



HRSA Programs & Updates

Solutions to the Healthcare Crisis in Missouri
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HRSA Overview



MISSION:

To improve health outcomes, and eliminate health disparities through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce, and innovative programs.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Overview

- Supports more than 90 programs that provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically challenged.
- HRSA does this through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities.
- Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people living with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, mothers and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care.



Access to Care



HRSA Strategic Plan: Access to Care

Objectives:

- Improve and expand the availability of comprehensive health services.
- Expand access to health care services in underserved and rural areas.
- Foster and encourage the use of health care delivery models that utilize team-based approaches where each member practices at the full scope of their training.

Why the Need for Telehealth?

- The need for services and clinical specialists may be beyond current rural providers' capacity.
- Not just challenges on access to direct services, also care management, and provider education.
- As we look to address specific clinical priorities (opioid misuse, mental health, childhood obesity), telehealth can fill critical gaps in care.

TelEmergency program



- Specially trained nurse practitioners can collaborate with physicians and work directly under emergency medicine physicians at the University of Mississippi Medical Center via a telemedicine connection.
- This team works together to provide quality care to patients in rural hospitals in real-time. The patients are treated with guidance and input from remote experts in a variety of fields.

Additional HRSA Telehealth Activities

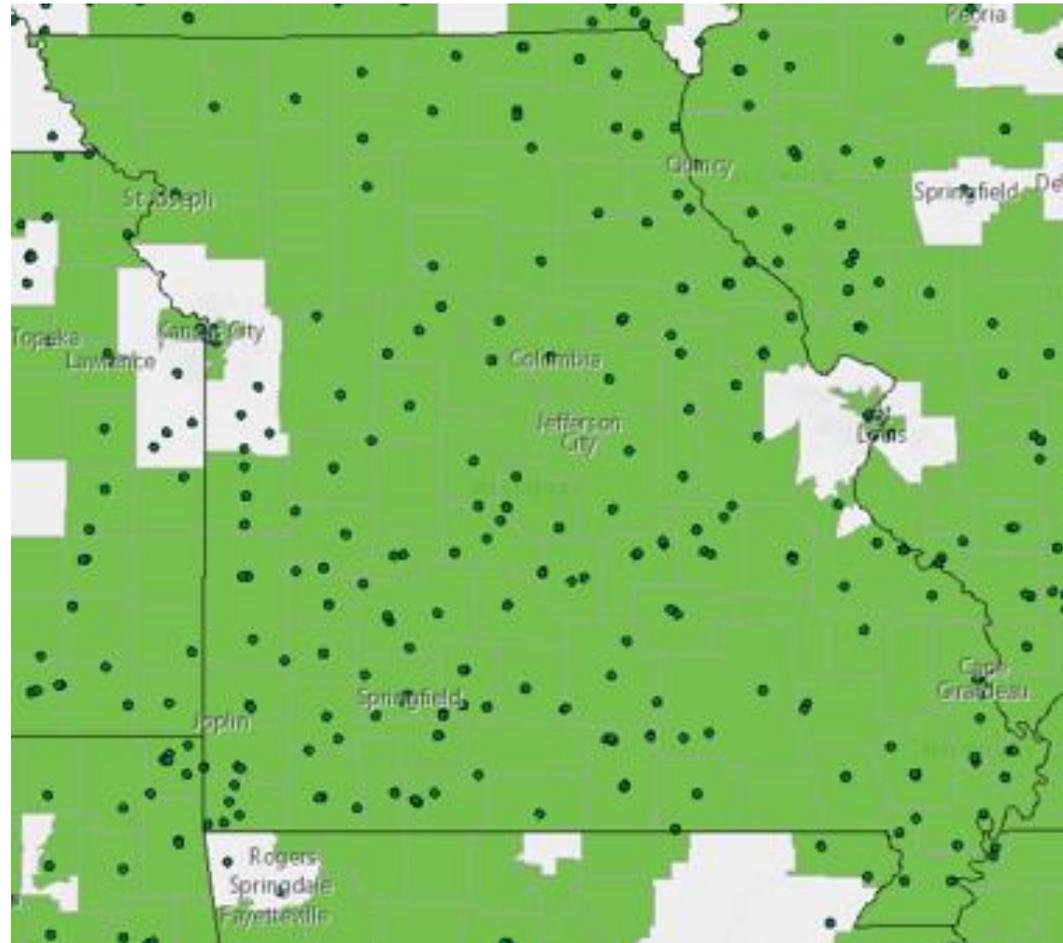
HRSA funding helps state licensing boards develop innovative strategies to reduce statutory and regulatory barriers to telehealth services.



