

**Louisiana Department of
Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health**

**presents
Rural Health in Louisiana**



Our Mission

To improve the health status of Louisiana residents in rural and underserved areas by working proactively to build community health systems' capacity to provide integrated, efficient, and effective health care services



Our Priorities

- Integrating local health care services
- Developing strong community partnerships
- Building local health care resources
- Supporting effective clinical practices and health care organizations
- Recruiting and retaining primary health care providers
- Providing relevant state and national health policy

Goal of Today's Presentation:

Discuss free resources available to Louisiana's rural and medically underserved areas provided through the Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health's.

What the Bureau Offers:

- Critical Access Hospital and Rural Health
- Clinic Designations and Technical Support
- Demographics and Health Statistics
- Educational Opportunities
- Health Systems Development Services
- Policy Information
- Practice Management Services
- Resources Development Technical Support

What the Bureau Offers:

- School-based Health Centers
- Recruitment and Retention Services—Louisiana, State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP), National Health Service Corps (NHSC), Conrad 30 (J-1 Visa Waiver) Program
- Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)
- Designation Requests
- Assistance with grant-writing and development of new primary care access points

Information on all Bureau programs is available on the web site at :

<http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/25>



The State Office of Rural Health (SORH) lies within the Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health. The SORH priorities are:

- Collect and Disseminate Information
- Coordinate Rural Health Activities
- Provide Technical Assistance

Technical assistance/types of development activities:

Development and Sustainability of Federally Qualifies Health Centers (FQHCs)

Technical assistance/types of development activities:

Development and Sustainability of Rural Health Centers (RHCs)

Technical assistance/types of development activities:

Development and Sustainability of School Based Health Centers.

Technical assistance/types of development activities:

Development and Sustainability of other health care safety net clinics.

This includes work with any provider that serves the Medicaid, Medicare and uninsured population of Louisiana.

QUESTIONS??

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