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CRHC News

The Colorado Rural Health Center is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance healthcare services in Colorado. CRHC does this by providing information, education, linkages, tools, and energy toward addressing rural healthcare issues.

There are numerous ways to be involved in CRHC's efforts, including membership. Simply call or write for more information. The Special Delivery Newsletter is posted quarterly on the Colorado Rural Health Center's website to give our constituents information about programs and resources available.

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CRHC Welcomes Back Lou Ann Wilroy!

After three months of maternity leave, The Colorado Rural Health Center welcomes back Lou Ann Wilroy! Lou Ann's beautiful baby girl, Emily Margaret, was born June 14, a healthy 6 lbs. 5 oz. Lou Ann is the Director of the Critical Access Hospital Program. While we are thrilled for her and her family, we've missed her like crazy and are so happy to have her back!



Welcome back, Lou Ann!!

We Need A Hand!

We need to update and print our fabulous "Snapshot of Rural Health in Colorado" document. If you would be interested in **sponsoring** the printing – or have great printing capacity in house and can do it for us – we're looking for a sponsor. In return, your organization's name and logo will go on the cover of this popular report. Contact Callie Preheim at cp@coruralhealth.org if you're interested.



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CRHC needs a **facilitator** to work with the Board of Directors in developing a three to five year strategic plan. We plan to meet all day on October 17th in the Frisco area to accomplish this. If you're interested and experienced, please send an email to Denise (dd@coruralhealth.org) describing your qualifications and a general description of how you would go about helping us with this important task.

Denise Denton Awarded by The Denver Business Journal

Denise Denton, our own Executive Director, was recently recognized by The Denver Business Journal's Champions in Health Care awards. Denise won in her category of "Innovator" for all of the work she has done to advance rural healthcare in Colorado. **Congratulations, Denise!**



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Board Member Close-up: Randy Evetts

Aside from serving as the Director of the Southeastern Colorado Area Health Education Center (SECAHEC), Randy has served on the board for organizations such as the Colorado Prevention Center, the Pueblo Community Diabetes Project, and the Pueblo School District 60 Health Advisory Council. Randy is the current President of the Colorado Rural Health Center's Board of Directors. Before he was Director of SECAHEC, Randy worked in clinics in Ordway, La Junta, and Fowler, CO. Currently, Randy lives in Pueblo with his wife, Lynne, a certified family nurse practitioner and certified oncology nurse practitioner, and his two children: Aiden, 5, and Emily, 20 months.

Originally from Pueblo, Randy went to college in Fort Collins. Thinking that he would eventually go to medical school, Randy received a BS in Biological Sciences with a Minor in Anatomy. But, when he could not decide if he actually *wanted* to become a doctor, Randy looked into healthcare administration programs and found the perfect fit at the University of New Mexico. There he received his Masters in Public Administration with an emphasis in Healthcare Administration. During his graduate years, Randy researched rural health and completed an internship at the University Hospital in rural outreach – which was a new program at that time. He fell in love and has worked in rural outreach and healthcare ever since.



During his years as an intern at the University of New Mexico Hospital, Randy learned a lot about rural healthcare and outreach. He speaks of rural communities and people with eloquence and esteem. The best way to accomplish goals in rural healthcare, he says, is to listen to the communities themselves. Neither the university, nor any other organization is the “center of the universe” and to do outreach successfully, you need to get out and talk to people. If you have money to give, ask where it's needed and how it's needed. Rural communities and people are “brilliant” and have the capacity to solve problems more creatively than many urbanites; they have a different perspective and are able to offer unique solutions.

We feel so lucky to have Randy on our Board of Directors!