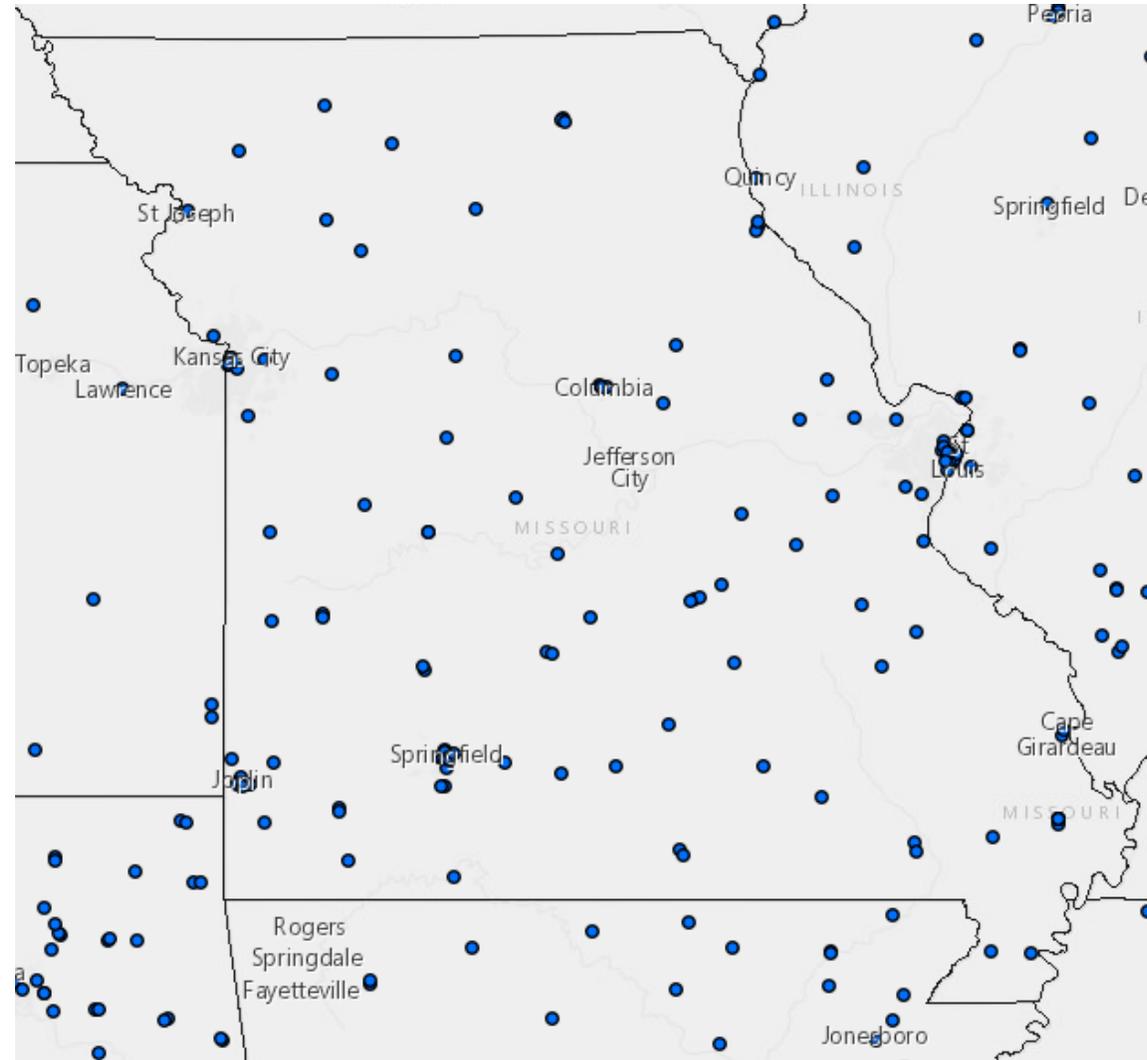
National Health Service Corps

- Program awards scholarships and loan repayment to primary care providers in eligible disciplines.
- The National Health Service Corps builds healthy communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in areas of the United States with limited access to care.

Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas



NHSC Job Opportunities



High Quality Care



HRSA Quality Care

Objectives:

- Strengthen health care providers' ability to plan, coordinate, and manage services across the continuum of care
- Enhance the knowledge and use of evidence-based primary care and preventive services, treatment guidelines, promising practices, and models of care

Advanced Nursing Education: Nurse Practitioner Residency Program¹⁷

- ✓ Prepares new nurse practitioners in primary care for practice in community-based setting
- ✓ Provides clinical and academic focused 12-month Nurse Practitioner Residency programs
- ✓ Includes preference for those projects that benefit rural or underserved populations
- ✓ June 2019 HRSA awarded grants to entities in 24 states



Advanced Nursing Education – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Program

- ✓ Support partnerships that will recruit, train, and retain nurses to conduct sexual assault forensic examinations
- ✓ Will provide better physical and mental health care for survivors, better evidence collection, and lead to higher prosecution rates
- ✓ Will provide support and resources to help improve the practice and retention of sexual assault nurse examiners

Behavioral Health Workforce Development Programs

Focus on:

- measuring and addressing supply and distribution challenges to ensure access to care for underserved populations
- training primary care providers to obtain specialized addiction medicine expertise, including waivers to prescribe buprenorphine and other Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention – Registered Nurses in Primary Care Training Program

- four-year training program to recruit and train nursing students and current RNs to practice to the full scope of their license in community-based primary care teams
- to increase access to care, with an emphasis on chronic disease prevention and control, including mental health and substance use conditions.

Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship Program

- ✓ CRNAs are more likely to practice in rural areas where the opioid crisis is most acute, CRNAs are on the frontlines of the opioid crisis.
- ✓ The Program increases the number of CRNAs who can practice independently and collaboratively within interprofessional teams delivering evidence-based, high-quality, and safe anesthesia and pain management services.
- ✓ Provides support to full-time nurse anesthetist trainees, through educational institutions, to reduce the financial burden on students.

National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice

- NACNEP provides advice and recommendations concerning policy matters... relating to the nurse workforce, education, and practice improvement;
- provide advice in the preparation of general regulations and with respect to policy matters...relating to nurse supply, education and practice improvement; and
- prepare and submit an annual report...including findings and recommendations made by the Council
- as a means of enhancing the health of the public through the development of the nursing workforce



NACNEP Report: Promoting Nursing Leadership in the Transition to Value-Based Care ²³

- 1:** study cost, access, and quality outcomes of nurse-led interdisciplinary teams
- 2:** partnerships between community health centers and academia where APRNs have and do not have full practice authority
- 3:** advance the development of undergraduate & graduate nurse competencies associated with improved population health outcomes
- 4:** educational and training initiatives in the areas of population health, data analytics, informatics, and connected care



Ending the HIV Epidemic



Ending the HIV Epidemic

75%
reduction in
new HIV
diagnoses
in 5 years
and a
90%
reduction
in 10 years.



Diagnose

All people with HIV as early as possible.



Treat

HIV rapidly after diagnosis, and effectively, in all people with HIV to help them get and stay virally suppressed.



Prevent

People at risk for HIV using proven prevention interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe service programs (SSPs).

