



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

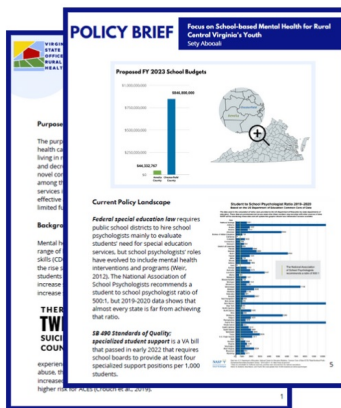
Community Photo Feature

Mary Chamberlin captured this perfect moment of a horse "laughing" at Central Virginia Horse Rescue.

Mary submitted this photo to the 2021 VA-SORH Photo Contest.



VA-SORH Updates



Rural Health Policy Brief: Focus on School-based Mental Health for Rural Central Virginia's Youth

The Virginia State Office of Rural Health will be publishing a **monthly series of rural health briefs**. Checkout the June 2022 edition, "Focus on School-based Mental Health for Rural Central Virginia's Youth," which explores the rising need for accessible mental health care among the rural youth population residing in central Virginia (VA).

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Updated COVID-19 Resources

For a compiled list of Virginia Department of Health, Communication, and External COVID-19 Resources, please visit our website linked below.

New resources include:

- **Creating Rural Community Outreach Materials related to COVID-19 and Disability**

Information & Resources for Providers & Healthcare Facilities

Employment Barriers in the Rural Fifth District

Across our District, employment is lower in rural areas. Numerous factors – like education, housing, transportation, childcare, health and broadband – are shaping these differences in rural and urban employment.

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Nominate a Virginia Community Star!

Deadline to Submit a Nomination: Monday, August 1, 2022

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) is thrilled to announce that Community Star nominations are now open through August 1, 2022! The annual Community Stars Recognition Program, in conjunction with National Rural Health Day (November 17), honors those making a difference in rural health through collaboration, education, innovation, and communication.

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The VDAF Wise MOM Project is back!

July 22-23, 2022



**Missions
of Mercy**

The Mission of Mercy (MOM) project will be returning to Wise County at the University of Virginia's College at Wise (Convocation Center). There is a profound need for access to affordable dental services in Southwest Virginia. Wise MOM is a 2-day dental clinic conducted each year in July to provide free dental services including cleanings, fillings, oral surgery, x-rays and dentures (prescreened individuals only for dentures). The MOM pilot project was held in Wise County in 2000. Since that time, 24,423 Southwest Virginia area patients have received free dental care valued at \$21.1 million.

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How Appalachia Is Growing Its Outdoor Economy Through Collaborations and Capacity Building

Leaders across government, nonprofit, and business sectors are hoping to cultivate the industry in a way that serves the good of all the region's communities. All across

Appalachia, there are examples of a growing outdoor economy. This article highlights Damascus, Virginia and the Virginia Creeper Trail.

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Answering The Call: 988 - A New Vision for Crisis Response

Discuss three areas important to implementing the 988 mental health crisis response number and behavioral health crisis response: interagency collaboration, the behavioral health workforce, and financing. Offers policy recommendations for developing a comprehensive crisis response system. Discusses rural considerations and challenges throughout.



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Virginia awarded over \$200 million to expand broadband Internet access in rural areas

"The United Treasury Department announced that Virginia is one of four states that will receive funds to expand access to high-speed Internet service in rural areas under the American Rescue Plan's Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund. The Commonwealth will be getting \$219 million."

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Webinar: Addressing Stigma for Recovery Resources

Thursday, July 7 at 2:00 PM ET



The Fletcher Group, one of three FORHP-funded **RCORP-Rural Centers of Excellence on Substance Use Disorders**, examined the way that stigma affects political and financial support for recovery housing. They'll discuss the results of their study and how they can be applied at the community level.

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National Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis

Investment in rural maternal care is a featured priority of the new all-of-government approach to high rates of maternal mortality across the United States. The plan announced last week stresses more staff and capabilities for rural obstetrics and increased funding of the HRSA/FORHP-supported **Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies Program**. A 2019 study from the Rural Health Research Gateway found a **greater number of potentially life-threatening complications** with childbirth in rural areas.

