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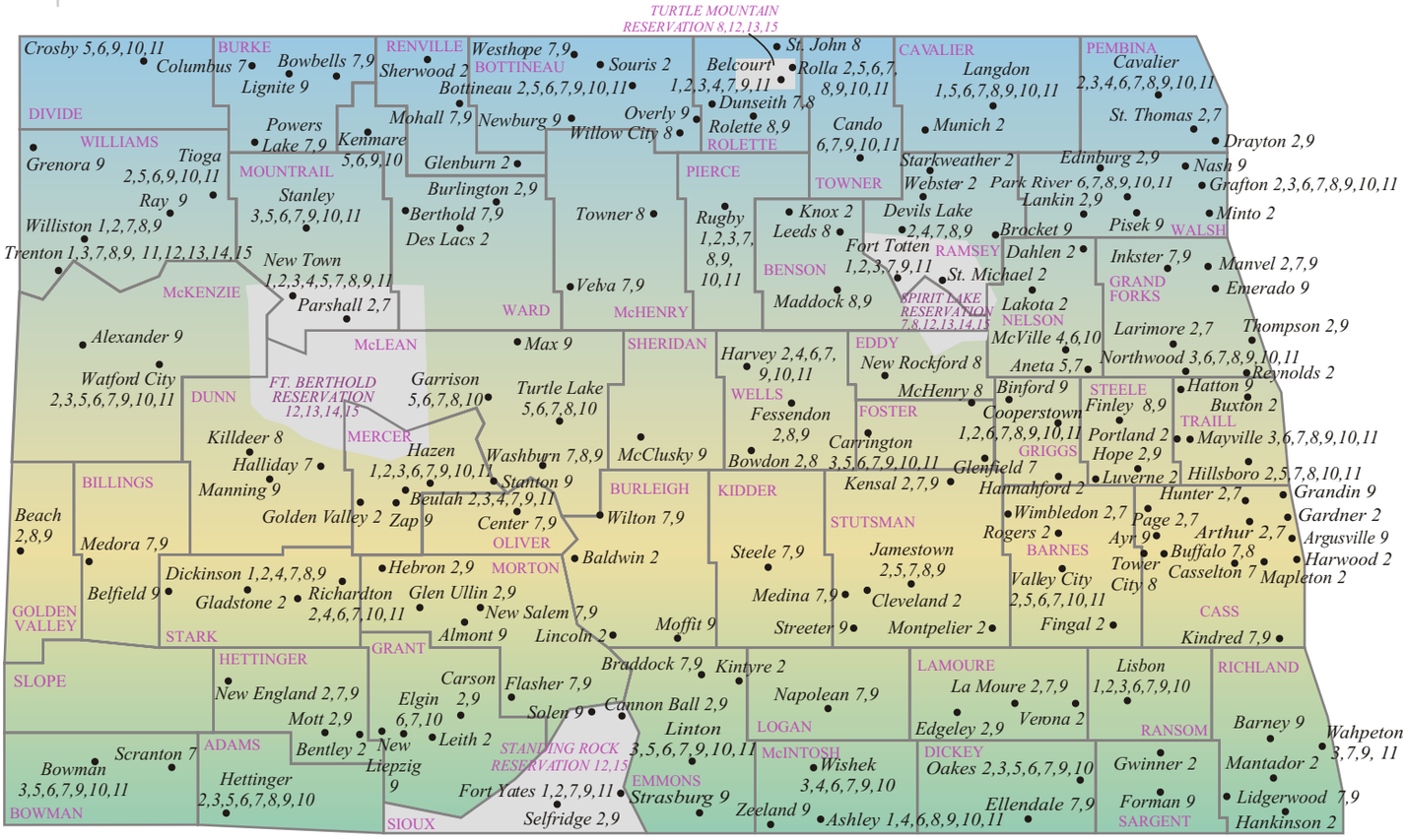
Center for Rural Health: 2001-2004 Activities in Rural Areas by Town



1 Rural Health Dialogues The Center for Rural Health (CRH) has engaged in dialogues in rural communities across North Dakota to identify health priorities among rural populations, including current and emerging health care challenges, and share information about resources available through the CRH.

2 North Dakota Family to Family Network A support network that trains families who have successfully adapted to their child's disability or special health care need to support other parents who are still adjusting to their child's special need.

3 SEARCH (Student/Resident Experiences And Rotations in Community Health) Provides health professions students and residents with opportunities to work on interdisciplinary health care teams.

4 Project CRISTAL (Collaborative Rural Interdisciplinary Service Training And Learning) Provides interdisciplinary training for students to improve health care services to populations residing in rural/underserved areas of North Dakota.

5 National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Provides scholarships to full-time students of allopathic and osteopathic medicine, dentistry, family nurse practitioner, nurse midwifery, and physician assistant education. The scholarships are paid back through service in underserved communities.

J-1 Placements Allows foreign medical graduates to come to the United States under an educational exchange program for up to seven years. Many rural communities recruit foreign graduates to fill their physician vacancies.

6 Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (FLEX) Grant Program Assists rural hospitals and improves quality and access to health services in rural communities.

7 State Office of Rural Health Program (SORH) A federal-state partnership to help rural communities build health care services through public and private partnerships and initiatives in rural health development.

8 Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota Rural Health Grants Supports communities that have an effective plan to successfully transition to new models of rural health care delivery.

9 Rural Access to Emergency Devices Grant (RAED) Provides funding to rural communities to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and provide training in their use and maintenance.

10 Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) Provides grants to small rural hospitals to help address 1) costs related to the implementation of the prospective payment system, 2) compliance issues related to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and 3) medical error reduction and support of quality improvement efforts.

11 Polycom Placement Enables facilities to communicate with each other using high speed internet access for audio and visual conferencing.

12 Needs Assessment Training

13 Elder Social and Health Needs Assessment Project

14 North Dakota Native American HIV/AIDS Assessment Project

15 National Caregivers Survey

Research projects, in partnership with American Indian communities, to build research infrastructure in the community through training on interviewing skills, data collection, sampling, dissemination, and data uses.

Statewide Initiative

Rural Assistance Center

The Rural Assistance Center (RAC) is the nation's rural health and human services information portal. RAC helps rural communities and other rural stakeholders access the full range of available programs, funding, and research that can enable them to provide quality health and human services to rural residents.

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