



# Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

## VA Rural Research State of the Art Meeting

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**Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People**



# Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

## Overview

- Supports more than 90 programs that provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically challenged

- Over 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities

- Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people with HIV/AIDS, pregnant people and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care




# The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

Authority: Section 711 of the Social Security Act

**Mission:** The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) collaborates with rural communities and partners to support programs and shape policy that will improve health in rural America.

**Vision:** Building Healthy Rural Communities



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OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH POLICY

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(b) In addition to advising the Secretary with respect to the matters specified in subsection (a), the Director, through the Office, shall—

- (1) oversee compliance with the requirements of section 1102(b) of this Act and section 4403 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987<sup>[21]</sup> (as such section pertains to rural health issues),
- (2) establish and maintain a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating information on—
  - (A) rural health care issues, including rural mental health, rural infant mortality prevention, and rural occupational safety and preventive health promotion,
  - (B) research findings relating to rural health care, and
  - (C) innovative approaches to the delivery of health care in rural area, including programs providing community-based mental health services, pre-natal and infant care services, and rural occupational safety and preventive health education and promotion,
- (3) coordinate the activities within the Department that relate to rural health care,
- (4) provide information to the Secretary and others in the Department with respect to the activities, of other Federal departments and agencies, that relate to rural health care, including activities relating to rural mental health, rural infant mortality, and rural occupational safety and preventive health promotion, and
- (5) administer grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts to provide technical assistance and other activities as necessary to support activities related to improving health care in rural areas.

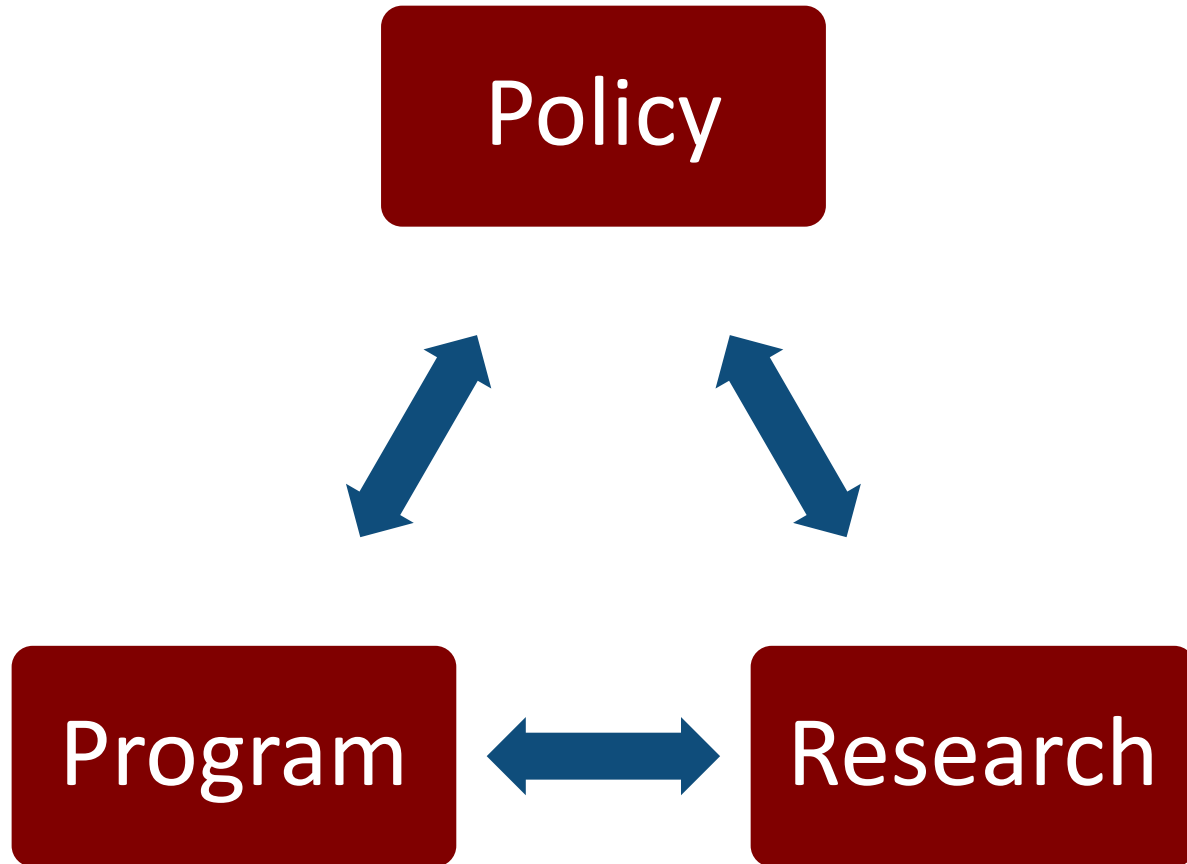
<sup>[21]</sup> See Vol. II, P.L. 100-203, §4403.

