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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. To access previous newsletters, visit our website.

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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 State Loan Repayment Program, the Wyoming Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program, and 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.*

Funding and Technical Assistance Opportunities

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, non profit 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.

Some critical access hospitals may be eligible for grant funding to implement eCARE Pharmacy and/or eCARE Emergency through the Helmsley Charitable Trust. To discover opportunities for potential funding, contact Stacey Tait-Goodale at Stacey.taitgoodale@aver.org or 605-595-5591. For more information on Avera eCARE, visit AveraeCARE.org.

Business Council Accepting Community Review Applications

The [Wyoming Business Council](#) and the [University of Wyoming Extension](#) invite you to apply for a community review to benefit your community in 2020.

A community review is a strategic planning process designed and conducted in coordination with leaders, business owners and residents in your community. The centerpiece of the program is a one- to three-day visit to your community by a team of community and economic development professionals. The members of this “visiting team” volunteer their time and talents to support your community in developing a plan to manage change and pursue your goals on your terms.

- **Deadline:** October 30, 2019
- **Application:** Click [Here](#) for Application Packet

Please review the application packet, then contact your Wyoming Business Council [regional director](#) to express your interest in applying or to ask any questions you may have.

Vulnerable Rural Hospitals Assistance Program

This Federal Office of Rural Health Policy FORHP Cooperative Agreement is designed to offer technical assistance to rural hospitals at risk of closure. The program provides Tier 1 assistance to five hospitals, which includes site visits from the Center for Optimizing Rural Health (CORH) Team and Tier 2 assistance to twenty-five hospitals, which involves phone calls and other targeted assistance.

- **Deadline:** October 31, 2019
- **Application Portal:** [Click Here](#)

To learn more about the Center for Optimizing Rural Health, this technical assistance opportunity, or to access application FAQs, follow the above link to the application portal.

Events and Training Opportunities

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!](#)



Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Training

- **When:** Monday, September 23
- **Time:** 7:00am-5:30pm
- **Where:** Community Health Center of Central Wyoming, 5000 Blackmore Rd., Casper, WY 82609
- **Register** [Here](#)

This training is hosted by the Wyoming Primary Care Association. For more information, email wypca@wypca.org

Donate Life Wyoming Scavenger Hunt

Join the first annual [Donate Life Wyoming Scavenger Hunt](#) to honor the lives of organ and tissue donors, celebrate the lives of transplant recipients and recognize those who continue to wait for a lifesaving transplant.



Crucial Conversations Training in Powell, WY

*Powell Valley Healthcare is pleased to offer
A One-Day Crucial Conversations Conference
for Healthcare Organizations*

*“Tools for Talking When the Stakes are High”
Presented by Vital Smarts*

Northwest College Yellowstone Building in Powell, WY
Thursday, November 7, 2019, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
\$100 per participant includes breakfast, lunch and materials

For more information and registration contact Tami Lineback Staff Educator at Powell Valley Healthcare at tami.lineback@pvhc.org or 307.754.1133. For scholarship information contact Kyle Cameron, Program Manager at kyle.cameron@wo.gov or 307.777.8902.

Telehealth Updates

Upcoming WyTN Webinar

September Session:

A Virtual Telemedicine Clinic Tour and Demo

**Wednesday September 25, 2019
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm MST**



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

HRSA Telehealth Learning Series - Telehealth Centers of Excellence: Leveraging Academic Excellence to Advance Telehealth Knowledge Webinar



Tuesday, September 24, 2019 2:00:00 PM MDT - 3:00:00 PM MDT

[Register Here](#)

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](#).

Jobs and Opportunities

Rural Veterans Health Access Program Specialist

The Office of Rural Health is seeking a contractor with the skills and desire to serve Wyoming's rural veterans and increase their access to health care. Access the bid description [here](#). All submissions due by September 19, 2019.

ORH Seeking 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.

Job Opportunity with Community Services Network of Wyoming

Position: Program Coordinator

The Program Coordinator performs high level corporate and client-centered functions. The position coordinators and carries out the programs and services for Community Services Network of Wyoming, a 501(c)3 nonprofit that provides advocacy, training, and technical assistance to Community Services Block Grant partners who are supporting a path to self-sufficiency for people living in poverty.

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.

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