



The State Office of Rural Health

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Colorado Rural Health Center Releases 2020 Annual Report

The report profiles innovative approaches to improving rural healthcare across the state.

Aurora, Colo. - July 29, 2021 The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) recently released its Annual Report detailing the organization's work during the tumultuous year 2020. CRHC is dedicated to enhancing healthcare services in the state by providing information, education, linkages, tools, and energy toward addressing rural health issues.

The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is Colorado's nonprofit State Office of Rural Health and Rural Health Association. CRHC works with Federal, state, and local partners to offer services and resources to rural healthcare providers, facilities and communities. In 2020, CRHC invested a record 5.56 million dollars in rural communities across the state.

"The year 2020 will be one that is not soon forgotten and our rural communities rose to the challenge," said CRHC's CEO, Michelle Mills, in her opening comments in the report. "As the Chief Executive Officer of CRHC, it is my honor and privilege to serve all 47 rural communities. With your ongoing support, CRHC will continue to be a voice and a resource."

The report provides an overview of the accomplishments of Colorado's State Office of Rural Health and Rural Health Association. This year's report focuses on the organization's work disseminating important COVID-19 updates and its work with hospitals, clinics, and EMS providers on quality, Health Information Technology (HIT), policy, and workforce issues.

In 2020, CRHC's COVID-19 webpage registered nearly 4,000 page views as rural healthcare providers sought to stay on top of the ever-changing pandemic. CRHC stewarded the distribution of \$74,419.24 to each of 39 eligible small rural hospitals on the front lines of providing care during the pandemic. The organization's policy team tracked 84 bills, ensuring rural representation on the statehouse floor.

To access the full report, please visit: <https://coruralhealth.org/2020-annual-report>

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About The Colorado Rural Health Center

The Colorado Rural Health Center was established in 1991 as Colorado's State Office of Rural Health. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, CRHC serves dual roles as the State Office of Rural Health with the mission of assisting rural communities in addressing healthcare issues; and as the State Rural Health Association, advocating for policy change to ensure that rural Coloradoans have access to comprehensive, affordable healthcare services of the highest quality. For more information visit www.coruralhealth.org, call 303-832-7493, or call toll free 800-851-6782 from rural Colorado.

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