

## South Carolina Center for **Rural and Primary Healthcare**

### Research & Evaluation

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#### Research

Our newly launched **SC-Rural Healthcare Resource Dashboard** provide communities with data needed to **make decisions, implement programs, and target high need areas**

This user-directed, interactive tool utilizes existing data related to **provider distribution, health care facility location, disease burdens, and health care utilization patterns** across the state

We make this information **accessible to people of all technical skills** by **distilling complex data into intuitive indexes, leveraging maps and visual aids, and providing the most relevant and up-to-date data available**

#### Evaluation

We collaborate 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.

Some of our partners include:

- Upper Midlands Rural Health Network
- Foodshare SC
- Palmetto Care Connections
- Chesterfield County Coordinating Council
- Center for Community Health Alignment
- South Carolina Telehealth Alliance

**“I love this tool! This is really useful and user friendly. The best part is that [the data] is all in one place,”**

- Amanda Williams, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy and Training at the SC Department of Health and Human Services



**We ground our work in evidence and outcomes data that informs policy issues and strategies needed to improve the health of rural communities.**

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#### Current Projects

##### **Sustainability Planning Tool**

The Center is developing an easy-to-use Sustainability planning tool. This tool will be deployed to all CRPH funded projects and programs in order to ensure their continued success.

##### **SC-Rural Healthcare Resource Dashboard**

Online dashboard to identify and visualize data important to South Carolina's healthy future.

##### **Obstetrics Service Areas - Care and Delivery**

An in-depth analysis of obstetric access within the state of South Carolina.

##### **Healthcare Need Index**

Determine need for health care services in South Carolina by creating a tool to identify areas in SC with low access and high need to healthcare. Sub-indexes will be developed to calculate CHW needs score, PCP needs score, and OB needs score.

##### **Mobile Units Environmental Scan**

Perform an environmental scan across South Carolina to identify mobile health units as well as analyze their services to identify and serve the needs of the clinics statewide.

##### **Community Pharmacy Access**

A collaboration with the University of South Carolina's College of Pharmacy, this project aims to improve the health outcomes of underserved rural SC populations by identifying vaccination deserts and community pharmacy access to facilitate immunization and pandemic preparedness.

#### External Partners

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