



Advancing Health Equity: HRSA Initiatives, Programs, and Opportunities

Eliminating Health Disparities Conference

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



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Who We Serve

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), supports equitable health care for the nation's highest-need communities.



HRSA serves those most in need, including:

- **More than 31 million people** in rural and underserved communities
- **More than 1,900 rural counties and municipalities** across the country
- **More than 58 million pregnant women, infants, and children**
- **Nearly 22,000 health care providers** through loan repayment and scholarship programs
- **More than 560,000 people** with HIV



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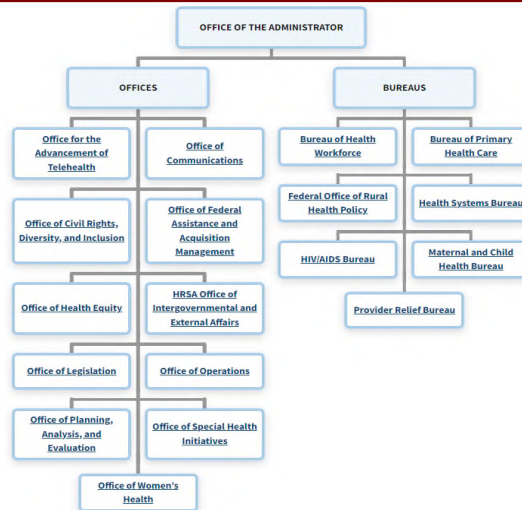
HRSA Priorities

HRSA's vital work expands access to health care services in the communities that need them most by:

- Increasing **equitable access to health care services**
- Strengthening the **well-being of children and families**
- Integrating **behavioral health into primary care**
- Growing the **health care workforce**



HRSA Organizational Chart



Source: <https://www.hrsa.gov/about/organization/org-chart>



HRSA Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (IEA)

Core Functions

HRSA IEA serves as the principal Agency lead on intergovernmental and external affairs, regional operations, and tribal partnerships

Our Partners and Stakeholders

- HRSA Grantees
- State and Local Leadership
- State and Local Health Departments
- Tribal Organizations
- Community and Faith-Based Organizations
- Colleges and Universities
- Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCUs, HSIs, and AAPISIs)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Operating Divisions
- Other Federal Departments and Agencies





HRSA Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (IEA)

Regional Highlights



Webinars

- Addressing Health Equity Among Hispanic/Latino Populations: Spanish Webinar Series
- [HHS Region 7 Virtual Office Hours](#)



Grants 201 Webinar



Workshops and Summits

- Region 7 Tribal Behavioral Health Summit
- Supporting Rural Kansas' Health Workforce Forum, Colby KS, Region 7
- Virtual Birth Worker Forum
- Grants 101 Workshops



Assistance and Support

- Expanding the Health Workforce in Region 7 - Work with Minority Serving Institutions and Community Colleges
- Technical Assistance to Rural Hospitals (*Funding, Workforce, Partnership Development*)



When Should You Contact HRSA IEA?

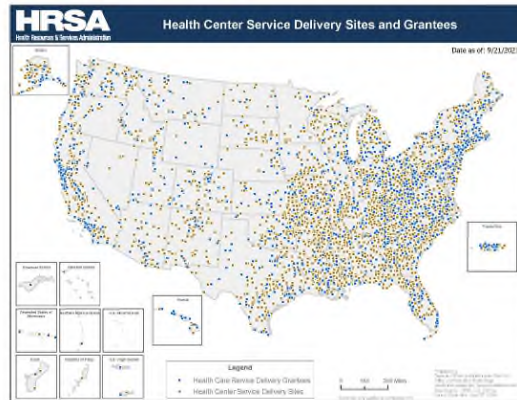


- When you want to know more about HRSA programs or initiatives
- When you need contextual information about the state, local, tribal, and regional landscape that may impact your stakeholders
- When you are looking for technical assistance, resources, funding opportunities, or new partners
- When you want to share new promising or best practices with us



