

*Access to Care in Rural Tennessee  
September 5, 2024  
Tennessee Brighter Futures*



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## Rural Health Association of Tennessee



- ~800+ Members
  - School Health
  - Hospitals and Clinics
  - Mental and Behavioral Health providers
  - Community Based Organizations

*Representing all 95 of Tennessee's counties!*

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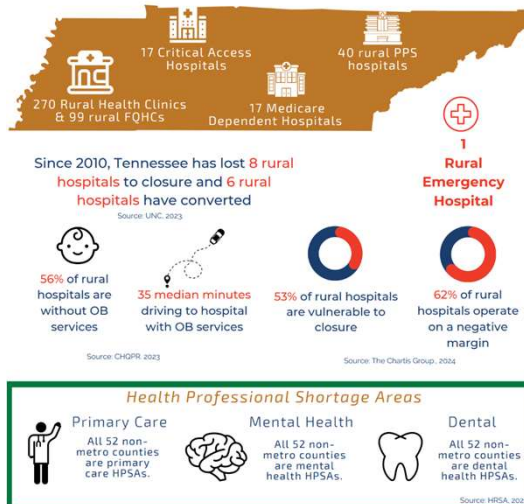
# Today's Agenda

- Access to Care in Tennessee
- Rural Community Opioid Response
- TN Community Compass
- Resources and Events



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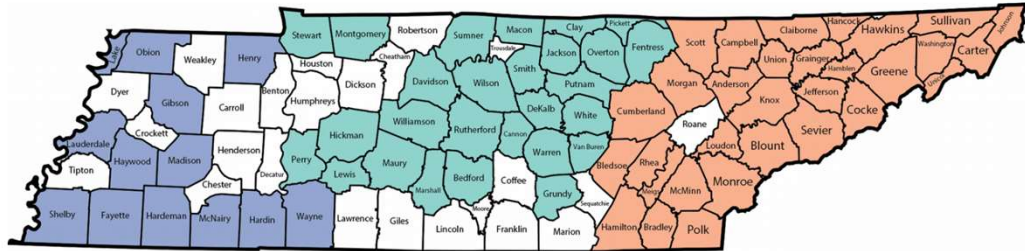
## Tennessee Rural Health Statistics



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## TN Community Health Centers

TN Community Health Centers serve more than 423,000 patients in 72 TN counties.



*If you are seeking quality, affordable and accessible healthcare, click here to find a community health center near you!*

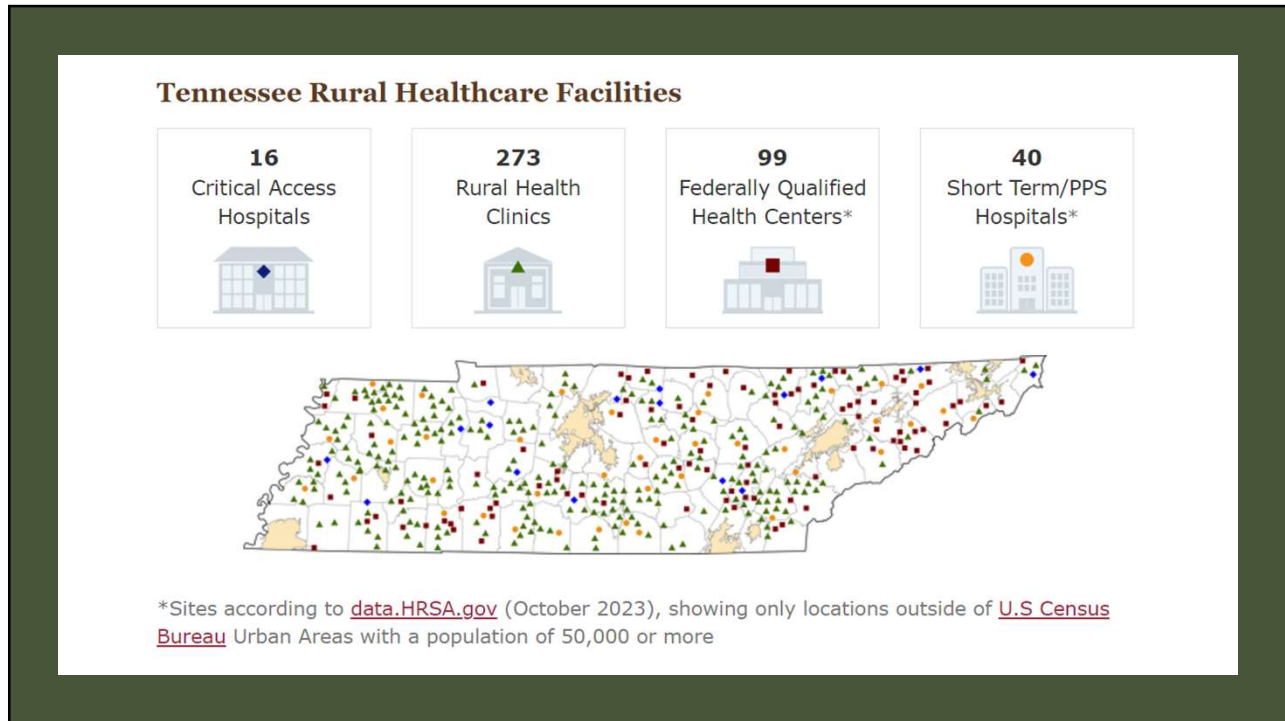
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## Tennessee Charitable Clinics