CRHC 15th Annual Rural Health Conference



Thank you to everyone who attended and made possible the 15th Annual Rural Health Conference, “Innovation in Action,” June 21-23, 2006. The conference was a great success this year. Dr. Jack Westfall was the winner of the annual rural mailbox photo

contest—Congratulations, Jack! The winner of our Rural Health Excellence Award was Dr. Mark Olson of Limon. Dr. Olson practices at the Plains Medical Center. Thanks for all of your hard work! It was wonderful to see many familiar faces there! To view presentations and photos from the conference, please visit our website at <http://www.coruralhealth.org/crhc/events/conference.htm>.

CRHC's 15th Annual Conference in the Newspaper!

(Please note that this article is quoted exactly as it was written online; <http://www.longmontfyi.com/region-story.asp?ID=8406>)

Professionals explore changes in rural health care

By Kathryn Dailey
The Daily Times-Call, Longmont

LONGMONT – Switching to electronic medical records may provide better patient care and improve efficiency for rural health-care providers. David Ginsberg, co-founder and president of PrivaPlan Associates Inc., spoke to about 50 people Friday at the 15th annual Colorado Rural Health Conference about how electronic medical records will change health care.

"Be prepared for a system change," Ginsberg said.



The Colorado Rural Health Center hosted the conference, which began Wednesday and ended Friday with a total of 170 people attending all or some of the sessions at the Radisson Conference Center.

Ginsberg said that patient care can often be duplicated or delayed because previous notes made on a patient's file are illegible. Electronic records would help prevent that.

"Without a doubt, patient safety is the most profound part of it," he said.

Often after a rural doctor sends a patient to another health-care provider, that provider doesn't know what care that patient has received. Electronic records would make sharing patient information easier with patient consent.

Ginsberg also mentioned that while rural health-care providers have a hard time recruiting and retaining

medical staff, using electronic records may help bring in professionals new to the field.

"The newer graduates like technology," he said.

Several medical students from the University of Colorado at Denver Health and Science Center who were in attendance agreed.

"Working with electronic records is much easier and more efficient," said second-year medical student Brandy Drake. "I think it does save time and money."

Other topics covered at the session included the treatment of the biological, psychological and social effects of methamphetamine addiction, depression in seniors and the future of rural medicine.

"There were a lot of topics we don't cover in school," Drake said.

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CROP Deadline is October 2nd!

Under our Colorado Rural Outreach Program (CROP), CRHC is now accepting grant proposals for loan repayment for *all* types of healthcare providers and for innovative temporary coverage (locum tenens) programs. The matching grants, each up to \$10,000 per year, are funded through support from The Colorado Trust. In the spring of 2006 grant cycle, \$136,113 was awarded. For additional information, please contact Clint Cresawn at 800-851-6782, or visit us online at: <http://www.coruralhealth.org/crhc/crop>.

CRHC Annual Retreat

The Colorado Rural Health Center's Annual Retreat took place August 28-29 at the Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort in Nathrop, CO. It was a beautiful setting to discuss CRHC's future, programs, conference and, of course, to bathe in the hot springs. Sue Hansen of *SueHansenSpeaks!* facilitated a discussion on professional growth and communication.

This year, all CRHC staff was also able to attend the retreat. Staff discussed



CRHC's past, present, and future; and, participated in team-bonding and a Pictionary tournament (*sans* dice... an honest mistake). This was quite a treat for the staff – we all had a wonderful time and would again like to thank Denise and the Board for making it possible.



Health Care Access and Rural Equity Act

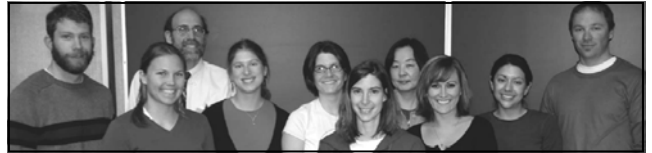
Cathleen Breslin, from Congressman John Salazar's office, sent us information this week about the Congressman signing on as an original co-sponsor for the H-Care Act of 2006 (HR 6030). The Health Care Access and Rural Equity Act is "comprehensive, bipartisan legislation to help stabilize elements of the rural healthcare infrastructure and correct deficiencies that jeopardize vulnerable rural health care systems and beneficiaries nationwide." Said Congressman Salazar, "*Healthcare access is a challenge in rural communities. The lack of adequate health care coverage is the number one issue facing this county and Congress needs to take a serious look at helping all Americans with health care. I believe HR 6030 is a good first step.*"

For more information, please contact Cathleen at 202-225-4761, or see http://www.raconline.org/news/news_details.php?news_id=4959

A New Year for the UCDHSC Rural Health Track!

