



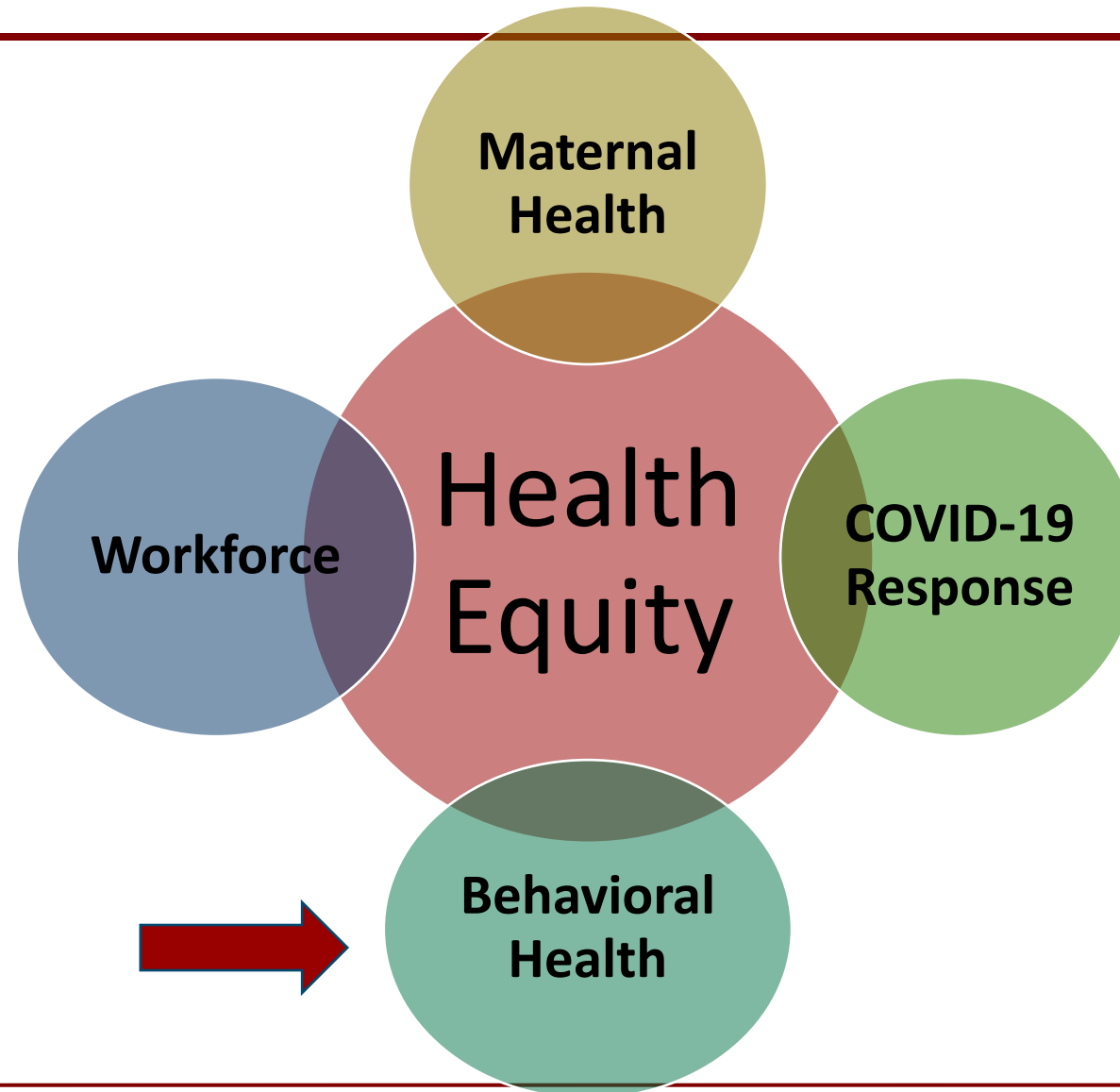
FORHP Rural Strategic Initiatives Division

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



HRSA and FORHP Priorities



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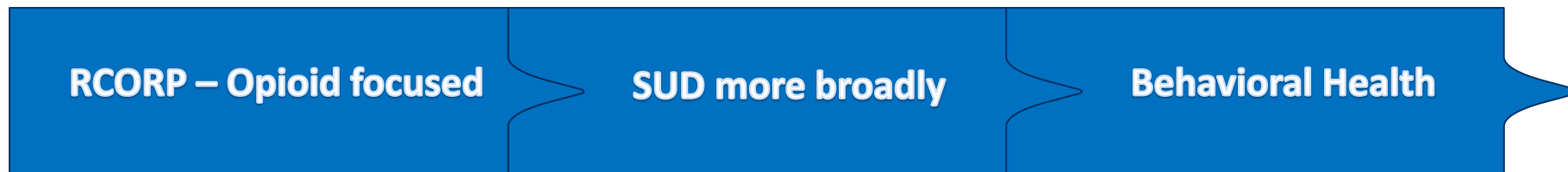
Plan and coordinate new rural program initiatives created as a result of agency, Department, and/or Administration priorities