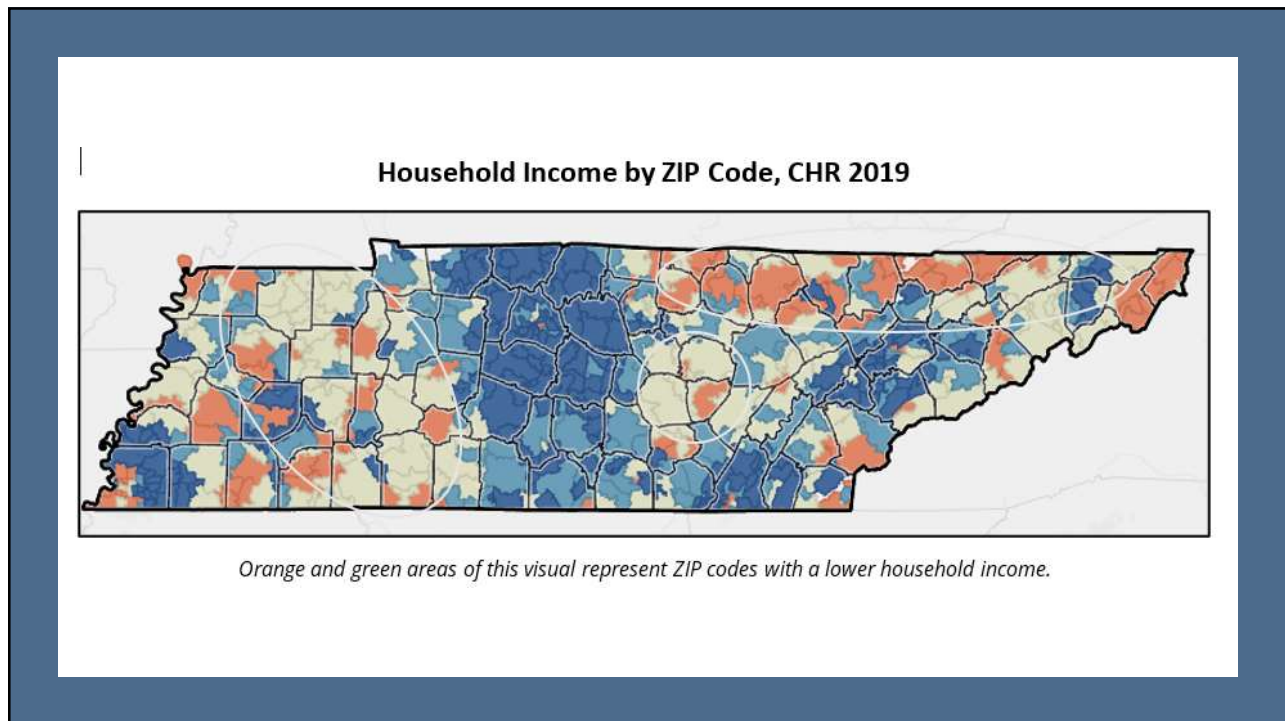


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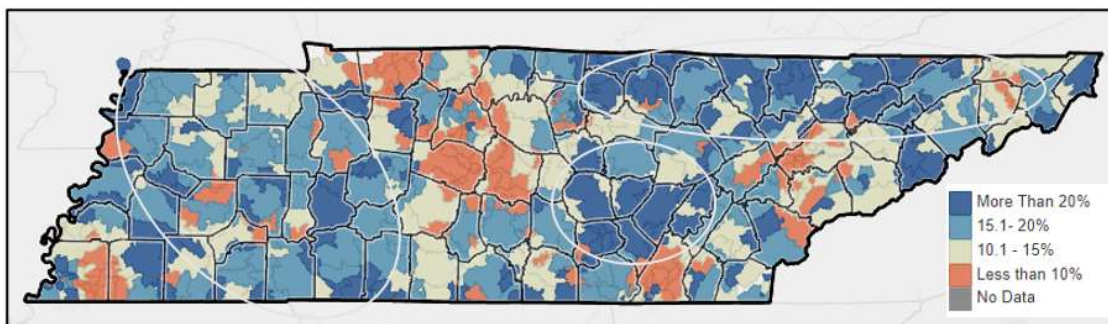


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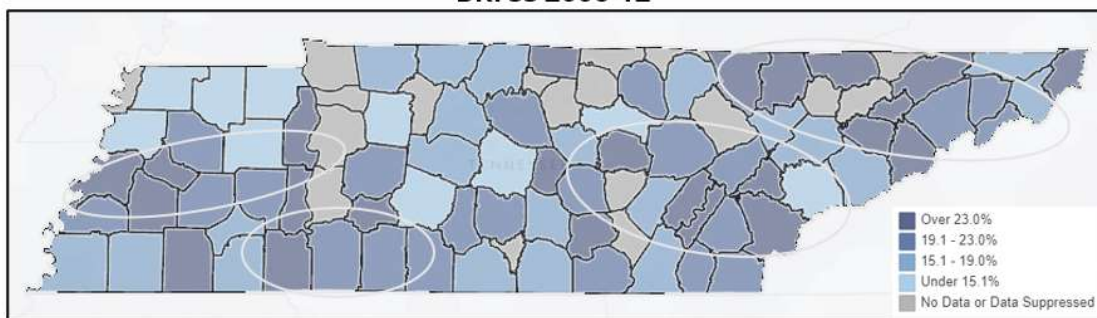
**% Age 25+ With Less than a High School Education by ZIP Code, 2019**



*Blue