



Welcome to the WY Office of Rural Health Newsletter!

The Wyoming Office of Rural Health is re-launching its newsletter! The newsletter aims to provide information regarding funding opportunities, trainings, events, and policy news relevant to rural Wyoming healthcare providers, healthcare associations, community-based organizations, and interested residents.

[Visit our Website](#)

Wyoming Office of Rural Health Updates

What is the Wyoming Office of Rural Health (ORH)?:

The WY-ORH is a program within the Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division, that seeks to enhance access to healthcare services, support the development of an adequate healthcare workforce, and promote collaboration in expanding comprehensive, community-based healthcare in rural Wyoming. The WY-ORH houses the Wyoming Primary Care Office, the Wyoming Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program, the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP). Additionally, WY-ORH provides funding and support for the Wyoming Telehealth Network, the Wyoming Telehealth Consortium, and the Research and Explore Awesome Careers in Healthcare (REACH) Program, and provides technical assistance for a variety of activities including grant writing, provider recruitment, and community assessment development. *If you have questions about the ORH and its programs, please feel free to reach out to Alyssa Kennett at alyssa.kennett@wyo.gov.*

ORH receives new HRSA grant!

The WY-ORH was one of three states recently awarded the Rural Veterans Health Access Program (RVHAP) Grant through the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. The RVHAP Grant is a three year project with the goal of increasing access to quality healthcare services for rural veterans, particularly mental health services via telehealth technology. ORH staff are excited to begin work on this new project!

ORH seeking an Americorp Vista

The WY-ORH is seeking an Americorp Vista to join our team! If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying or learning more about this opportunity to serve rural Wyoming, please follow this [link](#) to the position application.

Featured Funding Announcements

Rural Health Network Development Planning Program

This funding opportunity is offered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and supports funding for a one year planning period for healthcare organizations who wish to form a healthcare network in order to deliver better, more efficient care to their communities. Follow this [link](#) for more details regarding an applicant technical assistance webinar and application instructions.

- **Maximum Award:** \$100,000
- **Eligible Applicants:** rural nonprofit organizations, public entities, federally recognized tribes (an applicant must represent a consortium of three or more collaboration organizations).
- **Project Period:** 1 Year
- **Application Deadline:** November 29, 2019

Technical assistance is available to interested applicants through the Wyoming Office of Rural Health.

Research and Explore Awesome Careers in Healthcare (REACH)



The Research and Explore Awesome Careers in Healthcare (REACH) Program is an exciting program supported by the WY-ORH focusing on rural students in grades 5-10. The purpose of the program is to increase students' awareness, interest, and understanding of healthcare careers available in rural Wyoming. Grant award recipients host day camps in a healthcare setting where students are introduced to rural healthcare careers through a variety of innovative activities.

Learn more about the REACH Program and access the grant application on our [website](#).

- **Maximum Award:** \$1,490
- **Eligible Applicants:** rural healthcare organizations, rural schools or school districts, nonprofit organizations, and other organizations per ORH approval.
- **Project Period:** August 2019-June 2020
- **Application Deadline:** January 31, 2020 or until all awards are distributed

Technical assistance is available to interested applicants through the Wyoming Office of Rural Health.

Events and Training Opportunities

Upcoming ASIST Workshop

What: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid. ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and how to work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety.

When: September 3-4

Where: Cheyenne, WY

For more information on these trainings, please contact Lindsay Martin at lindsay.martin@wyo.gov



Promoting a Healthier Wyoming Conference

The Promoting A Healthier Wyoming! Conference is sponsored by the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, the Wyoming Cancer Program, the Wyoming Tobacco Prevention and Control Program and the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, all under the Wyoming Department of Health. The goal of the conference is to advance the knowledge of prevention, early detection, management and treatment of chronic diseases and offer a broad comprehensive educational opportunity with high caliber speakers.



[Register Today!](#)

Grant Writing Workshop in Casper August 26-27, 2019

Casper Police Department and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop in Casper, August 26-27, 2019. This training is for grant seekers across all disciplines. Attend this class and you'll learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals.