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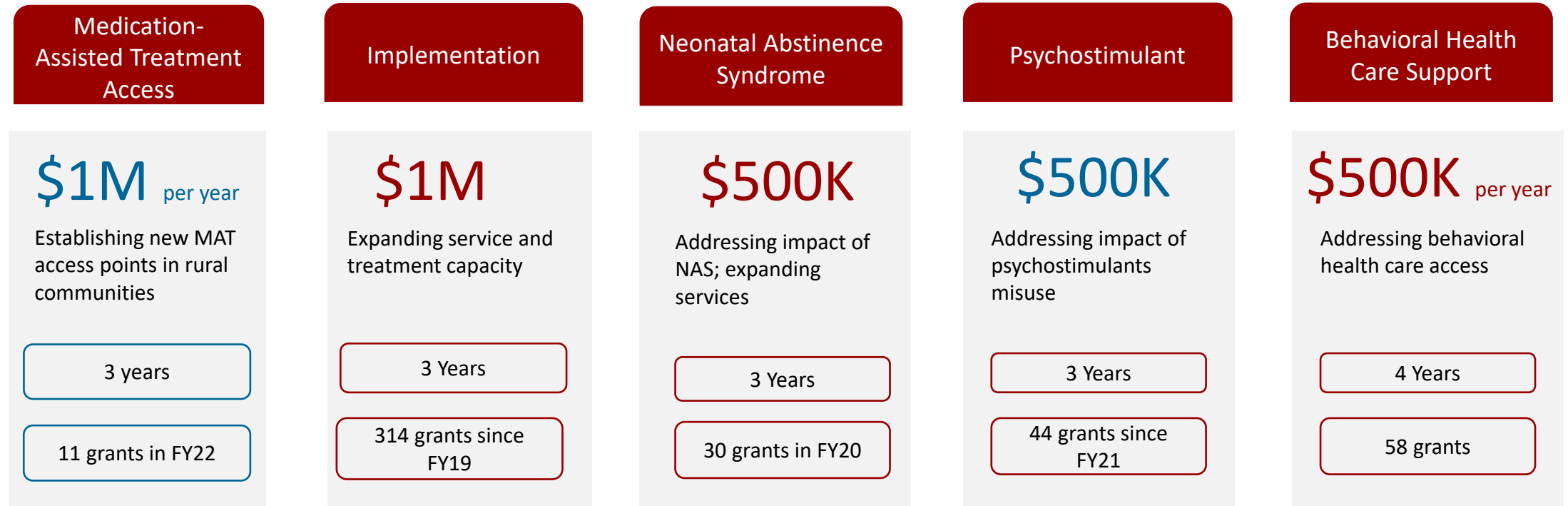
RSID's largest initiative, the [Rural Communities Opioid Response Program](#), is a multi-year \$575 million initiative launched in FY 2018 that provides direct funding and technical assistance to rural communities addressing behavioral health needs, including SUD/ODU.

- Since 2018, FORHP has made RCORP investments across 47 states and 2 territories, reaching 1,800+ rural counties
- The RCORP grant recipients active in FY 2020 provided direct services to more than 2 million rural patients
- RCORP programs continue to expand to more diverse and emerging areas:



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RCORP Grant Programs Addressing Rural Behavioral Health



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RCORP Cooperative Agreements Addressing Rural Behavioral Health

	RCORP-Technical Assistance	RCORP-Evaluation	RCORP-Centers of Excellence	Rural Behavioral Health Workforce Centers – Northern Border Region
Goal	To assist rural consortiums with addressing opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery service and workforce needs.	To evaluate the impact of RCORP initiatives through data collection and analysis, and to develop evaluation tools and resources for rural communities.	To support the dissemination of best practices related to the treatment for and prevention of SUDs within rural communities, with a focus on the current opioid crisis, and the development of methods to address future SUD epidemics.	To improve behavioral health care services in rural areas through educating and training health professionals and community members to care for individuals with behavioral health disorders, including SUD.
Period of performance	4 years	4 years	3 years	3 Years
Award recipient(s)	JBS International, Inc.	JBS International, Inc.,	Fletcher Group (Stockbridge, GA); University of Rochester (Rochester, NY); University of Vermont (Burlington, VT)	Medical Care Development (Augusta, ME) Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital (Lebanon, NH) Vermont Association for Mental Health (Montpelier, VT)



