



# State Offices of Rural Health: Inspiring innovation for a healthy rural America!

## State Offices of Rural Health (SORH)

are a unique federal-state partnership designed to be anchors of information and support for rural communities across the nation.

## What Can a State Office of Rural Health Do for You?

- **Establish connections** between local, state, and national collaborators to share best practices that improve the health and well-being of rural communities.
- **Collect and disseminate** important rural health policies, projects, needs assessments, evaluations, and resources in your state or community.
- **Provide rural stakeholders** with technical assistance, grant writing support, education, and policy analysis to engage in innovative programs and funding opportunities.
- **Support training, recruitment, and retention** of the rural health workforce.

## SORH Community Connections

Healthy rural communities start with grassroots collaboration. SORH work to connect state and federal resources with:

- Academic institutions
- Community development partners
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Funders and philanthropic organizations
- Government agencies and officials
- Healthcare providers
- Hospitals and clinics
- Local health departments
- Rural community coalitions
- State and national associations

## Rural Matters

**60.8 million**  
Americans live in rural areas

**86%** of the nation's land area is considered rural

## SORH Structure

All 50 states have a SORH, varying in size, scope, structure, and services. Of the 50 SORH:

- **37** based in state government
- **10** part of academic institutions
- **3** independent non-profit organizations
- **28** manage a **State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)**
- **33** co-located with a **Primary Care Office (PCO)**
- **35** are **3RNet members**

## Connect with Your SORH



To find a listing of SORH staff in your state, scan the QR code.

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