



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

VA-SORH Updates

VA-SORH Digital Calendar Series

The Virginia State Office of Rural Health will be sharing a digital calendar page every month. Each page will feature a winning photograph from the **2022 VA-SORH Photo Contest** winning photo and a relevant rural health topic or resource.

Pro tip: download the calendar page to use as your computer's desktop background!



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Rural Health Policy Brief: Strengthening Mental Health Care in Southwest Virginia

The Virginia State Office of Rural Health publishes a **monthly series of rural health briefs**. Checkout the January 2023 edition, "Strengthening Mental Health Care in Southwest Virginia," which explores mental health access in Southwest Virginia and the benefits of integrated primary care as well as provide insight on how to strengthen the mental health care system.

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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:

- **COVID-19 Mortality Rates across Noncore, Micropolitan, and Metropolitan Counties by Community Characteristics, December 2020-January 2021**

Information & Resources for Providers & Healthcare Facilities

UVA, Community Health Centers Expand Cancer Screenings for Underserved



To expand access to cancer screenings for underserved groups in Central, Southside and Southwest Virginia, UVA Cancer Center is establishing partnerships with community health centers serving those regions.

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Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority starts accepting applications for first round of settlement money it controls

The authority was created by the General Assembly in 2021 to administer money from settlements relating to selling or distributing opioids. The state is expected to receive a total of about \$1 billion over 16 years.

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UWSWVA Awarded Grant For Trauma-Informed Care Initiatives



United Way of Southwest Virginia

A new grant awarded to United Way of Southwest Virginia by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services will continue to support Trauma-Informed Care work and resilience-based efforts for Southwest Virginia.

UWSWVA received a \$450,000 grant that will run through the end of September 2025. The grant will help with the work of both UWSWVA and local Community Service Boards (CSBs). Grant funds will be used to help build capacity, and to increase communication on the work of UWSWVA's Trauma-Informed Care Network and Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative.

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HRSA Health Workforce Footprint Map

Interactive mapping application providing a comprehensive view of Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) assets, including BHW program sites, in-service BHW program participants, submitted eligible BHW applications, Health Professional Shortage Areas, and other health workforce datasets. Key data sets are updated daily.

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Mpox Education Program Targets LGBTQ Residents in Rural Appalachia

The Community Education Group in West Virginia will use two \$50,000 grants to help community-based organizations provide mPox education to LGBTQ residents in rural parts of the 13 Appalachian states. The group will create educational materials and host meetings to reduce barriers to care for those in the LGBTQ community who are most at risk.

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Virginia Rural Hospital Report: The Challenge Before Us

Highlights the public health and economic contributions made by the 28 Virginia rural hospitals and the challenges they face. Features statistics on admissions, births, beds, and fulltime employees, and county-level maps showing locations of rural hospitals and Health Professional Shortage Areas.

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Rural Resource Guide: Affordable Housing and Recovery in Rural Communities



Provides an overview on federal regulations related to housing applicants with substance use disorder (SUD) and/or criminal charges. Reports on housing programs provided by Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Discusses affordable housing in rural areas as a necessary component in SUD recovery.

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Upcoming Meetings & Webinars



NRHA's 34th Rural Health Policy Institute



2023 MATRC Telehealth Summit



2023 Investing in Rural America Conference



National Rural EMS & Care Conference

February 7-9

March 15-17

April 11-12

April 18-20

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State & Regional Funding Opportunities



NOSORH Rural Health Grant Writing Institute

Application Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2023

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to write better grant proposals, turn rurality to your advantage, learn to connect with funders, and more. This series is perfect for beginners seeking to gain the skills to research and draft winning program proposals from various funders. Each session walks participants through one of the basic building blocks or strategies for successful program funding.

Weekly virtual learning sessions will take place on Mondays from 3:00-4:30 pm ET. The Institute runs from February 27-May 8, 2023.

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Investments Supporting Partnerships in Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE)



Deadline to Submit Letters of Intent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Application Deadline: Friday, March 17, 2023

The grant program addresses the region's substance use disorder (SUD) crisis with investments up to \$13 million in the creation and expansion of a SUD recovery ecosystem that helps facilitate workforce entry and re-entry. Eligible applicants are organizations **within the ARC service area** that can help individuals in recovery obtain and maintain employment.

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2023 Virginia Rural Leadership Institute



Application Deadline: Thursday, March 2, 2023

The Virginia Rural Leadership Institute (VRLI) is an initiative put forward by the Virginia Rural Center. It is the first and only program in the Commonwealth that focuses entirely on retaining and attracting rural Virginians, by developing leaders who are innovative, responsible, civic minded and build strong regional communities.

Over the course of four sessions, Cohort Members will receive professional leadership and economic development training that equips community leaders with the skills they need to lead long-term economic advancement in their community and region. The program also

seeks to increase cooperation, collaboration, and coordination across a broad array of organizations and sectors.

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Dental Health Virtual Summer Institute

Application Deadline: Friday, March 3, 2023

The Dental Health Summer Institute is a FREE virtual course provided by the Old Dominion University Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene and the Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation for high school students interested in learning more about dental health professions.

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SAMHSA Expanding SUD Capacity in Adult and Family Drug Treatment Courts

Application Deadline: Monday, March 6, 2023

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will make approximately 80 awards, each up to \$400,000 per year. Existing drug courts should have a coordinated, multi-system approach designed to collaborate with effective SUD treatment services.

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A Strategic Approach to Advancing Health Equity for Priority Populations with or at Risk for Diabetes

Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 7, 2023

This funding opportunity seeks to decrease risk for type 2 diabetes among adults with prediabetes and improve self-care practices, quality of care, and early detection of complications among people with diabetes. Additionally, this NOFO will support implementation of evidence-based, family-centered childhood obesity interventions as a type 2 diabetes risk reduction strategy.

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HRSA Integrated Substance Use Disorder Training

Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 21, 2023



HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce aims to increase the number of clinicians providing mental health and substance use disorder treatment in underserved primary care settings. Eligible applicants are health care facilities, including Rural Health Clinics, with a demonstrated record of success in providing training for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, health service psychologists, counselors, nurses, and/or social workers.

Have questions? Join a [TA Webinar](#) on **Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 2 PM ET**.

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Improving Access to Overdose Treatment

Application Deadline: Friday, March 24, 2023

The purpose of this program is to expand access to naloxone and other Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved overdose reversal medications for emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose. The recipients will collaborate with other prescribers at the community level to implement trainings on policies, procedures, and models of care for prescribing, co-prescribing, and expanding access to naloxone and other FDA-approved overdose reversal medications to the specified population of focus (i.e., rural or urban).

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Virginia State Loan Repayment Program

Application Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2023

VA-SLRP is operated by the Virginia Department of Health-Office of Health Equity (VDH-OHE) providing a non-taxed incentive to qualified medical, dental, behavioral health and pharmaceutical (pharmacists) professionals in return for a minimum of two (2) years of service at an eligible practice site in one of the federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) in a qualified field of practice in Virginia.

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