



**VIRGINIA
RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION**



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VRHA News

2024 Virginia Rural Health Clinic Summit

June 20-21

The Inn at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA

Registration Fee: \$25.00

Free Lodging for Virginia RHC Staff!

(Must Register by May 24th)

More Details Coming Soon!

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Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Audience: Rural Health Clinic Managers & Administrative Staff

[2024 Sponsorship Application](#)

Virginia News

[Free Virtual Dental Health Summer Institute for High School Students](#)

Old Dominion University and Delta Dental of Virginia are hosting a **FREE** Virtual Dental Health Summer Institute for high schoolers on June 24-28, 2024! Students can discover career paths, get lab experience, and learn college admissions tips. **Applications are due on March 4.**

Calendar

[Connecting Treatment to Recovery – The Updated ASAM Criteria 4th Edition](#)

February 1, 2024 2:00 pm Virtual

Dr. Earley and Ms. Sanders are contributing authors of the recently released ASAM Criteria, 4th Edition, which integrates recovery support services, including recovery residences, into ASAM's service standards at every level of care. ASAM standards also include peer coaches and recovery specialists in standards for treatment planning.

Resources

[NOSORH Resources for Philanthropic Engagement](#)

Collection of resources on rural, health-related philanthropy. Provides materials on topics including community development, funding, strategy, and more.

[HepVu](#)

Interactive map for accessing data on hepatitis C and opioid use from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and regional data. Includes county-level data on hepatitis C and opioid mortality, and hepatitis C prevalence by state. Also includes testing and treatment center locations.

[Substance Use Care in Rural Communities](#)

Presents a collection of studies pertaining to substance use care in rural communities published by Addiction Science and Clinical Practice (ASCP). Explores a number of topics related to rural substance use, such as access to SUD treatment and screening as well as harm reduction models, among others.

[Overdose Prevention Policy Considerations: A Policy Playbook for State and Territorial Health Officials and Agencies](#)

Provides an overview of policy considerations related to overdose prevention, with a focus on health equity and stigma reduction, community distribution, drug checking equipment, syringe service programs, and substance use support peer programs. Includes case examples, strategies for overdose prevention interventions, and considerations for rural and frontier areas.

[How Does Cost Affect Access to Healthcare?](#)

Explores trends in how costs affect access to healthcare using data from the 2022 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Covers the percentage of adults who delayed or went

without care due to cost. Presents data by income level, health status, race and ethnicity, insurance status, and urban/rural residence. Also discusses insulin users who rationed insulin due to costs and the impact of medical debt on accessing care.

American Connection Corps Host Application

American Connection Corps Members advance economic prosperity in rural and emerging communities nationwide. Placed with a local public institution, members build critical capacity, attract resources, and activate community engagement across the following key areas:

- Community and Economic Development
- Health and Social Capital
- Agriculture and Natural Resources

Host Sites play a pivotal role in closing the digital divide and advancing economic prosperity, and by providing high-quality learning experiences to ACC Members, they help attract and retain civic-minded talent long-term.

Funding Opportunities

Local Foods, Local Places Program in Appalachian Communities *NEW*

Provides direct technical assistance to Appalachian communities to boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses, improve access to healthy local food, and promote wellness.

Application Deadline: February 9, 2024

States Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches & Development Model

NEW

A state total cost of care (TCOC) model that works to drive state and regional healthcare transformation and multi-payer alignment, with the goal of improving the total health of a state population and lowering costs. The AHEAD Model will provide participating states with funding and other tools to address rising healthcare costs and support health equity.

Application Deadline: March 18, 2024

Transformative Research to Address Health Disparities and Advance Health Equity *NEW*

Funding to support innovative intervention research addressing social determinants of health (SDOH) which, if successful, would have a major impact on preventing, reducing, or eliminating health disparities and advancing health equity. **Rural** populations are a priority, among other populations.

Application Deadline: March 22, 2024

PCORI Engagement Award: Capacity Building *NEW*

Funds projects that encourage the integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other stakeholders as members of the patient-centered clinical effectiveness research process.

Letter of Intent (Required): April 4, 2024

Application Deadline: July 10, 2024

Berkeley Public Health Online Rural Health Innovation Program *NEW*

Scholarships for public health leaders working in **rural** communities to attend the online MPH program at Berkeley and participate in a rural health curricula cohort .

Application Deadline: August 8, 2024

Disparities Affecting Healthcare Utilization and Health Outcomes Among Childhood Cancer Survivors *NEW*

Notice of Special Interest for research to understand and address the full spectrum of factors that contribute to disparities in survivorship care, healthcare utilization, and health outcomes among childhood cancer survivors. Proposed projects must Include populations commonly experiencing disparities based on race or ethnicity, sex, sexual or gender minority status, insurance status, **rural** residence, socioeconomic disadvantage, or other demonstrated differences.

