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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