## Quick Background on FORHP's Dual Role

Work Across HRSA And HHS	Collaborate with Federal partners
"Voice for Rural"	Regulation Review and Policy Analysis
Capacity Building in Rural Communities	HRSA Grant Programs and Technical Assistance



# Connecting Program & Policy



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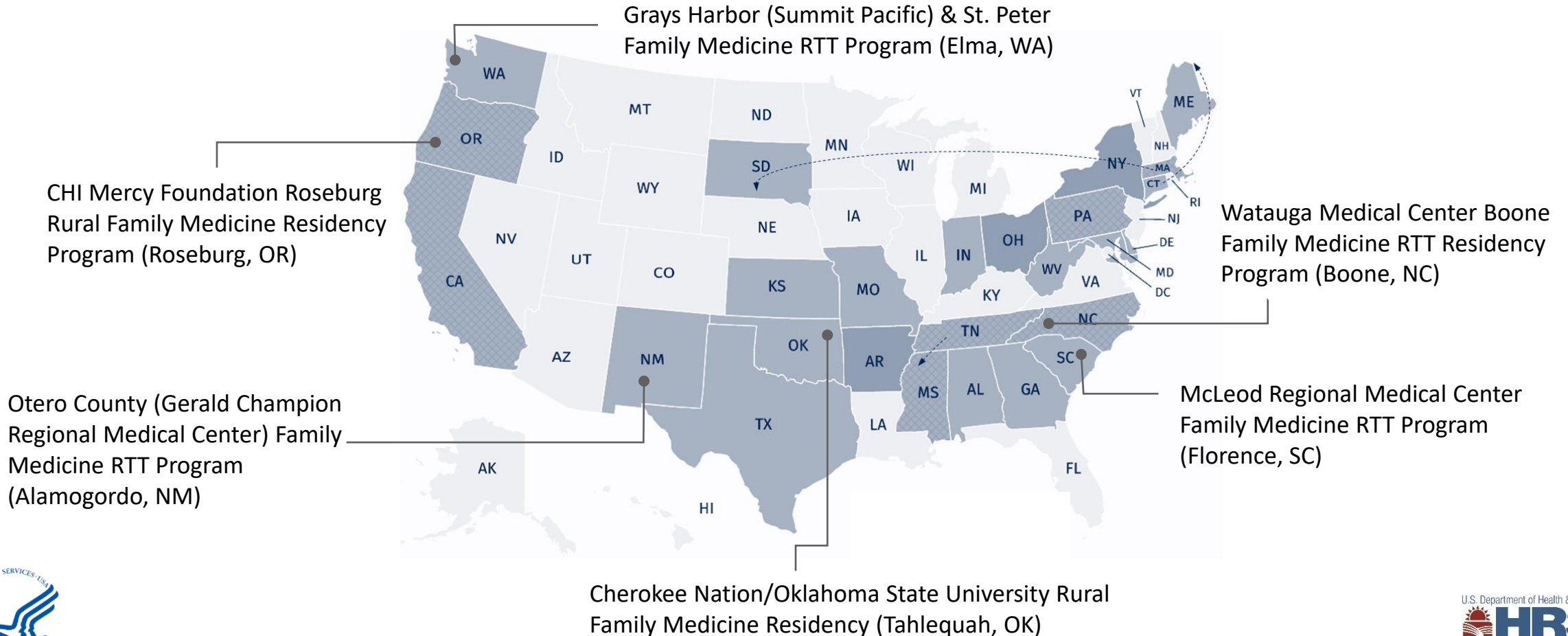
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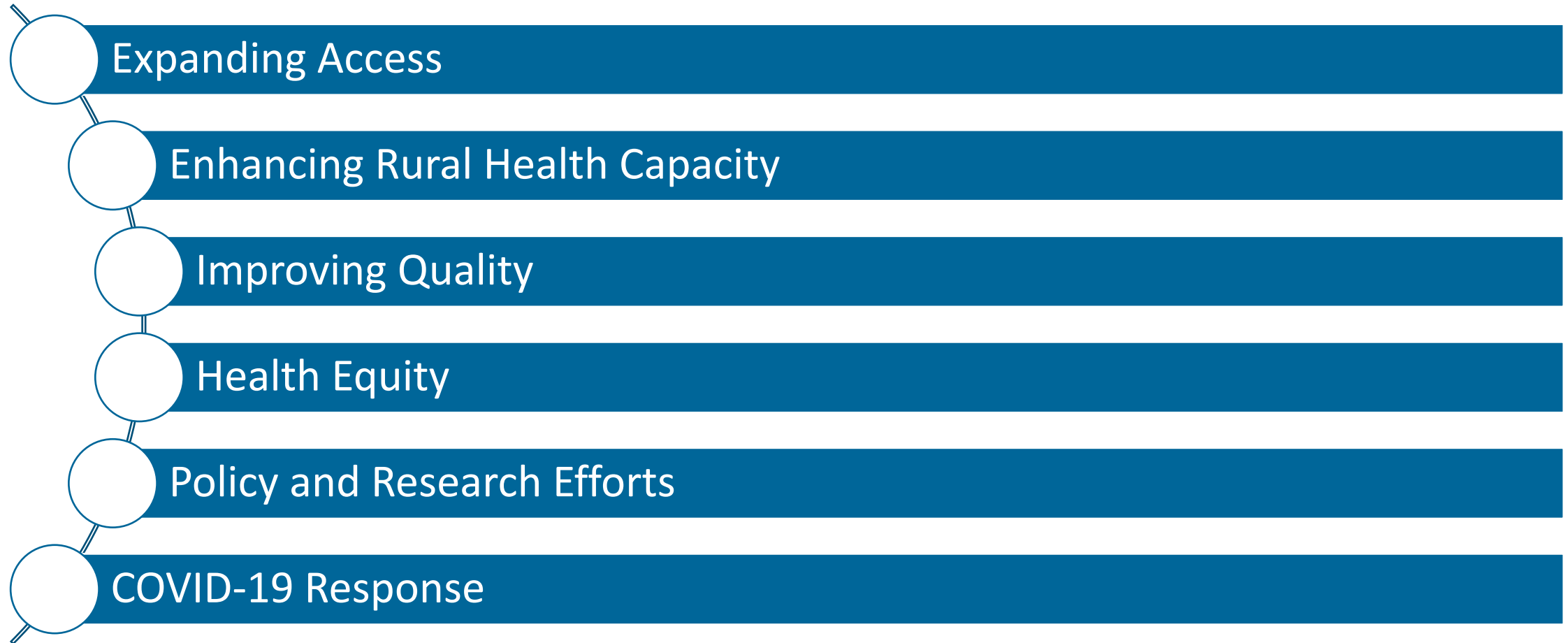
# More Rural Training = More Rural Doctors

