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News Connection: Bridging Rural Communities September 2025 - Volume 53

Welcome to the September 2025 RCORP-TA Newsletter!

We are excited to re-establish our monthly newsletter as a way to stay more closely connected with you. RCORP-TA's News Connection is designed to be a valuable resource—sharing updates, new opportunities, and tools to support the incredible work you are doing in your communities across the nation. We know your time is valuable, and we encourage you to read each issue to discover ways to strengthen your impact and to access all the resources available to you.

In this issue we will highlight National Recovery Month and Suicide Prevention Awareness Week, celebrate the great work of our Featured Grantee, Citizens Memorial Hospital District of Polk County, and learn more about the new Data Storytelling Info Brief as the September featured resource. **Happy Fall!**



Recovery Month & Suicide Prevention Month

National Recovery Month, held every September, is dedicated to promoting and supporting new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices. In addition, as suicide has become a major health concern in the United States, September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Month.

Learn more about [National Recovery Month 2025](#) and [National Suicide Prevention Month 2025](#) on the RCORP-TA Portal.



Featured Grantee

Citizens Memorial Hospital

Citizens Memorial is a rural health care network that includes a hospital, 14 rural health clinics, and 6 long term care facilities serving 7 counties in Southwest Missouri. This region has a population of 150,000 rural residents who reside in small, agricultural communities.

Grant funds enabled Citizens Memorial to develop a Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) network, utilizing community paramedics to offer treatment and primary care within the home. In addition to the community paramedics, a certified lactation consultant with 30+ years of experience in maternal health and a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner offer in-home care. Patients are referred to the MIH program and a community resource specialist coordinates their appointment times and resources.

Learn more in this month's [Featured Grantee writeup](#).

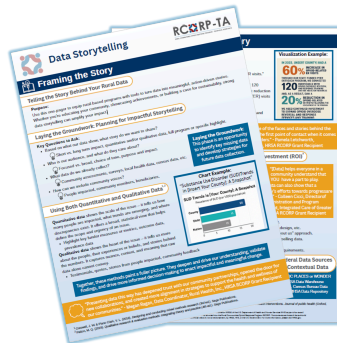


Featured Resources

Data Storytelling In Brief

Whether you're educating your community, showcasing achievements, or building a case for sustainability, strong data storytelling can amplify your impact. Use this one-pager to equip rural-based programs with tools to turn data into meaningful, action-driven stories.

[View the info brief](#) on the RCORP-TA Portal.



RCORP-TA In-Focus Videos

In-Focus Videos are concise, on-demand technical assistance resources developed by RCORP-TA to provide grantees with focused guidance on priority topics. Each video delivers targeted insights in a streamlined format, enabling viewers to engage with relevant information efficiently. These videos are intended to support implementation efforts and strengthen service delivery in rural communities. Current topics include Behavioral Health Integration, Faith-Based Partnerships, Workforce Recruitment and Retention, and Recognizing Symptoms of Trauma in Infants and Toddlers.

[View the videos](#) on the RCORP-TA Portal.



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 and we hope the information has been helpful to you as an RCORP grantee. Check out our featured episode.

[Prevention Strategies with Logan Reid and Craig PoVey](#)



5,000 Downloads! Listen Now



Events

Recovery Office Hour

- September 24, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Office Hours with Dr. C

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

Rural Peer Hour

- September 23, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

September Ask-a-Grantee Session: Citizens Memorial Hospital District of Polk County (Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome II)

- September 25, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Funding Opportunities

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

Targeted Technical Assistance Program for Rural Hospitals

- September 30, 2025

National Rural Health Resource Center: Rural Hospital Stabilization Program

- Ongoing

Targeted Technical Assistance for Rural Hospitals Program

- Ongoing

USDA/National Rural Health Association: Rural Hospital Technical Assistance

- Ongoing



HRSA Updates

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In August, HRSA celebrated National Health Center Week (NHCW), which marked 60 years of the [Health Center Program](#). Throughout the week, HRSA regional offices visited health centers across the country to connect with health center leaders and staff, learn how health centers are responding to local health needs and participate in events to serve their communities.

HRSA is transitioning some functionality within the Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) to GrantSolutions, a shared service provider that supports the full lifecycle of grants management. Active HRSA award recipients who will have a role managing grants for their organization are invited to join HRSA for the **Introduction to GrantSolutions - Grants Management Module training**. Training topics will include obtaining and managing a user account, navigating the system, searching for grant awards and system notifications and messaging. Available training dates are listed below. Participants only need to register for one session. The training will be recorded.

- Sept. 25, 2025 - 1:00PM – 1:30PM ET: <https://cvent.me/0B4Pym>
- Oct. 7, 2025 - 2:00PM – 2:30PM ET: <https://cvent.me/5qz3ba>

Email GSQuestions@hrsa.gov any questions about the training, accessibility, or the transition.

New Medicaid State Plan Amendment Templates

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released two State Plan Amendment (SPA) templates designed to streamline state submissions: the mandatory Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) benefit at 1905(a)(29) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the state plan option to cover Medical Assistance for Eligible Individuals Who are Patients in Eligible Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) at 1915(l) of the Act.

Learn more on the [Medicaid.gov bulletin](#).



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