

Maryland State Office of Rural Health



The Maryland **State Office of Rural Health (SORH)** is federally funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration's **Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP)** to provide technical assistance to rural entities throughout Maryland; coordinate rural health resources and activities in the State; encourage recruitment and retention in the State; collect and disseminate information; and participate in local, state, and federal partnerships.

MISSION

The Maryland **SORH's** mission is to improve the quality of healthcare for all rural Marylanders by developing strong partnerships; building local resources; promoting relevant state and national rural health policies; and supporting efforts to recruit and retain health care providers in rural areas.

SORH PRIORITIES

- Technical assistance
- Rural Recruitment and Retention
- Information Collection and Dissemination
- Coordinating rural health interests and activities

WHO WE SERVE

- Local health departments
- Rural Hospitals
- Health Care Providers
- Federal, State, and Local governments
- Economic development and business sectors
- Community and advocacy groups
- Colleges and universities

WHAT WE OFFER

- Recruitment and retention (For more information, visit www.3rnet.org.)
- Technical Assistance
- Information Clearinghouse and Data Support
- Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)
- Funding for the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)s
- Support to Maryland Rural Stakeholder groups
- Policy Analysis and Information
- Funding Alerts and Quarterly Newsletters (*Maryland Primary Care & Rural Health*)

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, through the Office of Health Policy & Planning (OHPP), administers **SORH** program for the State of Maryland. For more information, visit: <http://fha.state.md.us/ohpp/ruralhlth>

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