Application Deadline: October 9, 2024

ELEVATE: Internships at ARC

ELEVATE is a paid summer internship opportunity where Appalachian students and recent graduates can elevate their careers, cultivate a deeper connection to the region, and innovate through meaningful projects that will impact their communities.

Application Deadline: February 29, 2024

[VA Quality Scholars Fellowship](#)

Two-year residential fellowship for clinicians who are interested in making veteran healthcare equitable and accessible for marginalized and **rural** populations. Fellows split their time between in-person clinical work, independent studies, and structured didactics while guided by a set of experienced mentors.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2024

[AARP Community Challenge](#)

Grants for projects that work to improve livability for all residents of a community. The 2023 application cycle will focus on public spaces; housing; transportation; civic engagement; diversity, equity, and inclusion; digital connections; community health; and economic empowerment, among others. Applications from **rural** communities are encouraged.

Application Deadline: March 6, 2024

[Continuum of Care Program Collaborative Applicant Registration](#)

The Continuum of Care Program provides grants for community collaboration projects that assist individuals and families who are homeless by providing supportive care services, transitional housing, and permanent housing. Projects must designate a collaborative applicant and successfully complete a collaborative registration process to be eligible to apply for funding.

Application Deadline: March 7, 2024

[Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Telehealth in Cancer Care](#)

Notice of Special Interest for research on the use of telehealth in cancer-related care, with a focus on populations that experience inequities in access to care and have worse cancer outcomes compared to the general population.

Application Deadline: March 8, 2024

[SAMHSA Minority Fellowship](#)

A 1-year fellowship for psychiatry residents who are interested in addressing minority psychiatric mental health issues and committed to a career providing culturally sensitive

psychiatric services for minority underserved populations.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2024

[American Psychiatric Association Diversity Leadership Fellowship](#)

A 2-year fellowship for minority psychiatry residents or those interested in minority and vulnerable populations. Activities are designed to prepare residents to teach, administer, and provide culturally competent, evidence based mental health and substance abuse services for diverse minority groups and at-risk populations.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2024

[Physician Assistant Rural Training in Behavioral Health Program](#)

The purpose of the Primary Care Training and Enhancement- Physician Assistant Rural Training in Behavioral Health program is to develop clinical rotations for primary care physician assistant students in **rural** areas. The goal is to increase the number of physician assistants trained to deliver these services in rural areas, including Medications for Opioid Use Disorder.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2024

[Primary Care Training and Enhancement: Physician Assistant Rural Training in Behavioral Health \(PCTE-PARB\) Program](#)

Funding to train primary care physician assistants to prevent, identify, diagnose, treat, and refer services for behavioral health conditions. The program goal is to increase the number of trained physician assistants who choose to practice in **rural** areas after graduation.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2024

[American College of Lifestyle Medicine HEAL Scholarship Program](#)

A scholarship for clinicians who are underrepresented in medicine to assist with the costs associated with attaining education and certification in lifestyle medicine.

Application Deadline: March 17, 2024

[Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant](#)

Grants to recruit and train emergency medical services personnel in **rural** areas with a focus on addressing substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions.

Application Deadline: March 20, 2024

[Behavioral Health Integration Evidence Based Telehealth Network Program](#)

Funding to support evidence-based projects that utilize telehealth technologies through telehealth networks to integrate behavioral health services into primary care settings in **rural** and underserved areas.

Application Deadline: March 22, 2024

[American Hospital Association Next Generation Leaders Fellowship](#)

A fellowship program designed to empower healthcare leaders to bring about lasting change in the hospital and health systems in which they serve. **Rural** applicants are encouraged.

Application Deadline: March 29, 2024

[Rural Health Care Telecommunications \(Telecom\) Program](#)

Assistance to healthcare providers for eligible expenses related to telecommunications and voice services for the use of telemedicine and telehealth.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2024

[Rural Health Care Program – Healthcare Connect Fund](#)

Provides assistance to healthcare providers for eligible expenses related to broadband connectivity at a flat discounted rate of 65%. Participants can apply as a member of a consortium or a stand-alone entity.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2024

[State Maternal Health Innovation](#)

Funding to reduce maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in states, including for populations experiencing disparities in maternal health outcomes.

Application Deadline: April 2, 2024

[Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program](#)

Grants to state designated entities to assist Critical Access Hospitals with quality and performance activities, including: stabilizing **rural** hospital finance; integrating emergency medical services (EMS) into their healthcare systems; incorporating population health; and fostering innovative models of healthcare.

Application Deadline: April 16, 2024

[Technology Development to Reduce Health Disparities \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

Funding to develop and translate medical technologies aimed at reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Medical technologies should be effective, affordable, culturally acceptable, and deliverable to those who need them. Priority health disparity populations include racial and ethnic minorities, socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals, sexual and gender minorities, and medically underserved populations in **rural** and urban areas.