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BuchananCares Program: A Team-based Care Pilot Led by a Rural Community Hospital and Local Pharmacist

A team of clinical health professionals from the Appalachian College of Pharmacy (ACP), Buchanan General Hospital (BGH), and the Virginia Department of Health, developed BuchananCares to reduce patient readmissions and improve health outcomes.

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Upcoming Meetings & Webinars



**NOSORH
Community Star
Nominations**

due August 1

[To Submit](#)



**Pride of Rural
Virginia-
Shenandoah Co.**

August 6

[To Register](#)



**2022 NOSORH
Annual Meeting**

October 5-6
register by 8/26/22

[To Register](#)



**National Rural
Health Day**

November 17

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State & Regional Funding Opportunities



**Rural Emergency Medical Communications Demonstration Project
(REMCDP)**

Application Deadline: Monday, July 18, 2022

This funding opportunity is to fund a demonstration project addressing the **National Emergency Communications Plan** (NECP) implementation gaps and rural medical communications, which supports the **DHS Strategic Plan** goal to strengthen preparedness and resilience.

REMCDP's goal is to examine communications barriers and identify solutions that enhance existing emergency communications infrastructure to improve the delivery of rural medical care and address NECP implementation gaps.

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Minority Research Grant Program

Application Deadline: Thursday, July 28, 2022

The Minority Research Grant Program (MRGP) provides funding opportunities to support health equity research conducted at 1) Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), 2) Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), 3) Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), or 4) Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs).

The purpose of the MRPG is to support researchers at minority serving institutions that are exploring how CMS can better meet the health care needs of CMS beneficiaries. The MRGP supports research on the discovery and characterization of health processes, practices, behaviors, and burdens or issues related to CMS programs, policies, and operations, that influence health equity.

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NBCC Foundation Rural Scholarships



Application Deadline: Sunday, July 31, 2022

The National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) Foundation is pleased to announce the 2022 rural scholarships for students pursuing a career in professional counseling. The rural scholarships were created to increase the number of counselors available to serve people in rural areas. These scholarships provide financial support to students who are currently enrolled in a Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)-accredited counseling master's program, live in a rural area, and commit to serve rural populations within one year of graduation for the duration of a minimum of at least two years post-graduation. Five scholarships in the amount of \$8,000 are available.

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Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program

Application Deadline: Monday, August 15, 2022

To meet staffing needs, the Indian Health Service (IHS) offers to repay educational loans in exchange for two years of service in a full-time clinical practice at an IHS facility. Opportunities are based on staffing needs and the availability of funds. Eligible applicants must have a health profession degree or be in the final year of academic/post-graduate clinical training.

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Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grants

Application Deadline: Tuesday, August 23, 2022

The U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), is making

up to \$1,000,000 available in grant funds for education and training programs to help the mining community identify, avoid, and prevent unsafe and unhealthy working conditions in and around mines. MSHA could award as many as 20 grants. The minimum amount of each individual grant will be at least \$50,000 and the maximum amount will be up to \$1,000,000.

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Modernized Anti-Racist Data Ecosystems (MADE) for Health Justice



Application Deadline: Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Modernized Anti-Racist Data Ecosystems (MADE) for Health Justice is a grant opportunity that seeks to accelerate the development of health-focused local data ecosystems that center principles of anti-racism, equity, justice, and community power.

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Virginia First Responder Naloxone Grant

Application Deadline: ongoing

The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) is managing a First Responder Naloxone grant for the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS). The project goals are to increase access and distribution of naloxone to all first responders in the Commonwealth of Virginia, increase participation in the DBHDS REVIVE! training for first responders, and to increase the number of REVIVE! Trainers and Master Trainers. Please read below for information on No-Cost Naloxone Supplies, training to administer naloxone, and links to additional information/ resources.

[For More Information](#)

USDA Multifamily Housing Loan Guarantees



Application Deadline: ongoing

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guarantees loans to private-sector lenders for financing affordable rental housing in eligible rural areas.

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Continuum of Care: Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO)



Application Deadline: Thursday, October 20, 2022

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a first-of-its-kind package of resources to address unsheltered homelessness and homeless encampments, including funds set aside specifically to address homelessness

in rural communities.

The NOFO describes the need in rural areas, for veterans, and other underserved groups, noting a \$54.5 million set-aside for rural communities.

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