SMHS Mental Health Services](#)

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Updated COVID-19 Resources

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) COVID-19 Vaccination Resources



- [Vaccinate Virginia](#)- to find a vaccine near you
- Sign up for [Vaccinate Virginia Partner Updates](#)
- Become a 2021 [VDH Community Ambassador](#)
- [VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Patient Education Materials](#)
- Find out which phase of the vaccination campaign you fall in
- Contact your Local Health District

COVID-19 Communications Materials

- "About the Three COVID-19 Vaccines" Graphic ([download here](#))
 - [The Language of Vaccine Acceptance](#) by de Beaumont
 - [CDC Vaccination Communication Toolkit](#)
 - Downloadable [VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Patient Education Materials](#)
 - [Rural Community Toolkit](#) to build vaccine confidence and promote preventive measures
 - [NRHA COVID-19 Vaccine Talking Points for Rural Leaders](#)
 - [Customizable COVID-19 Vaccine Communication Toolkit for Rural Communities](#)
 - **NEW** PHCC "6 Ways Schools Can Promote COVID-19 Vaccination"
 - **NEW** CDC "How to Address COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation"
 - **NEW** PHCC FAQ on "Vaccine Booster Doses"
 - **NEW** PHCC FAQ on "Pregnancy/Fertility"
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Additional COVID-19 Resources

- CDC National Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine
- COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Data Systems
- COVID-19 FAQs and Funding for HRSA Programs
- HRSA COVID-19 Coverage Assistance Fund (CAF)
- GHPC's Collection of Rural Health Strategies for COVID-19
- NRHA Rural-Relevant COVID-19 Resource Library
- We Can Do This: COVID-19 Public Education Campaign launches a [Spanish-language website](#)
- **NEW** "Factors Associated With Use of and Satisfaction With Telehealth by Adults in Rural Virginia During the COVID-19 Pandemic"

Information & Resources for Providers & Healthcare Facilities

Upcoming VRHA Pride Of Rural Virginia Community Chats

Farmville/Prince Edward County: Saturday, August 21 from 1-3 PM at the Farmville United Methodist Church

Pulaski County: Saturday, August 28 from 1-3 PM at Al's on First



Join the Virginia Rural Health Association at the next two Pride of Rural Virginia Community Chats, a grant-funded initiative to address LGBTQIA+ health & healthcare priorities in rural areas across Virginia. The conversations will take place both in-person and virtually. Visit www.vrha.org/pride to find more information including the Zoom login information.

[To Download the Farmville Community Chat flyer](#)



Intersection of Substance Use, HIV, and HCV Office Hour

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 from 2-3 PM ET

The National Clinician Consultation Center (NCCC), in partnership with the HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), will be hosting a free office hour session on the Intersection of Substance Use, HIV, and HCV. The HRSA-funded NCCC provides free, confidential, one-on-one teleconsultation to health care providers on evaluation and management of substance use disorders, and the prevention and management of HIV and hepatitis C.

[To Register and Submit Questions](#)

The New Mobile Methadone Rules and What They Mean For Treatment Access

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) recently revised the registration requirements for narcotic treatment programs (NTPs) with mobile components. The new rules are intended to decrease barriers to creating new methadone vans, yet also limit how they operate, with restrictions related to medication storage, security, and the type of care that OTPs can provide.

[To Read the Full Article](#)



Virginia Cancer Conference: Joining Together for a Virginia Without Cancer

September 15, 22, and 29 from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM ET

The Virginia Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia will host the 2021 Virginia Cancer Conference: Joining Together for a Virginia Without Cancer virtually in September. The Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia's purpose is to facilitate statewide collaborations of organizations and individuals to focus on activities related to objectives contained in the Virginia State Cancer Plan, which is updated every five years.

The Virginia Rural Health Association's Executive Director Beth O'Connor, will be a breakout session speaker discussing health equity.