## Rural Residency Planning and Development (RRPD) Program

Six award recipients matriculated over 30 residents in FY 2020 and more are expected to start this Fall 2021.



# FORHP Priorities



# Rural Health Research Gateway

www.ruralhealthresearch.org

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links for 'About Us', 'Browse Research', 'Webinars', 'Research Alerts', and 'Other Resources'. The main content area features a large banner for a webinar titled 'Rural-Urban Differences in Adverse and Positive Childhood Experiences' on March 15, 2022. Below the banner are five columns of featured content, each with an icon and a list of key points.

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**WEBINAR**  
**Rural-Urban Differences in Adverse and Positive Childhood Experiences**  
March 15, 2022  
9:00 AM/PT | 10:00 AM/MT  
11:00 AM/CT | 12:00 PM/ET  
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**Research Publications**

- Access policy briefs, chartbooks, journal articles, and other products developed under the Centers' Research

**Research Centers**

- Learn about the Rural Health Research Centers Program
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**Dissemination Toolkit**

- Learn how to create health research products
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## Medicare

### Research Findings

View publications, including policy briefs, working papers, and journal articles, on Medicare:

- [Research Products & Journal Articles](#) - (230)

### Webinars

Access information on upcoming or archived webinars on Medicare.

- [Impact of the CMS Value-Based Purchasing and Readmission Reduction Programs on Rural Hospitals](#)  
Presented Tuesday, October 20, 2015
- [The 2014 Update of the Rural-Urban Chartbook](#)  
Presented Tuesday, December 9, 2014
- [Change in Profitability and Financial Distress of Critical Access Hospitals \(CAHs\) from Loss of Cost-Based Reimbursement](#)  
Presented Friday, October 31, 2014

### Projects on this Topic

Learn more about the research questions guiding each study, the lead researcher for each, and when the Research Center anticipates releasing completed product(s) under each project.

- Currently, there are [20 research projects underway](#) to explore this issue.
- In the past, [96 research projects have been completed](#) on Medicare.

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