areas on this visual represent ZIP codes with a higher percentage of population age 25+ without a high school education.*

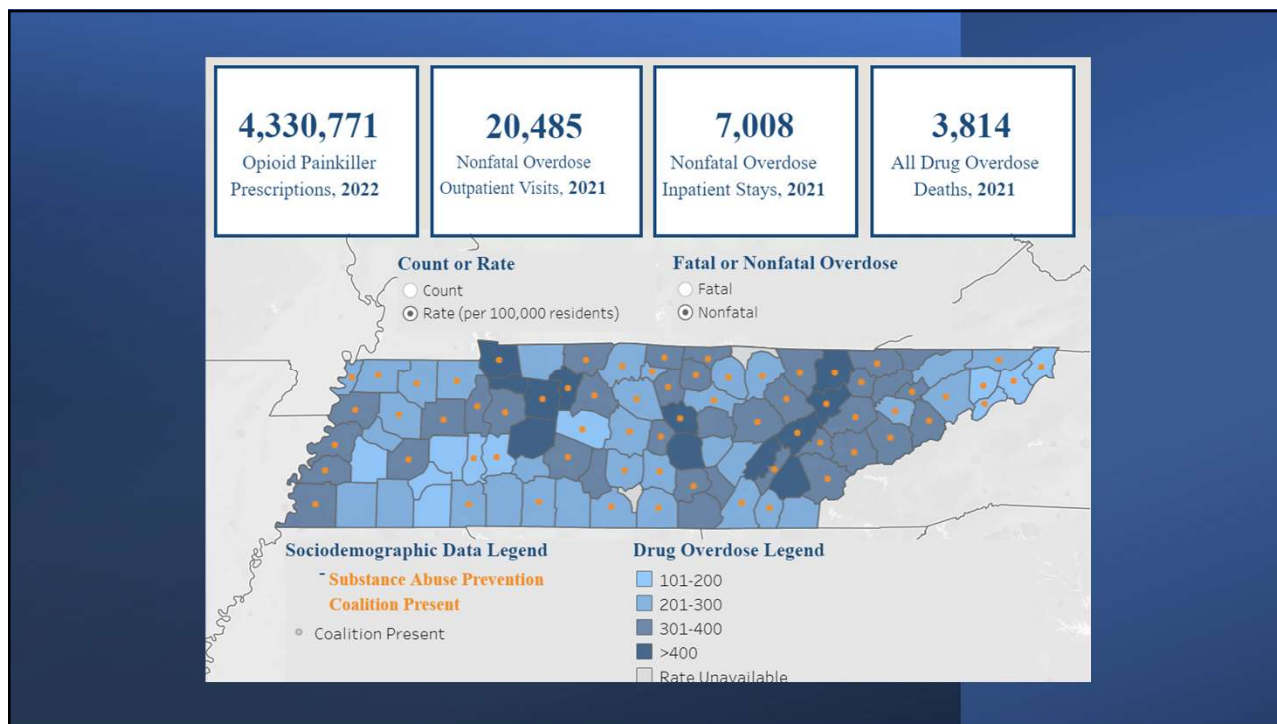
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**Inadequate Social/Emotional Support, % of Adults Age 18+ by County, CDC BRFSS 2006-12**