[For More Information](#)

[To Register](#)

Federal Agencies' Investment in Rural Cancer Control



A recent edition of *The Rural Monitor* gives an in-depth look at a federally funded network of academic, public health, and community partners across the country who collaborate to reduce cancer disparities. The work began in 2018 when the National Cancer Institute joined with HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Rural Health Council for the [Accelerating Rural Cancer Control Research meeting](#).

[To Read the Full Article](#)

Rural Healthy People: Where We've Been and Where We're Going webinar

Wednesday, August 25 at 12:30 PM ET

The Southwest Rural Health Research Center has launched a once-per-decade study to identify and address the health priority concerns of rural Americans. This Rural Healthy People initiative relies on survey data from rural health stakeholders to understand the Healthy People priorities that matter the most for rural health each decade. This webinar will begin by looking back at key findings from [Rural Healthy People 2010](#) and [Rural Healthy People 2020](#), which studied the top 10 rural health priorities for the past two decades. Speakers will then look ahead to Rural Healthy People 2030 to discuss major changes to Healthy People and what they mean for rural America. The session will conclude by presenting early findings from the [Rural Healthy People 2030 survey](#) and discussing what comes next.

[Webinar Zoom Link](#)



[Apply now to the NRHA Rural Health Fellows Program](#)

Application Deadline: September 3, 2021

NRHA's Rural Health Fellows program is a yearlong, intensive training program that develops leaders who can articulate a clear and compelling vision for rural America. Each year, NRHA selects 10 to 15 highly motivated individuals who have proven their dedication to improving the health of rural Americans through their educational or professional experience. The goal of the

fellows program is to educate, develop and inspire a networked community of rural health leaders who will step forward to serve in key positions in the National Rural Health Association, affiliated rural health advocacy groups and local and state legislative bodies.

[For More Information and to Apply](#)

"Community Health Workers' Role in Advancing Equity" Webinar

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 3:00 PM ET

County Health Rankings and Roadmaps will host a one-hour webinar on the growing role of Community Health Workers in patient-centered care and community health. The webinar will provide clarity on the scope of their work, licensure requirements, and available funding sources to build a capable workforce.

[For More Information and to Register](#)

State & Regional Resources & Funding Opportunities



Epidemiology Program for American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes and Urban Indian Communities

Application Deadline: September 1, 2021

New and competing continuation funding for Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs) serving American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes and urban Indian communities. TECs will conduct disease surveillance, research, and prevention; control of disease, injury, or disability; and assess the effectiveness of AI/AN public health programs.

[For More Information and to Apply](#)

Service Area Competition Funding for Health Center Program (Areas Served with a Project Start Date of May 1, 2022)



Application Deadline: October 4, 2021

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Service Area Competition (SAC) under the Health Center Program. The purpose of this grant program is to improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring continued access to comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality primary health care services.

[For More Information](#)

Apply now for the Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation Grant



Deadline to Submit the Letter of Intent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Informational Webinar: TODAY, Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM

The 2021 Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation fall grant cycle is now open! If your non-profit is ready to expand its scope or try something new and innovative to provide oral health care to vulnerable populations, consider applying for a Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation grant.

[For More Information](#)

[Informational Webinar](#)



HHS Sends More Aid for SUD and Maternal Care in Rural Communities

The Biden-Harris Administration announced that it is providing nearly \$90 million to help rural communities combat opioid use disorders (OUD) and other forms of substance use disorders (SUD), and to improve access to maternal and obstetrics care. This funding is being distributed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

[For More Information](#)



USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

[For More Information and to Apply](#)

Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project



Application Deadline: September 10, 2021

With the support of the Health Resources Services Administration's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP), the National Rural Health Resource Center provides selected small rural hospitals and rural health clinics technical assistance through the Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project (RHPTP). This project is designed to help strengthen their foundation in key elements of value-based care (VBC) including but not limited to efficiency, quality, patient experience, and safety of care.

[For More Information and to Apply](#)

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