Increasing Equitable Access to Health Care Services Health Center Program


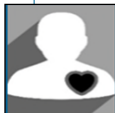




- In 2023, nearly **1,400** health centers and more than **100** Health Center Program look-alike (LAL) organizations operate more than **15,500** service delivery sites
- More than **31 million** patients
- Health centers provide **patient-centered, comprehensive, integrated care** by offering a range of services:
 - Primary medical, oral, and mental health services
 - Substance use disorder and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
 - Enabling services such as outreach, case management, health education, interpretation services, and transportation



Source: Uniform Data System, 2023



Health Center Program Fundamentals

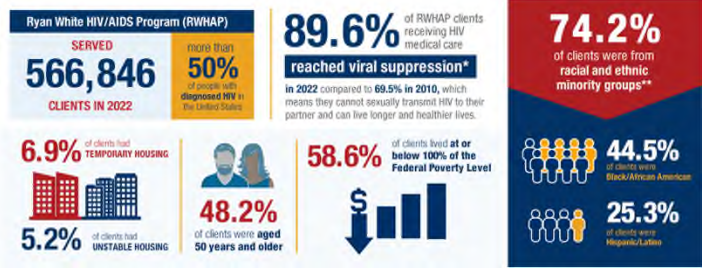
 <p>Serve High Need Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must serve a high need community or population (e.g., HPSA, MUA/P) 	 <p>Patient Directed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private non-profit or public agency that is governed by a patient-majority community board
 <p>Comprehensive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide comprehensive primary care and enabling services (e.g., education, outreach, and transportation services) 	 <p>No One is Turned Away</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services are available to all, with fees adjusted based upon ability to pay
 <p>Collaborative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with other community providers to maximize resources and efficiencies in service delivery 	 <p>Accountable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet performance and accountability requirements regarding administrative, clinical, and financial operations



The Health Center Program is authorized under Section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act.



Increasing Equitable Access to Health Care Services Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program



- The HIV/AIDS Bureau administers the **Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHP)**, which provides a comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people with HIV
- Funds grants to states, cities, counties, and local community-based organizations to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission
 - Recipients determine service delivery and funding priorities based on local needs and planning process
- More than **560,000 people with diagnosed HIV** receive services through the program in 2022
- In 2022, **89.6%** of RWHP clients receiving HIV medical care were virally suppressed (meaning the virus cannot be transmitted and clients can live longer, healthier lives), exceeding the national average of **69.5%** since 2010



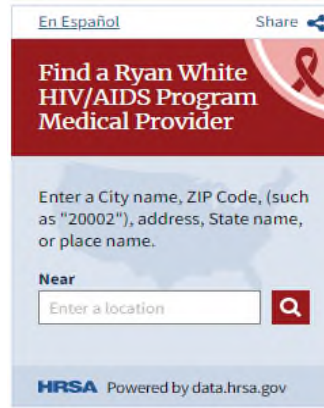
* Viral suppression is based on data for people with HIV who had at least one outpatient ambulatory health services visit and at least one viral load test during the measurement year and whose most recent viral load test result was less than 200 copies/mL.
 ** Clients self-identified as 25.8% White and less than 2% each American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and persons of multiple races. Hispanics/Latinos can be of any race.



HRSA Find Health Services Locator Tools



findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov



findhivcare.hrsa.gov



Strengthening the Well-Being of Children and Families

HRSA Increases Access to High-Quality Health Services and Expands the Maternal and Child Health Workforce



- Implemented the first year of bipartisan renewal of the **Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program**, which doubles funding for the program over five years
- Supported newborn screenings for **97% of babies** born in the United States through our maternal and child health programs, which provide screenings for genetic and metabolic conditions
- Reached a milestone of **more than 1,900 birthing facilities** participating in the HRSA-supported Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health, a program under which hospitals and other facilities adopt proven strategies to increase safe births and reduce negative birth outcomes



Strengthening the Well-Being of Children and Families Maternal and Child Health Programs

- **Healthy Start**
- **Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting**
- National Maternal Mental Health Hotline
- **Title V MCH Block Grant**
- Women's Preventive Services Initiative
- Bright Futures