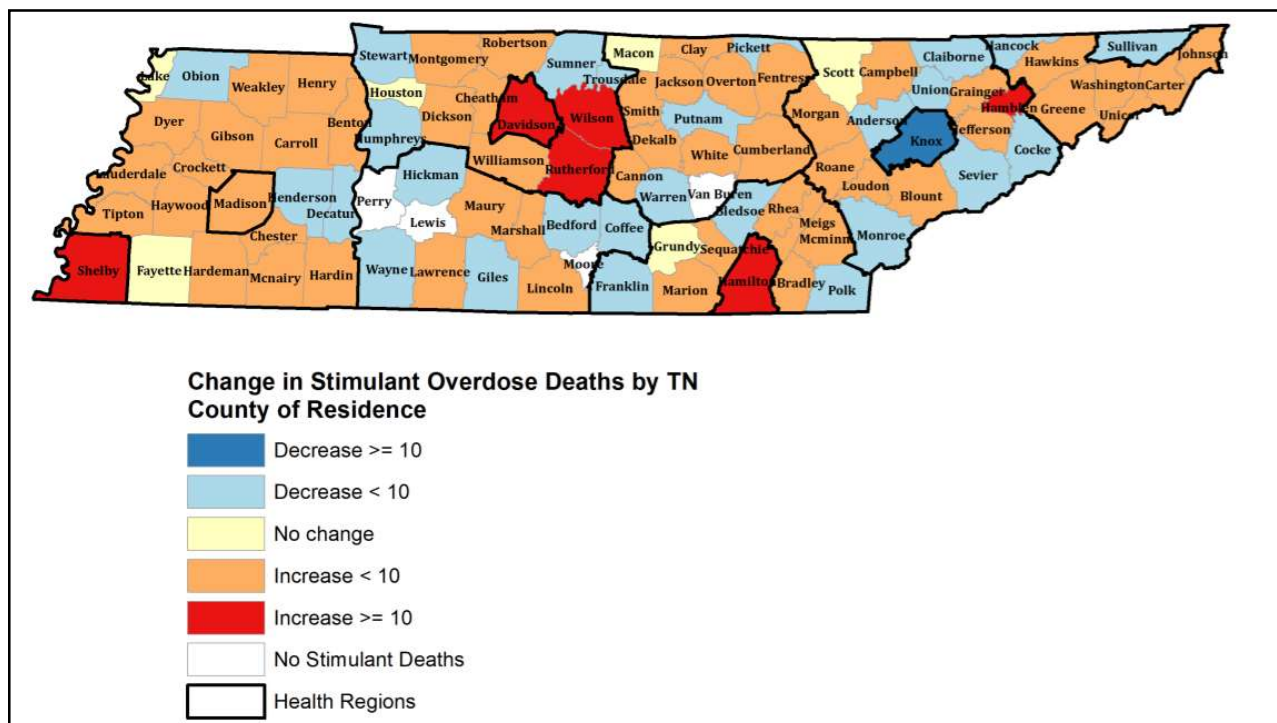


*A higher percentage indicates an increased lack of social or emotional supports available within the community.*

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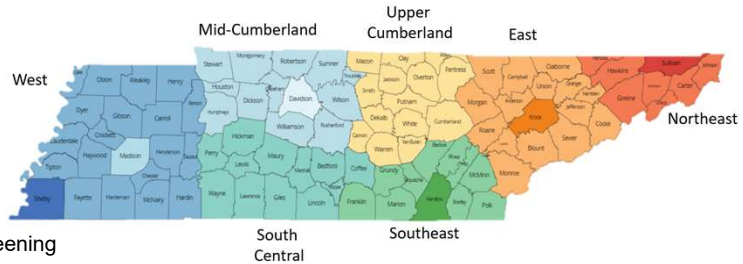
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# Local and Regional Health Departments

