



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

Community Spotlight

Healthy Harvest Community Garden

Healthy Harvest Community Garden, of South Boston, VA, recently hosted an open house to celebrate the garden's success. In its fourth year, the Healthy Harvest Community Garden shared about 4,000 pounds of fresh produce with those in need thanks to the help of their volunteers and interns.



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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](#)
- **NEW** [VDH Tele Town-Hall and Other Vaccine Confidence Resources](#)

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](#)
- [CDC "How to Address COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation"](#)
- **NEW** [PHCC "FDA Approval Messaging and Outreach Tools"](#)
- **NEW** [CDC "Talking with Patients about COVID-19 Vaccinations"](#)
- **NEW** [CDC "Ways to Help Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations"](#)
- **NEW** [HRSA "RHC COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Program" information](#)

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](#)

Information & Resources for Providers & Healthcare Facilities

Request for Proposals for CHW Placement Sites in Virginia for CHWs for COVID-19 Response



Submission Deadline: Friday, September 3 by 11:59 PM ET

In May 2021, the Institute for Public Health Innovation (IPHI) submitted an application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC-RFA-DP21-2109) on behalf of Virginia Department of Health entitled Community Health Workers for a Healthy Virginia. If funded, the initiative will involve diverse local, regional and state partners working together synergistically to create integrated clinical/community networks of CHWs and other partners at the local level designed to effectively respond to COVID-19 while also building long-term community resiliency.

We would like to proceed with some preparatory steps to help the project get off the ground quickly in the event we receive funding. To that end, we are soliciting information from interested CHW employment sites to finalize the allocation of an estimated 28 FTE CHWs across the four catchment areas.

We anticipate that organizations' interest in receiving funds for CHW positions will exceed the resources available through this grant. Therefore, we are requesting information from interested sites providing services in the four designated areas to inform the allocation of available positions. We have formed a small statewide committee to advise IPHI and VDH on the allocation of available resources to support CHW hiring. To request positions, please complete this brief survey. The committee will use your responses to make decisions on the allocation of grant resources to organizations for CHW positions.

[To Submit a Proposal](#)

Registration for the VAFCC 2021 Annual Conference Opens September 13th



November 8-12, 2021

Join VAFCC for the 2021 Annual Conference, the premier educational and networking meeting for Virginia's free and charitable clinics, their safety net partners, and healthcare advocates. The VAFCC's Annual Conference will be an asynchronous hybrid event involving both virtual and in-person components. Attendees can expect to learn, share, and network with their peers and partners from across the Commonwealth.

All registrations must be paid in full and in advance. Scholarships are available for members in good standing (application available in the VAFCC Member Center). Refunds will be issued through October 22 with a \$15 service charge. After that date, no refunds will be issued.

[For More Information](#)



3RNet Recruiting for Retention Academy

October 5 - December 14, 2021

This six-part webinar series features practical, action-oriented content for health care employers using a workshop-type approach.

The 2021 Academy will examine the recruiting process: everything from planning and preparation to sourcing to closing the deal. Without a well defined recruitment process, employers will be hard pressed to succeed in recruitment efforts.

[For More Information](#)



Register now for the 2021 Catalyst Annual Summit!

October 7 - 8, 2021

Each year, the health care community comes together to discuss new innovations and drive change in Virginia at the Catalyst Annual Summit. The virtual 2021 summit features nationally recognized speakers on topics like value-based care, water equity, and racism in healthcare.

[For More Information and to Register](#)

Registration is now open for the 2021 Rural Health Voice Conference

November 1 - 18, 2021

Registration is now open for the 2021 Rural Health Voice Conference hosted virtually by the [Virginia Rural Health Association](#) in November. This conference is an occasion to recognize that all aspects of rural communities, not just healthcare, are providers or barriers to health.



[For More Information and to Register](#)

Virginia Tech's Mobile Autism Clinic is finalist for national community engagement award

"The [Virginia Tech Autism Clinic & Center for Autism Research's](#) Mobile Autism Clinic has been named a finalist for the 2021 C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Scholarship Award."

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Experts convene to explore public policy solutions to address health disparities

"Speakers, including Virginia's chief diversity officer, collaborated with policymakers and health

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State & Regional Resources & Funding Opportunities



American Rescue Plan Act: Emergency Rural Health Care Grants

Application Deadline: October 12, 2021

The Emergency Rural Health Care program is designed to help broaden access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines, rural health care services, and food assistance through food banks and food distribution facilities.

[For More Information](#)

Clinical Workforce Development Training, Technical Assistance, and Learning Collaboratives for FQHCs



Application Deadline: September 30, 2021

Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as the organization responsible for The National Training and Technical Assistance Partnership (NTTAP) on Clinical Workforce Development, Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC) and its Weitzman Institute provides a model of free technical and training assistance to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) across the United States. This free training and technical assistance is data driven, cutting edge and focused on quality and operational improvement to support health centers and look-alikes. CHC and its Weitzman Institute specialize in providing education and training to interested health centers in Transforming Teams and Training the Next Generation through national webinars, activity sessions, and learning collaboratives.

[For More Information](#)



Community Mobility Ready-to-Launch Grants

Application Deadline: October 15, 2021

Each grant of up to \$75,000 will fund the pilot phase of an already designed solution to allow low-income community members to become more fully engaged in economic opportunities, improve their health and well-being, and/or become more integrated into their community. The Ready-to-Launch grants are supported with funding from the Federal Transit Administration.

[For More Information and to Apply](#)

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Scholarship

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis



The Virginia Health Care Foundation offers full-scholarships (up to

\$26,000 for tuition and required fees) for nurse practitioners wishing to earn a post-Master's Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate at any accredited school of nursing.

The purpose of the Virginia Health Care Foundation's Psych NP Scholarship program is to increase the number of primary care providers with behavioral health training providing care for uninsured and medically-underserved Virginians and provide eligible NPs financial support to complete a post-master's Psych NP certificate program.

[For More Information and to Apply](#)



Southeast Rural Community Assistance Loan Fund Program

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis

Community development loans to local governments, public service authorities, user associations, nonprofit organizations, and other community entities for the development and/or construction of large-scale community projects.

[For More Information](#)

NIH Researching Type 2 Diabetes Care for Adults in Disparity Populations



Deadline to Submit Letters of Intent (recommended): September 5, 2021

Application Deadline: October 5, 2021 by 5:00 PM ET

This initiative will support innovative research to develop, test and evaluate multi-level/multi-component strategies (including models of health care) to effectively adapt and implement comprehensive clinical care for individuals with Type 2 diabetes mellitus from populations with health disparities concordant with recommended and evidence-based guidelines.

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