



Florida Rural Health Association  
*One Voice for Florida. Louder.*

August 2019

## Save the Date: National Rural Health Day event

In observance of National Rural Health Day,  
the Florida Rural Health Association presents the  
screening of the documentary

# THE PROVIDERS

Three healthcare providers bring care to a rural American  
community, showing the transformative power of  
providers' relationships with marginalized patients

Following the documentary, join us for a panel discussion  
with rural providers and policy leaders.

**NOVEMBER 21 | 6 PM**  
**PRIEST THEATER, HIGH SPRINGS, FL**

**Save the Date**



In celebration of National Rural Health Day, FRHA will host a screening of The Providers, a documentary showing the transformative power of rural providers' relationship with marginalized patients. Save the Date for November 21st in High Springs, FL!



## Project ECHO: Palliative Care in the Primary Care Clinic

*Learn best practices and evidence-based care for patients with serious and life threatening illness through didactic and case presentations in a virtual learning network*

Would you like to offer palliative care to your patients, but need some support? By providing case consultations and brief presentations, experts in palliative care and geriatric mental health will enhance provider knowledge and skills regarding the physical, pharmacological and psychological aspects of palliative care. We hope to marshal the clinical wisdom and knowledge of local resources of the participants to

create a learning environment whereby providers feel more comfortable with the palliative care aspects of their patients.

#### How does it work?

- Join an online video conference at pre-scheduled times
- Discuss and share:
  - Clinical care presentations and discussion
  - A brief educational presentation by experts in palliative care

#### Palliative Care ECHO offers:

- Free CE and CME credit for health care professionals
- Collaboration, support and ongoing learning with subject-matter experts and health care staff
- New ways to support patients in their home community

The next session will be Oct 9th at noon.

We encourage participation in each month as the curriculum builds off each session.

[Learn more & register for Project ECHO](#)

## Rural Health Resources

### [Florida Network of Care](#)

The Florida Network of Care is a behavioral health website which is made up of helpful information, resources and a searchable service directory. The website was designed to enable individuals to quickly locate local services and programs needed to address behavioral health needs. Funding for the website is provided by the Department of Children and Families-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Office. Visit <http://myflorida.networkofcare.org/> to search for behavioral health services, programs and resources.

### [‘The nightmare everyone is worried about’: HIV cases tied to opioids spike in West Virginia county](#)

A cluster of HIV cases in a rural West Virginia county represents what public health officials have long feared amid the nationwide opioid epidemic.

### [HHS awards more than \\$85M to expand oral health care access](#)

HHS recently awarded more than \$85 million to 298 health centers to expand oral health service capacity through new infrastructure enhancements. “These are the first awards HRSA has ever made solely for health centers’ oral health care

infrastructure, and they will support better access to oral health services in communities across the country, including underserved urban and rural areas,” says HHS Secretary Alex Azar.

#### [A Look at the Pennsylvania Rural Health Model](#)

In partnership with the CMS Innovation Center, Pennsylvania’s Department of Health developed [the Pennsylvania Rural Health Model](#) to test whether care delivery transformation and hospital global budgets can increase access to high-quality care, improve health, reduce the growth of hospital expenditures across payers, and improve the financial viability of rural Pennsylvania hospitals. This brief is intended for those exploring or considering global budget or other transformation models for rural hospitals (e.g., state governments considering global budgeting models, hospital associations, rural hospital administrators, federal policymakers, etc.). [Rural Health Value](#) was created in a cooperative agreement with the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to provide rural-centric expertise and assistance to support high performance rural health systems.

#### [Effective Communication and Consistency in Increasing Rural Vaccination Rates](#)

Vaccination rates for rural children and adolescents are lower than for their urban counterparts. A nurse practitioner in Louisiana and a former professor in Kentucky share how they’ve increased vaccination rates in their communities.

#### [Needs Assessment Methodologies in Determining Treatment Capacity for Substance Use Disorders: Final Report](#)

Presents the results from an environmental scan reviewing the literature on needs assessment methods and substance use disorder (SUD) needs assessment reports representing diverse interests, including rural and urban areas, researchers, government agencies, and private consultants. Highlights best practices for conducting SUD needs assessments, identifies gaps and opportunities for improvement in the available data, and discusses why SUD needs assessments are necessary.

#### [Rural Health Research Recap: Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage Among Rural Children](#)

Provides summaries of recent research on poverty among rural children, their access to insurance, and care available to Medicaid beneficiaries. Features statistics from 2012 on groups covered by Medicaid and distribution of Medicaid enrollment of children by race or ethnicity, with breakdowns by urban, large rural, small rural, or isolated rural location.

## Upcoming Events & Trainings

#### [3RNet Recruiting for Retention Academy](#)

October 8 through December 17

Type: Webinar

The National Rural Recruitment & Retention Network (3RNet) will hold a series of webinars on best practices for recruiting a sustainable health workforce. The series will feature national experts on rural/underserved recruiting and retention, provide opportunity to ask questions, and give access to resources. The deadline to register is October 7.

### [Public Health and Transportation Webinar Series: Part One](#)

October 10 at 2:00 pm ET.

Type: Webinar

Part one of this series from the National Center for Mobility Management will focus on potential areas for collaboration between the two sectors, and discuss ideas for developing, implementing, and evaluating initiatives to improve community health.

### [16th WONCA World Rural Health Conference](#)

Oct. 12-15 2019

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Type: Conference/Meeting

Sponsoring Organization: National Rural Health Association, the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, World Organization of Family Doctors

### [2019 70th Annual AHCA/NCAL Convention & Expo](#)

Oct 13 - 16, 2019

Orlando, FL

Type: Conference/Meeting

Sponsoring organizations: American Health Care Association, National Center for Assisted Living

### [2019 Annual Florida Hospital Association Meeting](#)

Oct 23 - 25, 2019

Orlando, FL

Type: Conference/Meeting

Sponsoring organization: Florida Hospital Association

### [The Providers Documentary: National Rural Health Day Viewing](#)

Nov. 21, 2019

High Springs, FL

Type: Documentary and panel session

Sponsoring organization: Florida Rural Health Association

### [2019 6th Annual Florida TeleHealth Summit](#)

Nov 20 - 22, 2019

Type: Conference/Meeting

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

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