- Clinical Services
  - Primary care
  - STD, HIV, TB
  - Family Planning\*
  - WIC
  - Immunizations
  - Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening
- Dental Services
- Naloxone & Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution
- Care Coordination for Children - CHANT
- Reportable Diseases and Investigation
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Health
- Health Planning and Community Engagement



\*for U.S. Citizens

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## Rural Community Opioid Response Program Open Resources



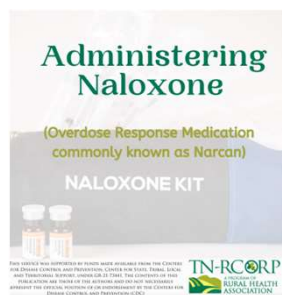
Sign the Pledge!

The goal of the Tennessee Rural Community Opioid Response Program (TN-RCORP) is to reduce the prevalence of substance use disorder by 5% over the next 3 years. By signing this pledge you will be added to our monthly newsletter providing resources, event announcements, and best practice guides to support reaching this goal. By signing this pledge, your organization will support our efforts to reduce substance misuse by sharing resources, events, and materials with your community.

\* Email

\* First Name

\* Last Name



Newsletter: <https://www.tnruralhealth.org/rural-health-digest>

Resource Center – Side Bar Menu on website, or <https://rhat.mclms.net/en/>

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# Rural Health Equity – Language Inclusion

## Rural Health Equity Toolkit

A language and resource guide for practicing health equity in rural settings.

[Rural Health Equity Toolkit](#) - We will add to this toolkit after each presentation. Be sure to register for future webinars and come back here for updated information.

We also recommend the [American Psychological Association \(APA\)'s Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Language Guide](#).

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<https://www.tnruralhealth.org/health-equity-toolkit>



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# We Are Here to Help with TennCare Enrollment

**Do you need help with TennCare Enrollment or Redetermination?**

**Come see us at a Community Outreach Event**

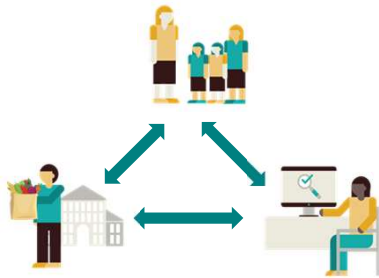
**June 24th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Resurrected Baptist Church, Chattanooga, TN**



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## Closing Loops Across Stakeholders



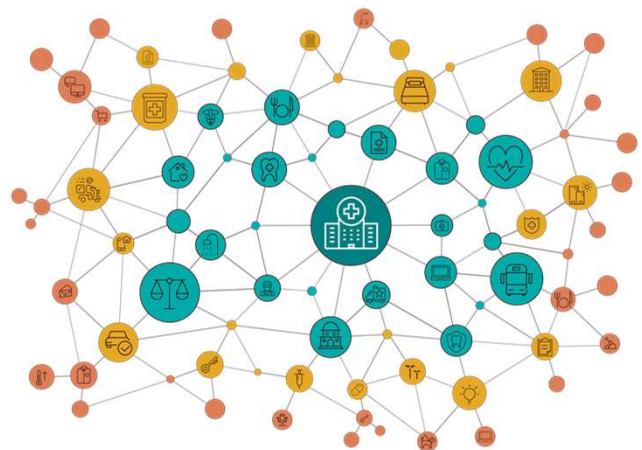
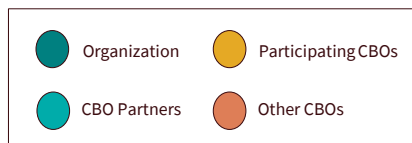
Any party involved in a referral (**member, CBO, navigator**) may close the loop and track outcomes.

**Closed Loop:** Any referral with a conclusive status indicating a final update, or the referral is “done”.

This includes referrals with the following statuses: **eligible, referred elsewhere, got help.**

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## Trusted Network



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# Tennessee Community Compass Trainings



- 101 Training – Every Second Tuesday 1-2pm Central
- 201 Training – Every Forth Tuesday 1-2pm Central
- Open Office Hours – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1-2pm Central