The University of Colorado School of Medicine's Rural Health Track program takes off this fall with 25 first-year students! This is almost double the number of first years in last year's inaugural class. As the second year of the Rural Track begins, the second year class has grown to 15 students. The Rural Health Track was established to encourage and maintain interest in rural medicine so that more medical students eventually practice medicine in rural areas.

The Rural Health Track encourages rural medicine in many ways, including Rural Health Grand Rounds – hour-long presentations given at the School of Medicine. Grand Rounds occur the second Tuesday of the month from September to May, and introduce a variety of topics from rural homelessness to the difference between rural and urban life, culture, and medicine. Chad Parmenter, from the Rural Homeless Initiative, will be speaking at the next presentation on October 10.



Rural Health Track med students also participate in 6 week summer internships in which they are paired with rural providers in rural settings across Colorado. For more information about these internships, or to find out how you can help fund an internship, please contact Mary Jo Bush at 303-724-9753 or mary.bush@uchsc.edu.

For more information on the Rural Health Track, please visit their website at <http://www.uchsc.edu/som/rural>, or call the office at 303-724-9753.

Grant Writing Class

The Colorado Rural Health Center realizes that there is an ever-increasing need for grant funding. Grant proposal writing skills are becoming a necessity. In March, CRHC invested \$375 for five Investing Members to take an on-line grant proposal writing course offered by Fort Hays State University in Hays, KS. Participants have told us, "*I enjoyed the class. The information was well presented and not hurried. Some of the other classes I have attended were too concentrated - too much information in such a short amount of time,*" and "*I was able to work at my own pace, and the textbook is a wonderful resource that I'll use every time I write a grant.*"

The two-month on-line grant proposal writing course will again be offered in January. It is designed for students to work independently, but also to have the opportunity to converse with other students via chat room. During the eight week course, students will learn, step-by-step, how to build a strong, effective proposal. Students receive a training manual, instructor video, study questions, and certificate of completion. No travel is involved, as all course activities are done over the internet. The cost is \$150 per person and 10 CEUs are provided to those professionals who require them. CRHC wants to assist those rural Investing Organizational Members in acquiring the skills they need to secure available grant funds. We will scholarship one half of the cost of one person from an organization to participate in the class. The scholarship is limited to the first five responses we receive, and applicants must be rural Investing Organizational Members to participate. The course starts in January. For updated information, please check the workshops section of our website, or contact Callie Preheim at 800-851-6782 or cp@coruralhealth.org.

For more information, please contact CRHC or visit the Fort Hays State University website at <http://www.fhsu.edu/sociology/grantsprogram3.shtml>.

HFMA Great Fall Conference



The Colorado Chapter of Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) is presenting its annual Great Fall Conference October 12-13, 2006 at the Historic Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs. The conference will focus on technology for rural communities and for Critical Access Hospitals. HFMA is excited to have an outstanding line up of speakers from throughout the U.S.

Please join them for two days of thought-provoking educational topics that is sure to provide you with some great ideas to implement at your facility. There will be networking opportunities, including a social and group dinner on Thursday October 12th.

