

SC Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare

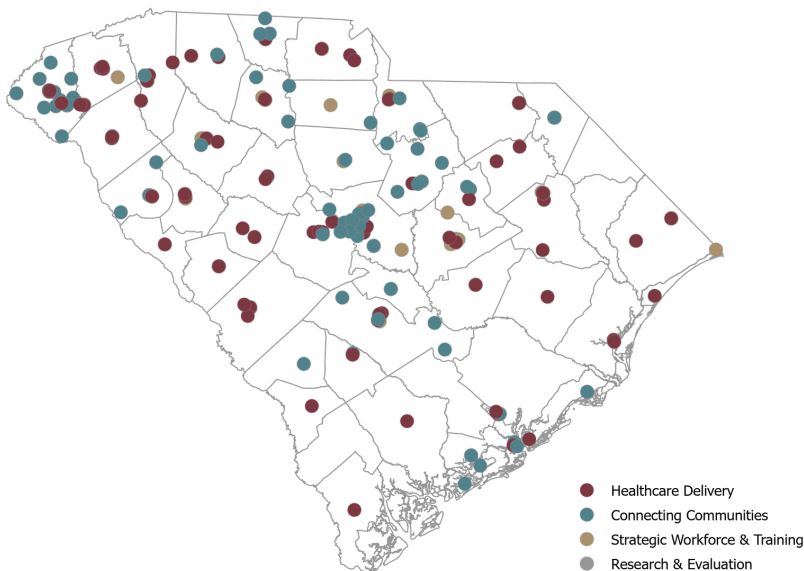
Established in 2017, the SC Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare (CRPH) stems from a legislative proviso passed in 2015 and represents a successful partnership between the USC School of Medicine and DHHS. Functioning as a university-based organization, the CRPH serves the entirety of the state, providing unparalleled access to the vast expertise and resources of the USC System. Since its inception, the CRPH has experienced steady growth and significantly expanded its reach and program impact. The mission of the CRPH is to accelerate the development of healthy rural communities through the support of healthcare delivery, community engagement, training of the healthcare workforce, and research.

OUR WORK



OUR IMPACT

OUR SERVICE SITES



340

MEDICAL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS

gained rural health experience through our Healthcare Delivery and Strategic Workforce & Training programs

21,688+

PATIENTS SERVED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

from programs funded across all Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare portfolios

1 million+

MILES OF TRAVEL AVOIDED

for South Carolinians through our iCARE programs

241

SERVICE LOCATIONS

in South Carolina from programs funded across all Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare portfolios.

CRPH Programs

HEALTHCARE DELIVERY



The Healthcare Delivery program brings clinical services directly to rural communities in South Carolina. The Center accomplishes this by working with health systems and practices across the state through CRPH-funded iCare programs. Since 2017, thousands of rural patients in South Carolina have been served through iCare programs. By bringing these services directly to people who live in rural areas, South Carolinians have avoided over a million miles of travel to get care.

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES



The Connecting Communities program supports programs and initiatives that help connect people to health-related and healthcare services where they live. Through this program, the CRPH engages community partners to build more equitable and resilient community health systems that better serve rural and underserved groups. The Connecting Communities program funds projects focusing on access to care, community engagement and health equity, healthcare workforce and higher education engagement, and behavioral health.

STRATEGIC WORKFORCE AND TRAINING



CRPH works to expand the capacity for rural clinical training sites to increase students' interest in rural practice. We help develop infrastructure, physician support, and model multidisciplinary practices at rural practice sites in South Carolina to support resident electives, student rotations, and multidisciplinary health education. CRPH also supports residency programs that improve the diversity and distribution of South Carolina's rural health workforce.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION



The CRPH collaborates with a wide range of programs and organizations to improve rural health access and outcomes. In these partnerships, our team provides expertise on program evaluation and reporting. In addition, the CRPH developed the SC Rural Health Resource Dashboard in 2021. This user-directed, interactive tool uses existing data to show provider distribution, health care facility locations, disease burden, and health care utilization patterns across the state.

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