Promotes **access** to health care services



- Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM)
- AIM Capacity Program
- Integrated Maternal Health Services
- State Maternal Health Innovation Program
- Newborn Screening

Improves **quality** of care



- Healthy Start: Community-Based Doulas
- Minority Serving Institutions Research Collaborative
- Screening and Treatment for Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

Strengthens the **workforce**

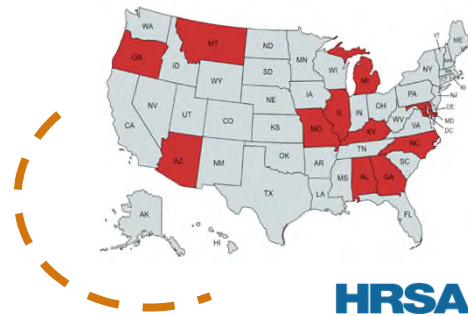


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Enhancing Maternal Health Initiative

- HRSA launched the **Enhancing Maternal Health Initiative** in January 2024 to:
 - Maximize the impact of HRSA grants and programs
 - Foster new partnerships across the country to address maternal mortality crisis and reduce maternal health disparities
- Yearlong effort to expand access to maternal care, grow the maternal care workforce, support maternal mental health, and address social supports for safe pregnancies
- The initiative focuses on 12 states and jurisdictions where HRSA has significant investments, there are significant opportunities for new partnerships and collaborations, and there is high need: **Arizona, Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Oregon, and the District of Columbia**



National Maternal Mental Health Hotline



For support, understanding, and resources, CALL OR TEXT 1-833-852-6262 (1-833-TLC-MAMA)

Free Promotional Materials Available



Learn more at <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/national-maternal-mental-health-hotline> | Questions? hotline@postpartum.net

Growing the Health Care Workforce Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW)

HRSA Leads Efforts to Grow, Sustain, and Diversify the Health Workforce

- Awarded scholarships and provided loan repayment to more than **22,000 clinicians** in return for practicing in underserved communities through HRSA's National Health Service Corps and workforce programs
- Provided loan repayment to **over 2,800 advanced nursing students** who agreed to serve as nurse faculty after completing their programs, combating the national shortage of qualified nurse educators
- Supported **16 new Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education programs**, which train primary care physicians and dentists in community-based outpatient settings and help to increase access to care in underserved areas



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National Health Service Corps and Nurse Corps Programs

National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

- Provides scholarships and loan repayment to primary care medical, dental, and behavioral health providers in NHSC-eligible disciplines.
- NHSC providers, in turn, commit to serving at an NHSC-approved site located in a Health Professional Shortage Area.
- Learn more: <https://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/>



Nurse Corps

- Loan repayment and scholarship program
- Helps build healthier communities in urban, rural, and frontier areas by supporting nurses and nursing students committed to working in communities with inadequate access to care.
- Learn more: <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/nursing-programs>



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Eligible Clinicians

Depending on the program!

- Physicians (DO/MD)
- Nurse Practitioners (NP)
- Physician Assistants (PA)
- Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM)
- Health Service Psychologists (HSP)
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW)
- Psychiatric Nurse Specialists (PNS)
- Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)
- Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC)

- Dentists (DDS/DMD)
- Dental Hygienists (RDH)
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counselors
- Pharmacists (PHARM)
- Registered Nurses (RN)
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)
- And more!**