<https://www.tnruralhealth.org/community-compass>



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# Upcoming Events

September 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 ● Recovery in Rural Harnessing ... ● Tennessee Community Compass ...	4	5 ● Opportunities to Integrate Com ...	6	7
8	9	10 ● Recovery in Rural Breaking St ... ● Tennessee Community Compass 10 ...	11	12 ● Opportunities to Integrate Com ...	13	14
15	16	17 ● Recovery in Rural Medication ... ● Tennessee Community Compass ...	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 ● Recovery in Rural Public Safe ... ● Tennessee Community Compass 20 ...	25 ● RHC Lunch and Learn: Time to T...	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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# Upcoming Events

## SAVE THE DATE

Celebrate 30 years of Rural Health Association of Tennessee at our annual conference:

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Years Strong: Honoring Our Past,  
Shaping Our Future

November 20th - 22nd, 2024

Marriott Knoxville Downtown 525 Harley St. Knoxville, TN 37902

### RHC LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CST

REGISTER BELOW BY CLICKING ON YOUR PREFERRED TOPIC

7/31	A SECRET SAFE PLACE FOR NEWBORNS & THE TENNESSEE SAFE HAVEN LAW
8/28	LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY IMPROVE PATIENT OUTCOMES & OVERALL HEALTH
9/25	TIME TO TALK - HAVING FINANCIAL CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR PATIENTS
10/23	CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: WHERE TO START
12/18	TBD

#### RECOVERY IN RURAL

9/3

**THRIVING IN RECOVERY**  
Harnessing Rural Strengths to Build Recovery-Ready Community

Join us on September 3rd, 10-11:30am CDT, for an engaging conversation on how rural communities can lead the way in promoting recovery and resilience. Our panels will share inspiring stories of progress, discuss barriers hindering recovery readiness, and outline essential steps to create inclusive environments where everyone can flourish in their recovery journey.

Register for the 9/3 webinar at this link.



#### RECOVERY IN RURAL

9/10

**BREAKING THE STIGMA**  
Addressing Bias and Promoting Understanding in Rural Tennessee

Join us September 10, 10:00-11:30 CDT, for an impactful session focused on addressing bias and reducing stigma. Expert speakers will share strategies for fostering empathy, challenging stereotypes, and promoting a culture of inclusion and support. This webinar will equip participants with actionable knowledge to advocate for positive change and create more compassionate communities.

Register for the 9/10 webinar at this link.



#### RECOVERY IN RURAL

9/17

**MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER**  
Access and Cultural Competencies in Patient Care

Join us on September 17, 10:00-11:30 CDT, for an insightful session highlighting opportunities of implementing Medication for Opioid Use Disorders (MOUD) in rural Tennessee. Presenters will share strategies for introducing MOUD to populations seeking care and address the critical role of cultural competency in enhancing provider-patient care as we foster better health outcomes.

Register for the 9/17 webinar at this link.



#### RECOVERY IN RURAL

9/24

**PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSES TO THE ADDICTION CRISIS**  
Normalizing Strategies for Rural Communities

Join our final webinar on September 24, 10-11:30 CDT, where our expert panelists will delve into viable, actionable initiatives available to rural first responders. Presenters will share what these initiatives are and how they are currently funded. This session will also address the often-overlooked issue of secondary trauma among public safety personnel.


Register for the 9/24 webinar at this link.



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Summaries of the latest and ongoing funding and opportunities for rural communities

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### ABOUT THE ONLINE LIBRARY

The Rural Health Information Hub online library is updated daily with news, resources and opportunities from a variety of online sources, delivering them to you to:

- Save you time
- Keep you informed of the latest happenings in rural health
- Help you find necessary information and make informed decisions
- Ensure you don't miss out on important opportunities

### MORE USEFUL TOOLS

[Topic Guides](#) – Find information and resources on over 50 rural topics

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### Organizations


Government agencies, research organizations, non-profits and others with an interest in rural communities

- [National Rural Organizations with an Interest in Health](#)
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### Resources

RHIhub collects and facilitates access to resources from many sources

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The screenshot shows the RHIhub website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Updates & Alerts', 'About RHIhub', and 'Contact Us'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Search' and a 'Search' button. A secondary navigation bar contains categories: 'Online Library', 'Topics & States', 'Rural Data Visualizations', 'Case Studies & Conversations', and 'Tools for Success'. The main content area displays 'Website Search Results for: brain injury'. On the left, there are filters for 'Sort By' (Relevance, Date), 'Broaden your search' (All pages), and 'Narrow your search' (Events, Funding, Models & Innovations, Organizations, Resources, Rural Monitor, Toolkits, Topic Guides). The search results list four items related to brain injury, including articles from 'The Rural Monitor' and a 'Needs and Resources Assessment Final Report'.

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Your Persistence.*

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