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RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Welcome to the December 2025 RCORP-TA Newsletter!

In this issue, we highlight resources for support during the holidays, celebrate the great work of our Featured Grantee—Casa Trinity, and introduce the new Info Briefs as December's featured resources. **Happy Holidays!**

A light blue illustration of a rural landscape with rolling hills, a small house, and trees.

Support During the Holidays

The holiday season can be filled with joy and celebration. However, this time of year can also trigger difficult emotions, thoughts, or feelings—such as stress, loneliness, and grief—that can impact mental health and substance use (including alcohol use).

Learn more about [support during the holidays](#) on the RCORP-TA Portal.



Featured Grantee

CASA-Trinity, Inc.

CASA-Trinity presented at the November Ask-a-Grantee call. They shared a number of ideas, highlighting their campaign of tailored mailers promoting the 211 texting program connecting households with treatment and recovery resources. Learn more in Casa Trinity's [Featured Grantee writeup](#).



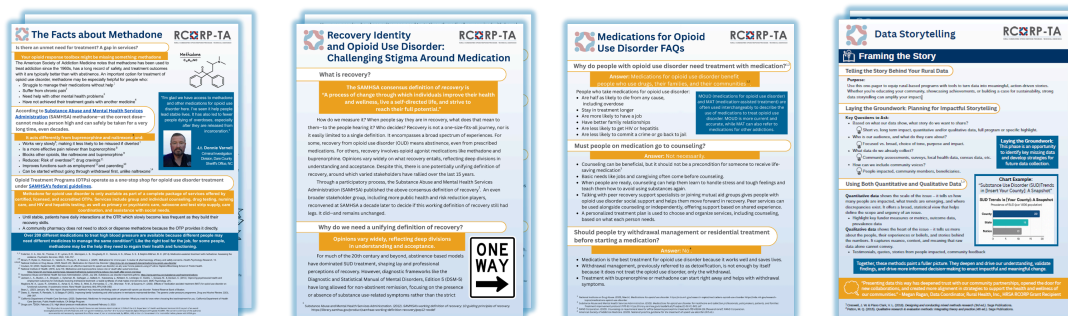
Text. Talk. Heal.

Featured Resources

New Info Briefs

Is there an unmet need for treatment? How do we measure recovery? Why do people with opioid use disorder need treatment with medication? Find the answers to these questions in the new Info Brief resources—[Methadone](#), [Recovery](#), and [MOUD](#)—on the RCORP-TA Portal.

And don't miss the [Data Storytelling Info Brief](#) we shared in last month's newsletter!



Rural Roads Podcast

Rural Roads - The RCORPodcast

The Rural Roads Podcast is back, and new episodes are coming soon! Thank you for all of the support over our first two years. We hope the information has been helpful to you as an RCORP grantee. Check out our featured episode.

[Breaking Down the Myths and Facts about Medication for Opioid Use Disorder with Dr. C](#)



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Upcoming

Events

Rural Peer Hour

- December 16, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Being and Becoming a Rural MOUD Provider: Live Sessions

- December 17, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Recovery Office Hour

- December 17, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Office Hours with Dr. C

- December 23, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Funding Opportunities

The list of funding opportunities updates continually. Check the portal regularly to view all [listings](#).

- [HRSA needs rural reviewers for grant applications](#)
- [HRSA National Health Service Corps medications for opioid use disorder training](#)
- [Rural graduate medical education planning and development](#)
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Rural Development: Community Facilities Programs](#)
- [U.S. Department of Transportation: Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success \(ROUTES\)](#)
- [Targeted Technical Assistance for Rural Hospitals Program](#)

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HRSA Updates

HRSA Administrator Tours Health Centers, Speaks at National Conferences

HRSA Administrator Tom Engels is committed to visiting grantees, meeting with community members and seeing the impact of HRSA programs first-hand. This

month, he toured HRSA-funded health centers across the country to learn about the vital work they're doing to deliver accessible, high-quality care. He also spoke at multiple national conferences, highlighting HRSA and Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) priorities and exploring opportunities to strengthen partnerships between HRSA and local, state, Tribal and community leaders.

New HHS Study Finds Home Visiting Services Improve Family Wellbeing

HHS, through the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and HRSA, released new findings from the **Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation** (MIHOPE) study. The MIHOPE study highlights the long-term benefits to children and families participating in federally funded, evidence-based home visiting services through the [Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting \(MIECHV\) Program](#).

The results show that direct interactions between home visitors and families had statistically significant, long-term positive effects on maternal and family wellbeing outcomes by the time children reached kindergarten. The positive outcomes included:

- improvements in families' economic circumstances
- reduced family conflict and violence,
- better maternal mental and behavioral health, and
- strengthened parent-child interactions.

[Read the press release to learn more.](#)

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials: Rural Health Transformation Program (RHT)

The [Rural Health Transformation Program](#) was established to provide an opportunity for states to invest in prevention, innovative care delivery and workforce initiatives to improve the health of rural residents. Created under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the program will provide \$50 billion over 5 years (2026–2030) through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to eligible states. Read the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials blog post, [Understanding and Applying for the Rural Health Transformation Program](#), to learn about program requirements and the application process.





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