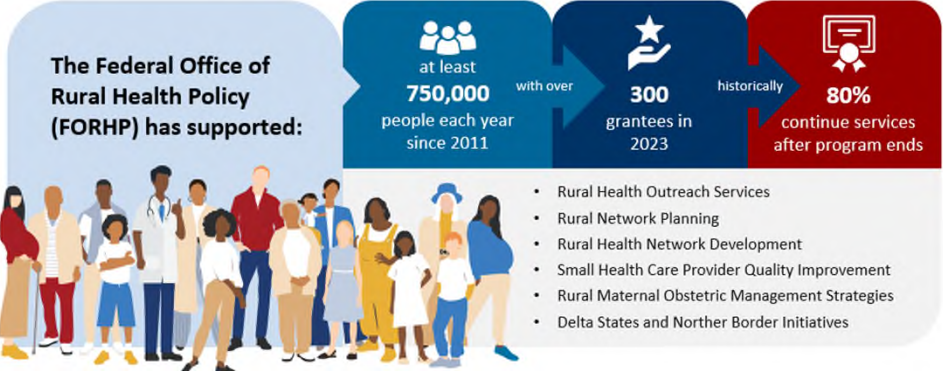



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HRSA's Impact on Rural Community Health



- Rural Health Outreach Services
- Rural Network Planning
- Rural Health Network Development
- Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement
- Rural Maternal Obstetric Management Strategies
- Delta States and Norther Border Initiatives



Watch video profiles of innovative FORHP grantees: www.ruralhealthinfo.org/project-examples



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FY25 FORHP Community-Based Program Opportunities

Forecast

Program	Purpose	Annual Award Amount	Project Length (years)	Number of Awards
Rural Health Care Services Outreach	Expands and improves health care services in underserved rural communities by supporting evidence-informed approaches to address the needs of the community.	Up to \$200,000 or \$250,000	4	45
Rural Health Network Development Planning	Supports the development of an integrated health care networks for network participants without a history of formal collaborative efforts.	Up to \$100,000	1	44
Rural Residency Planning and Development	Develop new, accredited, and sustainable rural residency programs in family medicine, internal medicine, psychiatry, general surgery, preventive medicine, and obstetrics and gynecology.	Up to \$750,000	3	15
Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - Overdose Response	Supports immediate responses to the overdose crisis in rural areas through improving access to, capacity for, and sustainability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services for substance use disorder.	Up to \$300,000	3	20
Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies	Improves access to and delivery of maternity and obstetrics care in rural areas.	Up to \$1,000,000	4	2



Rural Health Information Hub (RHInfo)

- RHInfo - Nation's rural health information source**

- library of resources
- coverage of rural issues
- state guides
- **toolkits**
- program models
- much more!

- Provides customized assistance**

- By phone: **1.800.270.1898**
- By email: info@ruralhealthinfo.org

Health Equity Toolkit



Explore evidence-based frameworks and promising strategies to advance health equity in rural communities.

Health Literacy Toolkit



Discover resources and model programs for improving personal and organizational health literacy in rural communities.

Social Determinants of Health Toolkit



Discover evidence-based models and resources to address social determinants of health in rural communities.

Community Health Workers Toolkit



Learn about roles community health workers (CHWs) fill, as well as CHW training approaches.



Advancing Telehealth

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HRSA's Office of Health Equity

Mission and Functions

Established in 1981 and championed through multiple subsequent legislative authorities, HRSA's Office of Health Equity (OHE) works to reduce health inequities so that communities and individuals can achieve their highest level of health

Legislative Authority

Offices of Minority Health were statutorily established under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), Section 1707A

Essential Functions

- Principal advisor regarding health disparities, health equity, and minority and priority population health
- Provide technical assistance to HRSA bureaus and offices, and external stakeholders on matters impacting health equity
- Increase the visibility of data and policies that may impact health equity
- Develop partnerships with other government agencies and external stakeholders to increase the visibility of health disparities and health equity issues



<https://www.hrsa.gov/about/organization/bureaus/ohe>

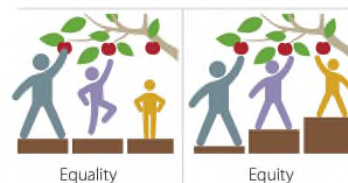
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Office of Health Equity's Mission and Projects

OHE's mission is to reduce disparities and improve health equity, especially in vulnerable and disadvantaged populations.