Please visit <http://www.hfma-co.org/events/> for more information; or, for questions, please contact Hal Prink, FHFMA, Program Coordinator for HFMA at 720-277-7813 or halprink@comcast.net

NRHA Urges "Close Eye" on Changes to Medicaid in Rural Areas

This is an excerpt from the article available online at: <http://www.nrharural.org/about/sub/news/MedicaidChanges.html>

(Alexandria, VA) — A new issue brief released by the Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) highlights the importance of Medicaid to the rural health care safety net. The National Rural Health Association...has long been aware that rural areas experience higher rates of poverty, fewer employer insurance programs and proportionately larger elderly populations. This issue brief provides new evidence underscoring the point that rural areas have a higher level of dependence on Medicaid funding. It serves as a stark reminder that rural communities must closely monitor any changes to Medicaid because of the critical role Medicaid plays in ensuring access to care. This is of utmost importance as states consider new options available to them under the Deficit Reduction Act, which the President signed into law on February 8, 2006.

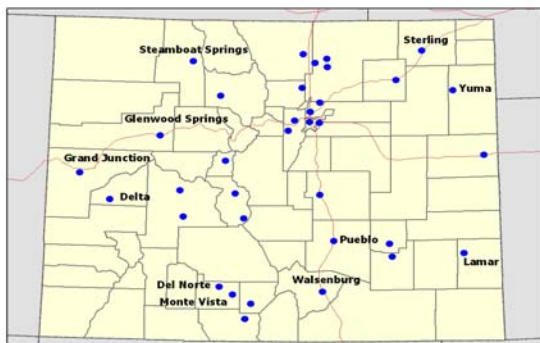
The RUPRI issue brief, **"Medicaid and Its Importance to Rural Health"** can be viewed on-line at www.rupri.org in the updates section. In short, the RUPRI issue brief reports the following:

- Individuals in rural communities are more likely to rely on Medicaid for their health coverage than their urban counterparts...
- Physicians in rural communities are more affected by Medicaid payments...
- Medicaid plays an important role in rural economic development...

Please see the complete article online at: <http://www.nrharural.org/about/sub/news/MedicaidChanges.html>

The Kiosks are Coming!

The Colorado Prevention Center (CPC) and the Colorado Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network encourage readers to be on the lookout for unique cardiovascular (CV) health information kiosks that are being placed in several rural Colorado communities. Developed by CPC, the kiosks house an interactive



• = previous kiosk locations; named towns = current locations

software program, called "Health-e-Solutions" that is designed to assess individuals' overall CV risk and provide recommendations to reduce risk for CV events.

In less than three minutes, the kiosk program calculates an overall risk score using the Framingham Heart Study formula based on age, gender, diabetes status, smoking status, blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Designed to be "user-friendly" for English and Spanish-speakers with limited or no computer experience, the program also provides optional educational modules pertaining to exercise, diet, smoking, aspirin therapy and blood pressure and cholesterol management. The Health-e-Solutions assessment is free and available to all Coloradoans at www.health-e-solutions.org.

"The goal is to empower Colorado citizens to lower their risk of heart attack and stroke. Awareness of isolated risk factors alone is not enough; individuals need to know their overall risk as this determines what treatments they should receive," said Mori Krantz, MD, FACC a cardiologist at Denver Health and director of CPC's Prevention Department. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States and Colorado. Large-scale studies suggest that more than 80% of CV events are attributable to established modifiable risk factors (smoking, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and uncontrolled diabetes).

For more information, please visit www.cpcmed.org, or www.health-e-solutions.org.

The Progressive Farmer's Top Rural Counties in Which to Live

The *Progressive Farmer* Magazine rated rural counties across America and came up with the top 200 "Best Places to Live in Rural America." Colorado has 3 in the top 20 and 11 in the top 200. Ouray, Routt, and Pitkin Counties were rated 13, 14, and 17, respectively. Also ranked are San Miguel, 34; Eagle, 44; La Plata, 71; Summit, 96; Garfield, 138; Grand, 178; Gunnison, 194; and Archuleta, 200.