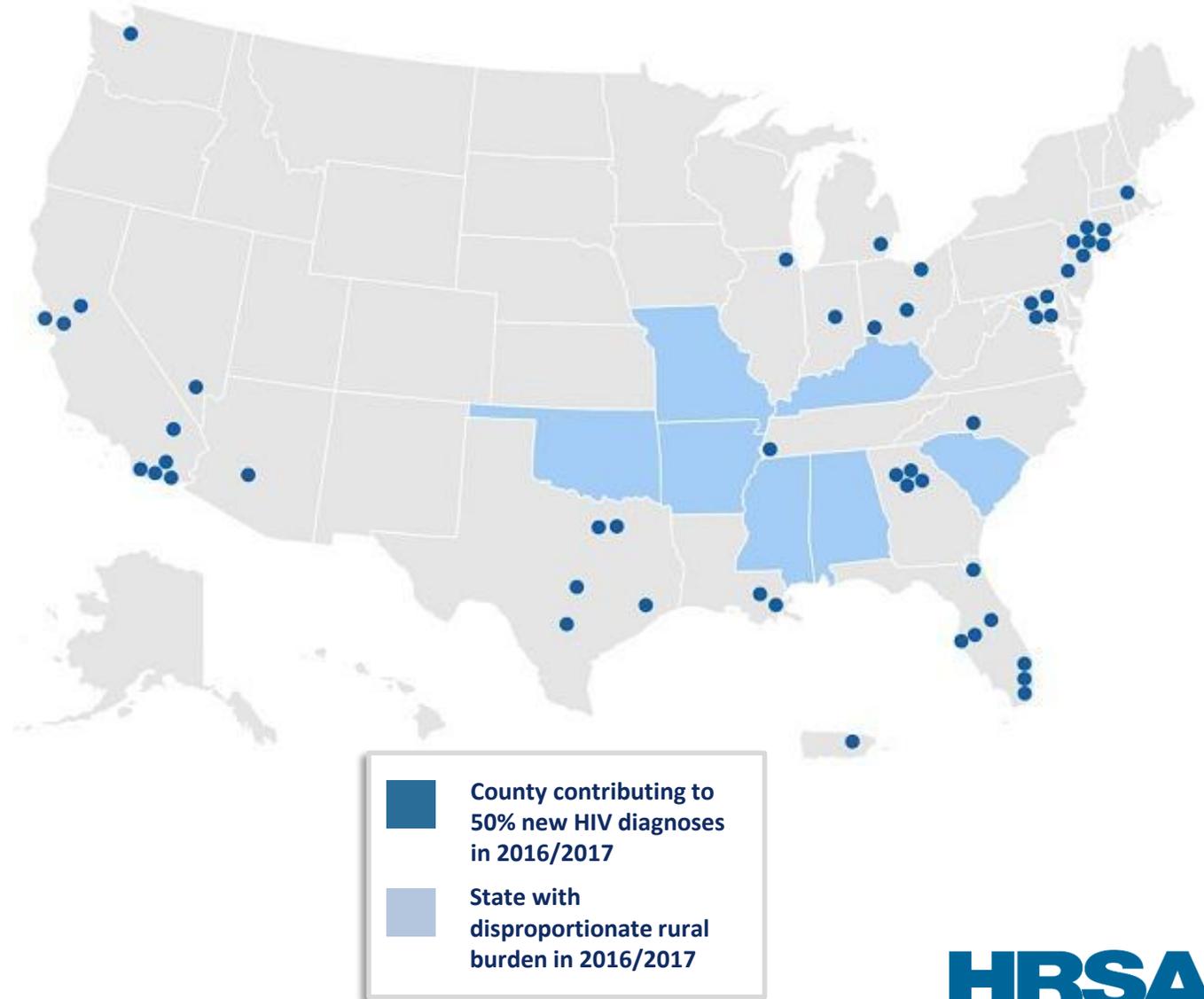


Respond

Quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.

Geographic Locations of Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative

Efforts focused in 48 counties, Washington, DC, and San Juan, PR, where more than 50% of HIV diagnoses occurred in 2016 and 2017, and **seven states with substantial rural HIV burden**.



Executive Order on Protecting and Improving Medicare for Our Nation's Seniors



Executive Order; Protecting and Improving Medicare for Our Nation's Seniors²⁸

- Directs HHS to develop proposals to improve Medicare
- Eliminate burdensome regulatory billing requirements, including supervision requirements and licensure requirements that limit professionals from practicing at the top of their profession
- Review of regulatory policies that create disparities in reimbursement between physicians and non-physician practitioners
- ensure that items and services provided by clinicians, including physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners, are appropriately reimbursed in accordance with the work performed rather than the clinician's occupation



National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses

- cornerstone of nursing workforce data; longest running survey of RNs in the United States
- describes demographics, educational attainment, licenses and certifications, and employment characteristics
- data collections have supported evaluations of government RN workforce programs, assisting in critical decision making affecting the U.S. healthcare system
- questionnaire underwent a complete content review and large improvements were made for data collection in 2018
- Results anticipated to be published in 2020 (last published 2008)



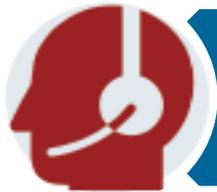
HRSA Office of Regional Operations



ORO – *at Work*



**State & Local Public Health
Leadership Engagement**



Technical Assistance



**Represent HRSA on Federal, State, &
Community Taskforces**



**Education, Outreach, & Grant
Workshops**



**Promote HRSA Funding
Opportunities, Awards, & Initiatives**

Office of Regional Operations (ORO)

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When should you contact ORO?

- When you would like to connect with HRSA or HHS programs
- When you have questions about HRSA or HHS programs, data, policies, or resources
- When you are looking for a new type of partner or resource (including funding opportunities)
- When you would like to share information with HRSA to inform decision making or programming
- When you would like HRSA representation at a meeting or event
- Simply to connect!



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