Application Deadline: May 2, 2024

[Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Research on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Risks for Abuse and Injury Among Vulnerable Children and Youth](#)

Notice of Special Interest to fund research on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and risks for abuse and injury among vulnerable children and youth. Emphasis is placed on disparity populations related to abuse and neglect prior to the pandemic, as well as populations that have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus. Disparity populations include LGBT youth and children seen at **rural** emergency departments.

Application Deadline: May 8, 2024

[AHRQ Safety Program for Telemedicine](#)

Free learning cohorts of healthcare professionals who use telemedicine as a care delivery model. The 2024 cohort will begin in June 2024 and will focus on appropriate antibiotic use while maintaining patient satisfaction and reducing potential side effects in patients seen via telemedicine. Providers and practices from **rural** communities are encouraged to apply.

Application Deadline: May 23, 2024

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Application Deadline: May 31, 2024

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Dissemination and Implementation Research to Advance Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Health Preventive Interventions in School Settings

Notice of Special Interest for dissemination and implementation research to support innovative approaches to overcoming barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, scale-up, and sustainability of evidence-based interventions to support children's mental, emotional, and behavioral health in school settings. Health disparity populations, including individuals living in **rural** areas, are a priority.

Application Deadline: June 5, 2024

AHRQ Health Services Research Projects

Support for specified health services research projects related to AHRQ's mission to produce evidence to make healthcare safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable. AHRQ's priorities include an interest in **rural** and frontier healthcare delivery.

Application Deadline: July 8, 2024

AHRQ Small Research Grant Program

Supports different types of health services research projects, including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. **Rural** and frontier areas are considered a priority population.

Application Deadline: July 8, 2024

Virginia Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program

Offers a J-1 Visa waiver to foreign physicians who commit to serving for 3 years in an underserved area of Virginia, allowing them to remain in the United States.

Application Deadline: August 31, 2024

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Telehealth Strategies for Individuals with HIV and Substance Use Disorders

Notice of Special Interest for research to explore and develop telehealth methods and strategies for diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and population analysis in individuals living with HIV and substance use disorder.

Application Deadline: September 7, 2024

Comprehensive Care for Adults with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus from Populations with Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

Funding for research focused on developing and testing strategies that adapt/implement recommended guidelines of comprehensive clinical care for individuals with Type 2 diabetes from health disparity populations.

Application Deadline: September 7, 2024

Effectiveness of Implementing Sustainable Evidence-Based Mental Health Practices in Low-Resource Settings to Achieve Mental Health Equity for Traditionally Underserved Populations (R01)

Grants for research to develop and test the effectiveness of strategies for implementation and sustainable delivery of evidence-based mental health treatments and services to improve mental health outcomes for underserved populations in under-resourced settings. Under-resourced settings and populations include members of minority groups, other individuals experiencing disparities in mental health outcomes, and people living in a geographic area with a shortage of healthcare services.

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Innovative Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials

Funding for innovative research that will inform and support the delivery of high-quality, continuously improving mental health services to benefit individuals with, or at risk for developing, a mental illness. Research on innovative service delivery models that seek to reduce disparities in service access, quality, and outcomes for racial and ethnic minority groups, individuals limited by language or cultural barriers, sexual and gender minorities, individuals living in **rural** areas, socioeconomically disadvantaged persons, and other underserved groups is encouraged.

Application Deadline: September 7, 2024

Health Care Models for Persons with Multiple Chronic Conditions from Populations that Experience Health Disparities: Advancing Health Care towards Health Equity (R01 - Clinical Trials Optional)

Funding for research to study the effective adaptation, integration, and implementation of recommended guidelines of care of persons with multiple chronic conditions from populations that experience health disparities.

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[Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Research to Improve Pre-Pregnancy Care and Enhance Healthy Birth Intervals](#)

Notice of Special Interest for research that assesses the social and behavioral processes that facilitate or hinder the achievement of healthy interbirth intervals and to identify public health interventions that promote healthy birth outcomes.

Application Deadline: September 8, 2024

[Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19 in Underserved and Vulnerable Populations](#)

Notice of Special Interest for research in understanding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic to help prepare more effectively for future public health emergencies. Populations that experience health disparities are a particular focus.

Application Deadline: September 8, 2024

[The Role of Work in Health Disparities in the U.S. \(R01 Clinical Trials Optional\)](#)

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Application Deadline: October 9, 2024

[Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program](#)

Funding for community-driven projects that address climate challenges and reduce pollution while strengthening disadvantaged communities.

Application Deadline: November 21, 2024

[Stimulating Research to Understand and Address Hunger, Food, and Nutrition Insecurity](#)

Notice of Special Interest for research on interventions that address nutrition security and the mechanisms of food insecurity on a variety of health outcomes. Priority populations include racial/ethnic minority populations, lower income populations, and **rural** and remote populations including tribal communities and insular areas.

Application Deadline: November 29, 2024

Stand Down Grants

Provides funding for events that offer homeless veteran populations a variety of social services designed to help them to reintegrate into their communities, such as housing, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

Application Deadline: September 30, 2025

For ongoing funding opportunities, [visit our website](#)

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