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RCORP Accomplishments

In FY 2020, RCORP grantees:

- Screened **1,327,656** individuals for SUD
- Provided direct services to **2,079,373** rural residents, including:
 - 70,869 individuals received MAT services
- Trained **12,261** providers in topics such as mental health first aid, stigma, and prescribing guidelines



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Funding Opportunity Forecast (Pending Appropriations)

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)-Rural Tribal Support	NOFO Available: Fall 2022 Project Start Date: 9/1/2023		
RCORP-Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health	NOFO Available: Winter 2022 Project Start Date: 9/1/2023		
RCORP-Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome	NOFO Available: Winter 2022 Project Start Date: 9/1/2023		
RCORP-Overdose Response	NOFO Available: Fall 2022 Project Start Date: 9/1/2023	NOFO Available: Fall 2023 Project Start Date: 9/1/2024	
RCORP-Evaluation	NOFO Available: Fall 2022 Project Start Date: 9/1/2023		
RCORP-Rural Centers of Excellence on Substance Use Disorder	NOFO Available: Fall 2022 Project Start Date: 9/1/2023		
RCORP-Implementation			NOFO Available: TBD Project Start Date: 9/1/2025
RCORP-Psychostimulant Support		NOFO Available: Fall/Winter 2023 Project Start Date: 9/1/2024	
RCORP-Pilot (TBD)		NOFO Available: Fall/Winter 2023 Project Start Date: 9/1/2024	
Rural Health Clinic Behavioral Health Program	NOFO Available: Winter 2022 Project Start Date: 9/1/2023		

RCORP-Technical Assistance

- **RCORP-TA Portal provides:**
 - Upcoming Events
 - Webinars
 - Toolkits
 - Videos
 - Resource Guides
 - Manuals and Briefs
 - Trainings
 - Funding Opportunities
 - Grantee Contacts
- <https://www.rcorp-ta.org/>

The screenshot shows the RCORP-TA website homepage. At the top left is the logo "RCORP-TA" with the tagline "RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE". To the right is a "SITE SEARCH" box with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search box are navigation links: "Event Calendar", "About", and "Contact Us". A dark navigation bar contains links for "Home", "Trainings and Resources", "Grantees", "Request Technical Assistance", and "Funding Opportunities". The main content area features a large heading "Welcome to the RCORP-TA Resource Portal!" followed by a paragraph describing the program's mission. To the right, there is a section titled "Upcoming Events" listing two events: "Practical Grant Writing Strategies Webinar- Part 1" on January 5, 2021, and "Office Hours with Dr. C" on January 7, 2021. A "View more events" link is provided below the list. At the bottom of the main content area, it states "This portal allows grantees to request technical assistance".



RCORP-Rural Centers of Excellence

Focus Area 1:

Innovative and effective treatment interventions for SUD, particularly OUD, in rural communities

- Patient-centered and family-based approaches to address the generational impacts of substance abuse
- Workforce and service delivery challenges common in rural communities and unique to rural health care providers
- E.g. Hub-and-spoke model, etc.

University of Vermont
Center on Rural Addiction
<https://uvmcora.org/>

Focus Area 2:

Best practices in recovery housing programs for SUD, particularly OUD, intervention among low-income, high-risk individuals in rural communities

- Other prevention and treatment services for low-income, high-risk rural residents, including criminal justice-involved persons

Fletcher Group
Rural Center of Excellence
<https://www.fletchergroup.org/rcoe/>

Focus Area 3:

Addressing synthetic opioid-related overdose mortality in rural communities in the Delta and/or Appalachian regions

- Unique factors that may contribute to rural synthetic opioid use, including underlying social, economic, and environmental conditions

University of Rochester
Recovery Center of Excellence
<https://recoverycenterofexcellence.org/>



RSID

Ongoing and Future Priorities

- Continue broadening scope of RCORP
- Health equity
- Reaching new applicants/communities
- Partnerships and collaborations
- Address future priorities



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- Opportunities for SORHs to engage with RCORP Applicants and Grantees
 - Applicants:
 - ✓ Grant-writing assistance and resources
 - ✓ Network building
 - ✓ Serve as applicant or as a consortium member
 - Grantees:
 - ✓ Facilitate networking and peer-learning
 - ✓ Participate in regional meetings
 - ✓ Accompany HRSA staff and TA providers on site visits
 - ✓ Recruitment and Retention assistance and support
 - ✓ An opportunity to learn more about behavioral health needs and ongoing activities in your state