To see the complete list and county profiles, please visit The Progressive Farmer's website, <http://www.progressivefarmer.com/farmer/bestplaces/>.

CHP + - Low cost Health Insurance

Child Health Plan *Plus*—Low cost health insurance for Colorado kids and pregnant women

An estimated 14.4 percent of Colorado's children ages 18 and under do not have health insurance, according to Colorado Health Institute's *Profile of the Uninsured in Colorado, 2004*. These uninsured children are more likely to go without necessary health services because their parents cannot afford to pay for healthcare.

Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) provides low-cost health insurance for uninsured Colorado children ages 18 and under whose families earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford private health insurance. CHP+ also offers benefits to pregnant women and the CHP+ Prenatal Care Program offers health insurance to uninsured Colorado pregnant women.

CHP+ pays for healthcare services including well-child check ups and physicals, immunizations (shots), doctor visits, sick care, vision care, dental care for children, prenatal care and medications. Families must meet certain income requirements to participate in CHP+. Family size, income, and some deductions determine if families qualify for the program. Many working families are eligible and can participate in CHP+. For example, a family of four that makes just less than \$40,000 each year may qualify for the program.

For more information about eligibility, or to get an application, call toll-free 1-800-359-1991 or visit the CHP+ website at www.CHPplus.org. Families can now download the CHP+ application from the website and mail it in or bring it to a designated location listed on the website at www.CHPplus.org. Additionally, CHP+ Regional Outreach Coordinators, based in cities throughout the state, are available to educate your staff and the public about CHP+. To schedule a training presentation or if you know of a valuable community event or meeting, please contact the coordinator in your region. Please visit <http://www.CHPplus.org> for contact information.

Land Parcels for Sale in Eads

This is an excerpt from Ed Quillen's article "Reviving our High Plains," Denver Post, article launched: 7/30/06

Colorado's population keeps growing, but the growth is not evenly distributed...Most of [the Great Plains] counties got started in the 1880s and prospered through the World War I boom in wheat prices. At the end of the 1920s, crop prices fell just as a long drought struck. Surviving farms got bigger, which meant fewer farm families to support local businesses and schools, and the spiral has been headed downhill for years.

To fight this trend, more than a dozen counties in Kansas have begun offering cheap lots to newcomers, and now our Kiowa County is trying it, too. The county seat is Eads, and an economic development agency there bought 800 acres of farmland on the edge of town.

The land was plotted into 40 parcels, and utilities were run in. Now you can get a 12-acre homesite for less than \$20,000. The idea is to attract retirees and location-independent enterprises...who will provide some business for a downtown where too many shops are now shuttered.



To see the complete article, please visit http://www.denverpost.com/quillen/ci_4104594.

National Health Service Corps Update

As of August 2006, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) has placed 79 providers throughout the state and 65 of them are in a loan repayment program.

The NHSC will release the 2007 Loan Repayment Application in October. Due to the high volume of applicants in 2006, Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) scores may be a factor in the upcoming application round. It is anticipated that applicants with scores below 7 will most likely not be funded.

For more information, please visit <http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/>, or contact either Artlisia Bibbs, abibbs@nhscsupportcenter.net, 866-897-7872 ext. 3011 or Kitty Stevens in the Primary Care Office, kitty.stevens@state.co.us, 303-792-2470.

The National Report Card on the State of Emergency Medicine

COLORADO Category Grades			
Overall:	C	Public Health/Safety:	D+
Access:	C+	Medical Liability:	B-
Quality/Patient Safety:	D-		

In the American College of Emergency Physicians' recent publication, The National Report Card on the State of Emergency Medicine, Colorado received an overall grade of C. The national average is C-. The Report Card grades four different categories in emergency medicine: Access, Quality & Patient Safety, Public Health & Safety, and Medical Liability. In these categories, Colorado scored: C+, D-, D+, B-, respectively, to receive an overall grade of C. Areas in which Colorado received low grades include percent of population with access to advanced life support ambulance services (43rd in the nation) and percentage of children aged 19-35 months who are immunized (51st). Areas in which Colorado received high grades include annual emergency visits per board-certified emergency physician (2nd) and trauma centers per 1 million people (6th).

