

# NOSORH: The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health



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National Organization of **State Offices of Rural Health**

NOSORH promotes the capacity of state offices of rural health to improve health care in rural America through leadership development, advocacy, education, and partnerships.

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All 50 states have a **State Office of Rural Health (SORH)**.

The general purpose of each SORH is to help their individual rural communities build health care delivery systems. Every state receives a portion of their funding from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy through the SORH Grant program. With this grant a SORH is expected to:

- Collect and disseminate information
- Coordinate rural health care activities in states in order to avoid duplication
- Provide technical assistance to public and non-profit private entities

# Role of the SORHs:

- Community Health Needs Assessments
- Lead innovation projects – Idaho State Office Community Health Workers Project. [Click here.](#)
- Population Health initiatives with Flex grants in some states.

# What NOSORH Does:

- Strengthen the leadership and capacity of State Offices of Rural Health
- Provide a forum for the exchange and distribution of rural health information
- Provide leadership for state and community-based rural health activities

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# NOSORH Role:

Working to support national level collaboration, through the support of the webinars and the planning committee lead by Barb and Kate

Hope to grow beyond this and build state and local collaboration

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# What NOSORH Does:

Visit our website at [nosorh.org](http://nosorh.org)

NOSORH provides education to our members through a variety of means. Among those are monthly webinars, learning communities, various committees and advisory boards, regional meetings, the NOSORH Annual Meeting, and the National Rural EMS Conference.

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Registration for the National Rural EMS Conference is now open, [click here](#) for more information.



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# What NOSORH Does:

Grant Writing Institute: Participants will benefit from learning about a range of approaches to grant writing from an array of rural health partners. This series is perfect for beginners seeking to gain the skills to research and draft winning proposals from various agencies.

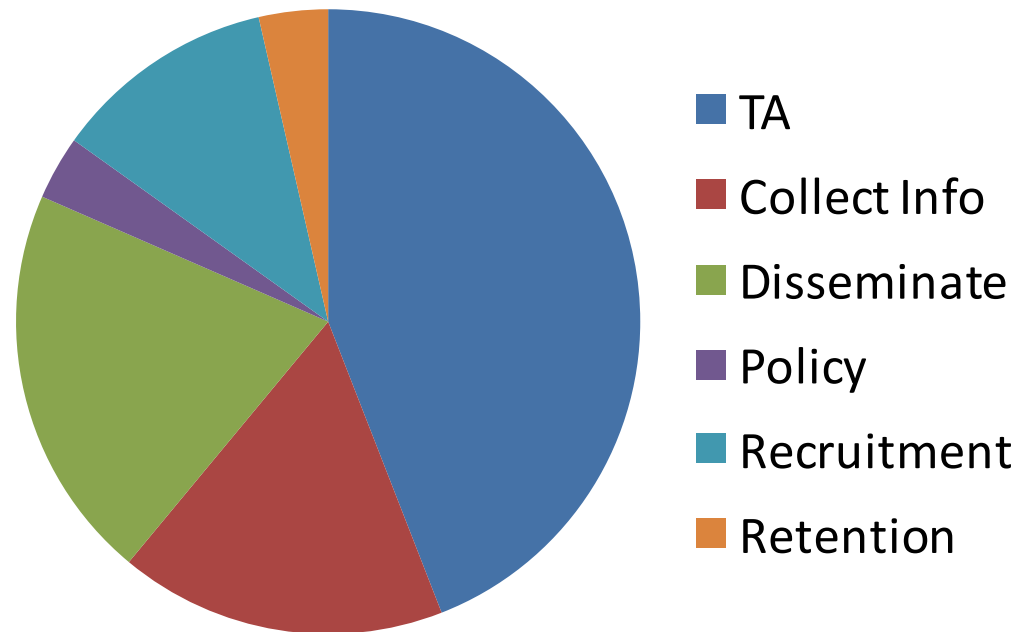
[Click here](#) to learn more. Classes start April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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- Web based performance measures tool
- 42 users
- Reach 65% of counties in their states



# What NOSORH Does:

National Rural Health Day. [Celebratepowerofrural.org](http://Celebratepowerofrural.org)

This past November, we celebrated the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Rural Health Day.

- Rural communities are wonderful places to live and work. Great things are happening there.
- Rural America's health professionals, hospitals, and clinics are dedicated to delivering high-quality and innovative care to underserved Americans.
- Collaboration is crucial to address the barriers that remain.



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