- HRSA Health Equity Reports
- Roots of Health Inequity course for internal and external stakeholders to raise awareness of the social determinants of health and its impact on health disparities
- Technical assistance in partnership with the Bureau of Health Workforce on organizational capacity development with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)



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HRSA's Office of Health Equity

- **Health Equity Report 2019-2020: Special Feature on Housing and Health Inequalities**
[hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/about/organization/bureaus/ohe/hrsa-health-equity-report-printer.pdf](https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/about/organization/bureaus/ohe/hrsa-health-equity-report-printer.pdf)
- **Health Equity Report 2017**
<https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/about/organization/bureaus/ohe/2017-hrsa-health-equity-report.pdf>



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HRSA Tribal Affairs

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Who We Are

HRSA's Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (IEA) leads HRSA's Tribal Affairs work. IEA serves as HRSA's primary point of contact for Tribal governments and Tribal organizations. IEA works with Tribes to help them improve access to health care services in Indian Country.

[Learn more about us](#)



Find Funding

Search for funding, scholarships and loan repayment programs that Tribes and Tribal organizations can apply to. Use keywords to find funding on your topic(s) of interest.



What We Do

Learn about how we support health care delivery and infrastructure in Indian Country.



Tribal Consultations and Listening Sessions

Engage with us, Tribes and Tribal organizations to improve health in Tribal Communities.



Tribal Advisory Council (TAC)

A forum for elected Tribal officials and us to exchange views, information, and advice about health care priorities in Indian Country.



Tribal Advisory Council

Recent meeting

July 23 – 24, 2024 in Washington, DC

[July 23 – 24, 2024 Meeting Agenda](#) (PDF - 53 KB)

[July 23 – 24, 2024 Meeting Summary](#) (PDF - 244 KB)

<https://www.hrsa.gov/tribal-affairs>

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Who We Are

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This includes:

- More than **30.5 million people** in underserved communities.
- More than **58 million pregnant people, infants, and children.**
- More than **560,000 people** with HIV.
- More than **1,900 rural counties and municipalities** across the country.
- Nearly **22,000 health care providers** through loan repayment and scholarship programs.

[Learn more about us](#)



<https://www.hrsa.gov/>

Advancing Health Equity Among Hispanic/Latino Populations Learning Series



Broadcast in Spanish with live interpretation to English

Goals

- Identify new strategies and current approaches to improve access to care and reduce health disparities in Hispanic/Latino communities.
- Build new partnerships and increase awareness of HRSA programs, funding, and resources.

Sessions

- **Session #1: Leveraging HRSA Programs to Build the Latino/Hispanic Health Workforce**
 - Programs highlighted: HRSA Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs, Health Careers Opportunities Program (HCOP), Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network (RPHWTN)
- **Session #2: Improving Maternal Health in Hispanic/Latino Communities**
 - Programs highlighted: Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies (RMOMS) Program, Maternal and Child Health Block Program, Healthy Start
- **Session #3: Strengthening Behavioral Health Services for Hispanic/Latino Populations**
 - Programs highlighted: Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP), Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program



Where to Find HRSA Funding Opportunities


- **Grants.gov**
<https://www.grants.gov>
- **HRSA Funding**
<https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding>





The screenshot shows the HRSA website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Health Resources & Services Administration' and a 'Call or Text the Maternal Mental Health Hotline' button. The main header features the HRSA logo and a search bar. Below the header, a navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Grants', 'Loans & Scholarships', 'Data Warehouse', and 'About HRSA'. The 'Grants' dropdown menu is open, with 'Find Funding' highlighted in red. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Who We Are', describes HRSA's mission and lists statistics: 'More than 30.5 million people, children, parents, and health workforce', 'More than 58 million pregnant people, infants, and children', 'More than 560,000 people with HIV', 'More than 1,900 rural counties and municipalities across the country', and 'Nearly 22,000 health care providers through loan repayment and scholarship programs'. The right column features a map of the United States with icons of diverse people. At the bottom, there is a 'Search Grant Funding Opportunities' section with input fields for 'Keywords', 'Opportunity Status', and 'Bureau/Office', and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, it indicates '1 of 540 Funding Opportunities' and a 'Sort by' dropdown menu set to 'Deadline'.



Questions









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