To see Colorado's complete profile, please call 800-798-1822 or visit http://my.acep.org/site/PageServer?pagename=wp1_homepage.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Provide New and Revised Fact Sheets

From Pennsylvania Rural Health News, Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health, Spring 2006, p.7

Six rural health fact sheets are now available in downloadable format from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Medicare Learning Network Web page located at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts>. The following fact sheets will be available free of charge in print format: Rural Referral Center Fact sheet (new this year); Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital Fact Sheet (new this year); Rural Health Clinic fact Sheet (revised); Critical Access Hospital Program Fact Sheet (revised), Federally Qualified Health Center Fact Sheet (revised) and Sole Community Hospital Fact Sheet (revised).

For more information, please contact Ann Palmer, 877-267-2323, or visit their website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/>.

Rural Health Resource Directory

Rural Health Innovations (RHI) has developed a free, online research directory to facilitate rural health resource searches. The directory allows users to search by state, type of rural organization, or type of consultation or technical assistance. The directory is also available in hard-copy.

For more information, please call 218-727-9390, or go online to <http://www.ruralcenter.org/consult/>.

Am I Rural?

The Rural Assistance Center's website contains a new tool – a search function *Am I Rural?*

Am I Rural? allows users to create a custom report by inputting a physical address to view a location's Urban Area/Cluster Name, Core-Based Statistical Area data, Census Tract information, RUCA (Rural Urban Commuting code), UIC (Urban Influence Code), and qualification status for any of the Office of Rural Health Policy's Rural Health Network Grant Programs.



Please visit <http://www.raconline.org/funding/rural.php> for more information.

Alcohol Abuse in Rural America

According to UnionLeader.com, alcohol abuse in rural areas is more prevalent, and thus a more-pressing problem, than methamphetamine abuse – especially among rural teenagers. The article does not discount the growing meth problem, but rather focuses on the larger-scale alcohol abuse issue. According to the article, rural youth are more likely to abuse alcohol than urban youth. Although the numbers even out by age 20-21, “at ages 12 to 13, rural youth are more than twice as likely as urban youth to abuse alcohol.”

An article posted on the Rural Assistance Center’s (RAC) website also reports high rates of alcohol abuse among rural youth. According to the article, rural teenagers aged 12-17 are more likely to binge drink than are urban youths. RAC’s article attempts to identify some of the causes of underage drinking in rural areas. Some of these include “economic factors, lack of employment, lack of involvement in school activities, lack of community activities, no [or limited] parental supervision...media, and peer pressure.”

The article in the *Union Leader* identifies three steps communities can take: remove the deterrent of distance by increasing the number, and availability, of alcohol abuse treatment facilities and services; have the public sector play a larger role in supplying resources to address abuse issues; and design and test treatment programs “with the needs of rural populations in mind, rather than assuming that urban and rural substance abuse has the same cause and cure.”

For additional details:

The Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) website provides a substance abuse treatment facility locator. To view the locator, or for more information, please visit <http://dasis3.samhsa.gov/>.

AlcoholScreening.org, a program of Boston University School of Health, offers an online alcohol abuse screening. Please visit their webpage at <http://www.alcoholscreening.org/> for more information.

Karen Van Gundy and Cynthia M. Duncan’s article, “Rural NH’s (and America’s) quiet substance abuse problem,” may be found online at: <http://www.unionleader.com>.

