

# Your Community Matters: Make a Difference in Rural & Connect with Your State Office of Rural Health



National Organization of  
State Offices of Rural Health

State Offices of Rural Health (SORHs) are a unique federal-state partnership to help improve the health of rural communities.

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

- **Connections** — Support establishment of connections with key collaborators such as health department programs, academic institutions, non-profit organizations and federal agencies, which can assist you to organize, convene and find resources to improve rural health.
- **Information** — Help to find and access data on population health, vital statistics (infant mortality, life expectancy, etc.), health access, chronic disease, behavioral health indicators or quality of care to document needs and measure impact.
- **Assistance** — Assist with community health project ideas, policy solutions and referrals to resources to help ensure quality care, increase access, support workforce initiatives and improve the health of your rural community.

## Key Partnership for Rural Communities — Your “SORH”

### 5 Reasons Why Your SORH is an important member of your team

- 1. Builds Capacity** of rural communities.
- 2. Supports** small-town hospitals and clinics.
- 3. Provides Assistance** and helps meet educational needs for health care facilities.
- 4. Knowledgeable** information source; collecting and sharing important rural health data, information and resources for rural communities.
- 5. Inspires** successful innovation in rural communities, health care providers, professionals and administrators.

### Rural Matters

**57 million**  
Americans live in  
rural areas.

**60%**  
of the nation's  
counties are rural.

### Engage Your State Office of Rural Health to ...

- Receive the latest information on federal and state health policy.
- Locate funding sources and seek grants from state, federal and private grant makers.
- Get the word out about important rural health projects in your community.
- Educate and bring together leaders and partners.
- Find data that is rural-relevant.
- Learn from resources that are proven to show success and work in rural communities like yours.

Find out more about successful rural models, best practices and cutting-edge program innovations. You can find a listing of SORH staff in your state at: <https://nosorh.org/nosorh-members/>



NOSORH works to help the 50 State Offices of Rural Health grow capacity to help rural communities. Each year NOSORH celebrates rural Community Stars and brings attention to the successes in rural health on National Rural Health Day. Learn more about National Rural Health Day at [PowerofRural.org](http://PowerofRural.org).

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