November 21, 2019 is National Rural Health Day
The Office of Rural Health will be celebrating National Rural Health Day (NRHD), and we invite you to celebrate with us. Stay tuned for opportunities to get involved in NRHD and celebrate all that rural Wyoming has to offer. To learn more about National Rural Health Day and the Power of Rural
National Rural Health Day Photo Contest is now Open!
The annual National Rural Health Day photo contest hosted by WY-ORH is now open for submissions. The deadline to submit a photo is November 20, 2019. For full contest details, visit our [website](https://powerofrural.org).

### Funding and Technical Assistance Opportunities

#### Diabetes Prevention Grant

This exciting funding opportunity is offered by the Wyoming Department of Health, and will assist Wyoming organizations with the implementation of a sustainable Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP). Organizations who are awarded the grant will be required to plan and implement a DPP and apply for CDC recognition of their program.

**Optional Applicant Call:** Applicants will have the option to participate in an optional applicant call. The call will take place on October 30, 2019 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM Mountain Standard Time. Register in advance for the applicant call at: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/19a5d433bb2089734538d7d4481ef37](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/19a5d433bb2089734538d7d4481ef37).

- **Maximum Award:** $15,000
- **Eligible Applicants:** Wyoming organizations that are in good standing with the Wyoming Secretary of State and registered on SAM.gov. Organizations must not currently have a CDC-recognized DPP.
- **Application Deadline:** November 25, 2019
- **Apply** [here](https://powerofrural.org)

#### Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes and to Reduce Disparities in Rural Populations

This NIH funded opportunity encourages research to promote a greater understanding of the challenges faced by rural population groups, for the development (or adoption/adaptation) of evidence-based interventions that can reduce health risks faced by rural Americans. Both prevention and treatment interventions are needed to address rural health issues. Prevention strategies should address and measure reductions in risk factors and enhancement of protective factors, while treatment approaches would seek to measure and address amelioration of health in individuals living with existing conditions. To accomplish these goals, the research community will be encouraged to use a wide range of culturally appropriate methodological approaches that can enhance access to and acceptability of interventions in

- **Maximum Award:** $350,000/yr
- **Eligible Applicants:** Higher Education Institutions, Nonprofits, For Profit Organizations, Governments, and other. For full eligibility information visit the [NIH website](https://powerofrural.org).
- **Application Deadline:** December 13, 2019
- **Application** to be released on November 13, 2019.
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,
  - other 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.

Helmsley Charitable Trust Grant Opportunity

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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Events and Training Opportunities**

**Attn: RHC practice managers and providers**

*A free webinar series developed specifically for RHC practice managers and providers!*

The attached **FLYER** outlines a free webinar series developed specifically for RHC practice managers and providers. The topics focus on financial and operational improvement strategies. The 30-minute free monthly webinars will be hosted by Lylypad and other subject matter experts in partnership with the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) -- and they are available at no cost to your organization.

*Use the FLYER to register today!*

All webinars will begin 3:00 PM Eastern.
Rural Health Clinical Congress to Offer Free, Virtual Education to Rural Providers on November 23

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) is excited to partner with RME Collaborative to offer the 2019 Rural Health Clinical Congress (RHCC) in conjunction with National Rural Health Day! The RHCC is designed to take the distance out of learning, providing high-level, practical education for rural healthcare professionals through a virtual learning environment. This free, multi-topic CME/CE event is specifically for primary care clinicians and registered nurses who care for patients in rural and underserved areas. The RHCC will take place on Saturday, November 23, and feature a comprehensive curriculum covering clinical, practice management, and patient-centric topics, including diabetes, heart failure, asthma, teledermatology, and dyslipidemia. The program will be delivered by rural and clinical experts through an interactive, engaging virtual platform. Click here to learn more and register for this unique continuing education event!

Wyoming Residents Invited to Help Set Public Health Priorities

The Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division, in partnership with a multi-sector steering committee, are leading efforts to develop a state health improvement plan (SHIP). A SHIP is a data-driven roadmap for multiple partners to actively work together to improve population health. We invite community members across the state to actively participate in the priority-setting process for the SHIP. Community meetings are being scheduled around the state through mid-October. We encourage you to view the schedule and participate as you're able. Please feel free to share this information with others as well. If you have questions or want to learn more, please contact Feliciana Turner, performance improvement manager, at 307-777-8946 or by email at feliciana.turner@wyo.gov.

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@wyo.gov or 307.777.8902.

Telehealth Updates
Upcoming WyTN Webinar

October Session:
Telegenetics in Public Health Nursing Offices
Wednesday, October 30, 2019
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm MST

*Click Here to pre-register for this session*

Recordings of Previous Webinar sessions can be found on the Wyoming Telehealth Network Website

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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.

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Jobs and Service Opportunities

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.

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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!
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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