



Florida Rural Health Association
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The Florida Rural Health Advocate

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Save the Date: FRHA Summit 2019

We are excited to announce the 25th Annual Rural Health Educational Summit dates and location:

March 4-5, 2019
UNF University Center
Jacksonville, FL

We invite you to join FRHA in Jacksonville, FL for the opportunity to keep alive rural health voices in Florida.

Call for Presentations
Interested in speaking at the FRHA Summit? [Click here to learn more and submit your proposal.](#)



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Exhibitor registration is now open. [Learn more about becoming an exhibitor here.](#)

Participant registration will open in December.

Award Nominations

Do you know an outstanding rural health leader? Or a compassionate public servant improving the quality of life in rural Florida?

Shine a light on his or her work by submitting a nomination for the Wendell Rollason Award or the Rural Physician of the Year. Nominations will be accepted until Feb. 18, 2019 and awards will be presented during the FRHA Annual Educational Summit.

[Submit Your Nomination Here](#)

Rural Health News

[FEMA Assesses Needs Of Rural Residents In Florida's Panhandle](#)

Radio story following a FEMA search and rescue team flying over rural areas of Florida's panhandle in the wake of Hurricane Michael to offer help and assistance. Many people are relying on generators for electricity, although most of the roads have been cleared. In some places, running water and cell service is still out as well.

[Florida Alliance for Healthy Communities opioid survey](#)

We invite you to participate in the Florida Alliance for Healthy Communities Opioid Addiction Training and Prevention Survey. The purpose of the survey is to determine gaps in knowledge of opioid core competencies for healthcare providers.

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. You may decline altogether, or leave blank any questions you don't wish to answer. Your

responses will remain confidential and anonymous. Data from this survey will be secure and reported only as a collective combined total.

If you agree to participate in this project, please answer the questions on the questionnaire as best you can. It should take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

[A rural community decided to treat its opioid problem like a natural disaster](#)

Details the efforts of Washington's Snohomish County to address the opioid epidemic. This rural county is the first in the country to respond to the crisis like a natural disaster, inspired by their experience with responding to the 2014 landslide in Oso, Washington.

[Desperate for hurricane relief, rural communities help each other](#)

The orders came down to rural residents as the menace of Hurricane Michael approached in the Gulf of Mexico: Get out. Get out now. Following Hurricane Michael, residents of devastated rural communities in Florida are helping each other survive while awaiting official aid. "Thank God for the community," says Alford, Fla., resident Lillian Chance. You think the government would have come out to help us country folk but we are still struggling." At White City First Baptist Church in Gulf County, volunteers prepared enough food to feed 800 people hot meals, along with nonperishable items, water, and toiletries.

Rural Health Resources

[Community-based palliative care: scaling access for rural populations](#)

The benefits of palliative care are described as "the heart of healthcare." Experts and advocates share the importance of scaling this care to rural outpatients with serious illness and chronic medical conditions.

[Child & Parent Online Study](#)

Similarly to how kids learn about dental hygiene, early intervention and prevention can help promote proactive coping for handling strong emotions. Researchers at the Kansas City Center for Anxiety Treatment, P.A. (KCCAT) and Virtually Better, Inc. are examining ways of delivering family education and self-help tools for improving abilities to respond to common worries, fears, and other emotional health features in childhood, possibly reducing later needs of professionally delivered therapies.

[Tool to help rural communities address opioid epidemic](#)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) have released the [Rural Resource Guide to Help Communities Address Substance Use Disorder and Opioid Misuse](#), a list of federal programs that can be used to build resilient communities and address opioid misuse in rural areas.

[Roots of Health Inequity, a free online course](#)

An online course and learning collaborative from NACCHO designed for the local public health workforce to explore the social determinants of health and the root causes of inequity in the distribution of disease, illness, and death.

Upcoming Events and Trainings

[2018 5th Annual Florida TeleHealth Summit](#)

Nov 7 - 9, 2018

St. Pete Beach, Florida

Type: Conference/Meeting

Sponsoring organizations: Global Partnership for Telehealth, Southeastern Telehealth Resource Center

[Opioids and the Workforce: Leveraging Resources, Programs, Strategies and Partnerships](#)

Nov. 7, 2018

Sponsoring organization: Department of Education, Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Indian Health Service, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Rural Focused Virtual Job Fair

November 28 at 7:00 pm ET

Sponsoring organization: HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce

A free, interactive event held online to allow primary care providers a chance to talk about their NHSC- or NURSE Corps-approved site, the community they serve and currently available positions in rural areas. Registration closes on Wednesday November 7th.

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