[Click here for full event details.](#)

Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend.

Multi-enrollment discounts and discounts for Grant Writing USA returning alumni are available. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment.

Tuition is \$455 and includes all materials: workbook and accompanying 420MB resource CD that's packed full of tools and more than 200 sample grant proposals. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary. Complete event details including learning objectives, class location, graduate testimonials and online registration are [available here](#).

Contacts:

Tammy Pitts
at Grant Writing USA
888.435.7281 toll free
tammyp@grantwritingusa.com

Sgt. Nunn
Casper Police Department
307.235.8490
snunn@casperwy.gov

Wyoming Suicide Symposium September 5, 2019

Details

Location: Little America, Cheyenne, WY

Time: 8:00am-5:00pm registration begins at 7am

Food: Lunch will be provided

Cost: Free

Sponsored by: Wyoming Department of Health, Injury and Violence Prevention Program

Target Audience:

This conference is targeted towards providers, therapists, physicians, military professionals, health

educators, public health professionals, and anyone interested in expanding their knowledge of suicide prevention.

Contact Lindsay Martin at 307-777-8034 or at lindsay.martin@wyo.gov with any questions.

Telehealth Updates

Upcoming WyTN Webinar

Provision of Evidence-Based Therapies to Rural Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault via Telehealth

Presenter:
Matt Gray
Professor, University of Wyoming

Wednesday August 28, 2019
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm MT



[*Click Here to pre-register for this session*](#)

Job Opportunity with Wyoming Institute for Disabilities: Senior Project Coordinator

Get involved in telehealth in Wyoming through this unique opportunity offered through the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities. The position will lead the coordination of rural health, disabilities and community-based programs including implementation, outreach and engagement aligned with core activities of the Wyoming Telehealth Network, Equality State Research Network (ESRN) and University of Wyoming Extension of Community Healthcare Outcomes (UW ECHO) in health networks and in collaboration with the Wyoming Department of Health, College of Health Sciences and other regional and national stakeholders.

Click [here](#) for full job description.

Participate in mapping Wyoming's broadband coverage

Broadband coverage is critical to the implementation and utilization of telehealth in Wyoming's rural communities. The Wyoming Business Council and its Wyoming State Broadband Program is working to map broadband coverage in Wyoming, and you can help! The Broadband Program is asking Wyoming residents to take the broadband speed test in order to contribute as many data points as possible to Wyoming's innovative [broadband map](#).

Take the Broadband Test today! Click [Here](#).

CEMS now available at Casper College

Community EMS Courses Offered
this Fall.



The Casper College School of Health Science Paramedic Technology Department will offer a number of Community EMS courses during the Fall 2019 semester. The courses are designed for currently practicing EMTs and paramedics who are interested in expanding their skill set in order to serve their community in new ways such as assisting patients in navigating healthcare challenges, and providing non-traditional EMS services such as preventive care.

Click here to learn more about the CEMS Program!

Resources

Sign up to receive news from the [Mountain Plains Mental Health Technology Transfer Center \(MHTCC\)](#)

Here is why you should consider [Joining the Listserv](#):

- Be the first to get information about free trainings and webinars
- Learn about new products developed for working with rural populations
- Access trainings and videos on: ACES, First Episode Psychosis, School Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, and more
- Find out when new MP-MHTTC curriculum infusion packets, podcasts, and videos are released

Rural Health Information Hub



About RHiHub: "The Rural Health Information Hub, formerly the Rural Assistance Center, is funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to be a national clearinghouse on rural health issues."-- RHiHub Website

RHiHub is a valuable resource for a large variety of rural relevant topics including funding opportunities, rural relevant research, and rural best practices.

Click on the logo to visit the RHiHub website.

Rural Health Research Gateway

Rural Health Research Gateway is a federally-funded Rural Health Research Center. Visit their [website](#) to learn more.

Join our mailing list!