



Florida Rural Health Association
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Project ECHO: Palliative Care in the Primary Care Clinic

Learn best practices and evidence-based care for patients with serious and life threatening illness through didactic and case presentations in a virtual learning network

By providing case consultations and brief presentations, experts in palliative care and geriatric mental health will enhance provider knowledge and skills regarding the physical, pharmacological and psychological aspects of palliative care. We hope to marshal the clinical wisdom and knowledge of local resources of the participants to create a learning environment whereby providers feel more comfortable with the palliative care aspects of their patients.

How does it work?

- Join an online video conference at pre-scheduled times
- Discuss and share:
 - Clinical care presentations and discussion
 - A brief educational presentation by experts in palliative care

Palliative Care ECHO offers:

- Free CE and CME credit for health care professionals
- Collaboration, support and ongoing learning with subject-matter experts and health care staff
- New ways to support patients in their home community

The first session begins Aug. 14th at noon. Registration closes Aug. 12th.
We encourage participation in each month as the curriculum builds off each session.
Learn more and register today!

[Learn more & register for Project ECHO](#)

Free High Performance CPR Training offered at 5 sites

The EMS report cards for VF witnessed cardiac arrest survival are in, and the results for most communities in the United States are dismal. Many large U.S. cities average less than 10%. Yet, there is hope. Seattle and King County, Washington report over 60% survival; among the highest in the world. Why is this? What can your community do to improve?

These resuscitation academies teach high-performance CPR through a short didactic and hands-on skills session. The audience includes EMS, Hospital and local health care providers. This one (1) day training is designed to help improve cardiac arrest survival within your communities. Join the leaders for a course that will transform the way you think about and manages cardiac arrests. We invite EMT, fire rescue, dispatch, police, ED staff, etc. to attend this training.

Check out this [Youtube video](#) and [flier](#) for more information.

Register today as seats are limited: www.bitly.com/FloridaRA



**HEALTH CARE
COMMUNITY
CONVERSATIONS**

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL (WEBCAM OR PHONE) CONVERSATION ABOUT
HEALTH CARE IN FLORIDA AND HOW IT CAN BE BETTER!

To Participate:

- All participants receive a \$20 online Walmart gift card
- Must be uninsured or on Medicaid within the last 3 years.
- Must have web camera or a phone

SEE DATES, TIMES AND TO RSVP, VISIT:
WWW.HEALTHYFLA.ORG/COMMUNITY

FloridaVoices
for Health

Florida Voices for Health is hosting a series of phone/virtual focus group conversation for Florida residents, with the goal of sharing these experiences directly with Florida decision-makers and elected officials.

The next call is Wednesday, July 31st at noon and 6:30 p.m. focusing on Medicaid enrollees and people in the coverage gap. All participants will earn a \$20 e-gift card.

A quick registration form and more information can be found at www.healthyfla.org/community.

Rural Health Resources

[NIMH Deploys New Strategy for Outreach](#)

The National Institute of Mental Health launched a new portal with resources on mental disorders to help organizations and individuals increase mental health awareness. [NIMH Education and Awareness](#) includes brochures, fact sheets, and event announcements and will replace the Outreach Partnership Program (OPP) as part of NIMH's outreach strategy.

[Study Finds That Adverse Childhood Experiences Increase Risk of Opioid Addiction, Relapse after Treatment](#)

A new study of patients being treated for opioid addictions at a rural clinic shows a connection between adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and addiction relapse. Each additional ACE corresponded with a 17% higher chance of relapse, demonstrating how trauma can link to addiction. Each treatment visit decreased the chance of relapse by 2%.

[Federal Highway Traffic Safety Policies: Impacts and Opportunities](#)

Examines the impact of federal highway safety policies. Includes data on crashes, fatalities, seat belt use, motorcycle helmet use, alcohol use, and more. Provides some data and discussion related to rural drivers.

Upcoming Events & Trainings

Human Trafficking Symposium: Empowering Our Communities

July 26, 2019
Gainesville, FL
Type: Conference/Meeting
Sponsoring organization: Suwannee River AHEC

High Performance CPR Training

July 29, Taylor County
July 30, Columbia County
Aug. 15, Highlands County
Aug. 16, Monroe County
Aug. 21, Walton County
Type: Hands-on training
Sponsoring Organization: Florida Resuscitation Academy, Suwannee River AHEC, Rural Health Partnership

2019 Annual CAH FLEX Program Conference

August 8, 2019
Tallahassee, FL
Type: Conference/Meeting
Target Audience: Critical Access Hospital Leaders and administrators
Sponsoring Organization: North Highland
RSVP to Kathryn.Suess@northhighland.com with the names of attendees by July 19th

2019 Region B SORH Regional Partnership Meeting

Aug 28 - 29, 2019
Augusta, GA
Type: Conference/Meeting
Sponsoring organizations: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health

16th WONCA World Rural Health Conference

Oct. 12-15 2019
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Type: Conference/Meeting
Sponsoring Organization: National Rural Health Association, the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, World Organization of Family Doctors

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