



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

Community Photo Feature

Caroline Williamson captured this adorable moment of a dog on a boat wearing a life jacket watching the sun go down in Onancock, VA.

Caroline submitted this photo to the 2022 VA-SORH Photo Contest.



VA-SORH Updates



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.

- **The End of the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency - Impacts for RHCs** webinar on April 5, 2023 at 3:00 PM ET

[COVID-19 Resources](#)

Information & Resources for Providers & Healthcare Facilities

It's National AHEC Week!

Happy National AHEC Week! Area Health Education Centers provide vital support to our health workforce. To celebrate National AHEC Week, 3RNET is giving new registrants \$5 gift cards; \$10 when you add a resume or CV at registration! Simply select 'National AHEC Week' as your Discovery Source when registering. The fine print: Choose a gift card to

one of hundreds of businesses. Please allow up to 48 hours for delivery. Promo valid March 27 - 31, 2023. Limit one per person. Please contact info@3rnet.org with any questions.

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Join the RECOVER project to help us learn about the long-term effects of COVID-19 in children and families

The VCU School of Nursing is leading the RECOVER project, part of a nationwide initiative funded by the National Institutes of Health to understand long-term effects of viral illnesses such as COVID in young people. They welcome the opportunity to talk with you about engaging families in your community to be part of this project -- the team is committed to involving **rural families** who can help us understand their specific needs and experiences. Would you be able to **facilitate the sharing of information about this project and/or meet with the RECOVER team to discuss having the team recruit participants through your organization?**

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United Way of Southwest Virginia Helps Bring More Opportunities in Tech And Engineering to the Region

United Way of
Southwest Virginia

UWSWVA will facilitate the expansion of the Great Opportunities in Technology and Engineering Careers (GO TEC™) framework into additional schools and school divisions across our region. As a result of a recent grant award from GO Virginia, UWSWVA will serve as the In-Region Coordinating Entity (IRCE) for GO TEC in GO Virginia Region 1. We will work with Danville's Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) staff to build the infrastructure and administrative capacity to expand this proven model across Southwest Virginia.

Wipfli Report: State of Rural Healthcare

This recently published report is based on a survey of more than 100 rural healthcare organizations across 25 states to learn how they're coping with economic and regulatory challenges. Despite a record number of rural hospitals closing during the past two years and several other rural hospitals at risk of closure, the State of Rural Healthcare report reveals that organizations surveyed are cautiously optimistic for the future. Two-thirds of respondents said their financial situation today is the same or better than it was five years ago. Looking ahead, over 75% of rural providers expect their revenue to grow or remain flat over the next three years.

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Travis Staton Featured in 2023 Heavy Hitters List

United Way of Southwest Virginia's President and CEO, Travis Staton, was featured in Virginia Business' 2023 list of Virginia's 50 most powerful and influential executives. Travis has been the President and CEO of UWSWVA since 2005, guiding our organization through eight mergers and acquisitions to grow our

service area to 21 localities across 20% of the Commonwealth. Virginia Business acknowledged UWSWVA's status as one of the nation's most innovative United Way affiliates and mentioned our efforts in advocating for the health, education, and financial stability of all individuals in Southwest Virginia.



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Upcoming Meetings & Webinars



2023 Investing in Rural America Conference

April 11-12

[To Register](#)



National Rural EMS & Care Conference

April 18-20

[To Register](#)



NRHA Annual Rural Health Conference

May 16-19

[To Register](#)

State & Regional Funding Opportunities



Health Workforce Incentive Programs

Virginia Department of Health Workforce Incentive Programs

The Commonwealth of Virginia offers several incentive programs to attract health professionals to Virginia's underserved areas. These programs not only assist with paying down outstanding medical education debt but also afford individuals an opportunity to become part of a community and provide care to deserving populations.

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Application Deadline: Friday, April 28, 2023

Funding for community-based outreach education and extension programs at land-grant colleges and universities that provide individuals and families based in rural areas with information on health, wellness, and prevention. Projects should utilize telehealth, telemedicine, and distance learning strategies for education and training in rural communities related to opioid and substance misuse.

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Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education)

Application Deadline: Friday, April 28, 2023

The purpose of this program is to develop a sustainable infrastructure for school-based mental health programs and services. Award recipients will leverage their partnerships to implement mental health-related promotion, awareness, prevention, intervention, and resilience activities to ensure that school-aged youth have access and are connected to appropriate and effective behavioral health services. With this program, SAMHSA aims to promote the healthy social and emotional development of school-aged youth and prevent youth violence in school settings.

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Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)

Application Deadline: Monday, May 1, 2023

Funding for accredited schools of nursing to establish and/or operate a student loan fund. Grantees will loan money to students, and up to 85% of each loan may be forgiven upon completion of up to 4 years of full-time employment as a faculty member in an accredited school of nursing.

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Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)

Application Deadline: Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Grants for projects that assist in the development, coordination, and expansion of domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Priority will be given to projects that benefit communities located in low income/low food access (LI/LA) census tracts.

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Application Deadline: Friday, May 12, 2023

The Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) is a multi-year Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) initiative aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD), in high-risk rural communities. This notice announces the opportunity to apply for funding under the RCORP-Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health (RCORP-CABH) program. The purpose of RCORP-CABH is to establish and expand sustainable behavioral health care services for children and adolescents aged 5-17 years who live in rural communities, and to prevent substance misuse

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AgriSafe Nurse Scholar Program

Application Deadline: Monday, May 15, 2023

The AgriSafe Nurse Scholar program is a distance learning opportunity designed for rural nurses. Experienced health & safety educators share their expertise in prevention, identification, and assessment of diseases related to agricultural work exposures. Classes are in the form of webinars to be viewed on your own time. Nurses who complete this course will be eligible for 23.75 hours of continuing nursing education.

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Rural Health Care Coordination Program

Application Deadline: Monday, May 15, 2023



The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) has announced a funding opportunity that promotes rural health care services outreach by improving and expanding delivery of health care services through comprehensive care coordination strategies in rural areas.

Ten successful award recipients will receive up to \$300,000 per year over the four-year project period to:

- Expand access to and quality of equitable health care services through care coordination strategies exclusively in rural areas;
- Utilize an innovative evidence-based, promising practice, and/or value-based care model(s) known or demonstrate strong evidence to improve patient health outcomes, and the planning and delivery of patient-centered health care services;
- Increase collaboration among multi-sector and multidisciplinary network partnerships to address the underlying factors related to social determinants of health; and
- Develop and implement deliberate and sustainable strategies of care coordination into policies, procedures, staffing, services, and communication systems.

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Deadline to Submit Required Letter of Intent: Friday, July 14, 2023

Application Deadline: Tuesday, September 5, 2023



Funding for projects to increase access to healthcare for uninsured Virginians and those who live in areas with limited access to care. Grant applicants are encouraged to develop initiatives in the following areas based on their local needs:

- Developing or Expanding Capacity
- Establishing a Broader Scope of Services
- Accelerating Licensure of Behavioral Health Professionals
- Creating Local Coordinated Systems of Care
- Conquering the Consequences of COVID-19

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