“Question: Why is underage drinking and binge drinking so prevalent in rural communities?” may be found online at: http://www.raconline.org/info_guides/substanceabuse/substanceabusefaq.php

Mystery Photo



Do you know the location of this mystery photo? The first person to answer correctly will win a prize! Please call or email Callie Preheim with your answer — (800) 851-6782, cp@coruralhealth.org

Congratulations to **Marilyn Myers** and **Pam McCreedy** for correctly guessing the mystery photo from the June Special Delivery! Marilyn is from Cedaredge, CO and Pam is from Telluride, CO.

The correct answer to the June mystery photo: The photo was of a spaceship sculpture created by Larry S. Davidson of Pegasus Studios in Delta, CO.

For information on Pegasus Studios, please contact CRHC at 800-851-6782.

Federal Grant Deadlines Approaching!

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program

A new program, this grant provides one year of funding to rural communities that are trying to develop a formal healthcare network. The grant money can support entities trying to plan, organize, and develop such a network.

Application Deadline: October 12, 2006
 Award Range: \$25,000 - \$85,000

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program

For communities lacking essential care services, this grant program helps in the development of new and innovative healthcare delivery systems. The grant program emphasizes creative service delivery.

Application Deadline: October 18, 2006
 Average Award Amount: \$150,000

Rural Health Network Development Program

To support the development of rural health networks, this program provides funds to support activities that strengthen networks whose purpose is to increase access to care.

Application Deadline: November 2, 2006
 Average Award Amount: \$180,000



For more information, please visit HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) website, <http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/GrantPrograms.htm>; or, call 301-443-0835.

MJJ \$500 Scholarships

For people outside of Colorado's 17 metropolitan counties, Marva Jean Jackson (MJJ) Scholarships offer incentive to "grow your own" by matching community or facility funds up to \$500 to train local healthcare providers. Applications are accepted year-round. Please call us, 800-851-6752, or visit our website, <http://www.coruralhealth.org/crhc/programs/MJJ.html>, for more information.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	ORGANIZATION / CONTACT
September 18	CRHC EMS R&R Grant Deadline	Colorado Rural Health Center
September 29	Caring for Colorado's Medically Underserved Conference Aurora, CO	CO Coalition for the Medically Underserved 303-832-7727, www.ccmu.org
October 2	CRHC CROP Grant Deadline	Colorado Rural Health Center
October 11-13	Colorado Health Disparities Conference Arvada, CO	CO Dept. of Public Health & Environment 800-886-7689, www.cdph.state.co.us
October 12-13	Annual Fall Conference & Exposition Vail, CO	Colorado Hospice Organization info@coloradohospice.org; 719-594-9233
October 12-13	5th Annual Great Fall Rural Conference Glenwood Springs, CO	Healthcare Financial Management Assoc. 720-294-0629, http://www.hfma-co.org
October 21-25	10th Annual Primary Care Conference Denver, CO	CHAMPS 303-861-5165, www.championline.org
November 1-2	CRDC's Fall Rural Issues Forum Trinidad, CO	Colorado Rural Development Council 303-934-9117, www.ruralcolorado.org
November 4	Reach Out Program—Live Interactive Broadcast Selected cities statewide	Colorado Academy of Family Physicians 800-468-8615, www.coloradoafp.org
November 16-18	National Rural Women's Health Conference San Antonio, TX	PennState College of Medicine 717-531-6483, http://www.hmc.psu.edu

Rural Health Seed Grant Program

A digital projector, a CNA mentoring program, Medic Alert Kits, and a county-wide health-needs survey – what do all of these things have in common? They were all partially funded by CRHC seed grants. Seed money of up to \$500 is available to our organizational and corporate investing members in rural areas. Eligible projects must fit CRHC’s mission, “enhancing the quality, delivery and coordination of healthcare services in rural Colorado,” and the organization must match the grant funds received. Visit our website, <http://www.coruralhealth.org> and go to [Seed Grants](#) under our programs page for project ideas and programs that we have funded. Additional information on criteria, eligibility, and applying are also available on our website or by calling us at 303-832-7493 or 800-851-6782.



CRHC Welcomes New Investing Members

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