Objectives -

- Locate grant opportunities
- Identify resources to support projects, programs and grant applications
- Create maps for health and human services projects
- Demonstrate how RAC’s products serve rural projects & programs
What Is RAC?

- Information portal /digital library
- Helps rural communities access full range of resources
- Gathers & streamlines information
Search Funding Opportunities

- Topic
- Type
- Sponsoring agency
- Public and private funding
- Nationwide or specific state
- RSS Feeds

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Funding by Topic: Minorities

Abuse & Domestic Violence
Aging
AIDS & HIV
Child Welfare
Family Planning
Hospice & Palliative Care
Housing & Homelessness
Mental health
Migrants
Minorities
Poverty
Substance Abuse
RAC Topic Guides

- 78 Guides on Rural Issues
- Annotated Lists of Resources
  - 6,084 documents,
  - 2,057 tools
  - 2,516 organizations
- News and Events
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Contacts for Agencies & Experts
Topic Guides

• Teen Pregnancy
• Domestic Violence
• Methamphetamine
• Suicide Prevention
• Aging
• Mental Health
• Housing & Homelessness
• Children’s Health & Welfare

State Resource Page

• Demographic Data
• News and Events
• State Agencies and Organizations
• Reports, Policy Briefs and Other State Specific Publications
• Summaries of Successful State Projects

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Texas State page resources

- Economic Research Service: State Fact Sheet
- US Census Bureau: Texas QuickFacts
- AHRQ National Healthcare Quality Report State Snapshot
- Texas State Health Facts
- Texas KIDS COUNT Data Center
- State agencies and organizations
Success Stories

- Summaries of successful rural projects
- Description of project
- Services offered
- Results
- Contact information
- 59 different topics
RAC Maps

Maps are available on the following topic areas:

- Critical Access Hospitals
- Disability Status
- Education Levels
- Elderly
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Frontier
- Health Professional Shortage Areas and Medically Underserved Areas/Populations
- Medicare
- Minorities
- Long Term Care Facilities
- Population Change
- Poverty and Income Levels
- Public Transportation
- Rural Health Clinics
- Uninsured
- Youth

Additional maps are available by topic on RAC's Topic Guides.

Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)

Printable map that shows the location of CAHs nationwide by state.
Data source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Updated quarterly.

Disability Status

Printable map that shows the percent of population with disabilities nationwide by county. Data source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 1-Year Estimates, 2010.

For additional information about RAC maps please contact RAC.
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More Useful Tools

Online Library: Maps - Rural-relevant maps from a variety of sources.

Percent of Black or African Americans in NE Texas

Legend
- State Boundaries
- Metropolitan Statistical Areas
- Percent Black or African American

Legend
- 50.00 - 55.00%
- 55.00 - 60.00%
- 60.00 - 65.00%
- 65.00 - 70.00%
- 70.00 - 75.00%
- 75.00 - 80.00%
- 80.00 - 85.00%
- 85.00 - 90.00%
- 90.00 - 95.00%
- 95.00 - 100.00%
- US = 12.0%

Map prepared by: http://careas.msu.edu/7/3/2013
Other RAC resources include:

• Directory of Rural Health Experts and Organizations
• News and Events
• Rural Health & Human Services Listservs
• Rural Monitor Newsletter

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RAC Customized Services

• Identify grant opportunities
• Find documents & reports
• Access to useful data tools
• Search for successful programs
• Help create maps
• Connect to experts & organizations

Contact RAC for Customized Assistance
or Visit our Website to help you find resources that may support your project

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Application: “Survival of the Fittest”

Project to recruit and retain rural women of color into care

- SHRT is a non-profit community-based agency, the primary testing, prevention, education, and treatment provider for HIV/AIDS in the region for over 15 years.
- SHRT has a “one stop shop” model of care to serve over 1000 HIV infected persons by providing medical, case management, dental, transportation, and housing services at 4 locations: Longview, Tyler, Texarkana, and Paris.
- This region has 1 million residents, spread out across 23 rural East Texas counties
- The "Survival of the Fittest" Grant is a Special Project of National Significance (SPNS) grant allocated to SHRT by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

- The grant serves women of color that have been diagnosed as HIV positive
- Purpose to recruit them into medical care quickly after diagnosis and to encourage them to return to care if they have dropped out.
- Special Health Resources for Texas, Inc. (SHRT) is one of only 11 demonstration sites for this grant across the nation
- Theoretical framework for assessment, intervention and evaluation – *Strengths Perspective*
- Participatory action research model
- Multisite and local site data collection, analysis and comparison
Focus

- Training of case managers, social workers, staff, volunteers, medical clinicians
- Development of intervention manual for SHRT and HRSA
- Sharing of information with partnership network
- Dissemination material – journal articles and presentations
- Booklet – publication for case managers (example cultural sensitivity and HIV/AIDS counseling)
- Evaluation of effectiveness of program
- Needs assessment for further research topics
- Further grant applications
- Verification of data
- Link with macro-level assessments (for example: San Augustine, TX)

Application to the Classroom

- Current information and opinions for the classroom
- Understanding rurality and rural definitions in the classroom
- Researching rural issues for assignments
- Learning search techniques to carry into practice
- Linking to a rural online national community
Excerpts for Rural Child Welfare


- **Child Health USA 2011** Reports on the physical, mental, and emotional health of the Nation’s children. It addresses poverty, education, child care, and health service utilization and financing. State and city data are also available for selected indicators. (2011) Source: Health Resources and Services Administration Resource Type: Publication

- **Child Health USA 2012** Reports on the physical, mental, and emotional health of the Nation’s children. Addresses poverty, education, child care, and health service utilization and financing. State and city data are also available for selected indicators. (01/2013) Source: Health Resources and Services Administration Resource Type: Publication

- **Rural Families with a Child Abuse Report are More Likely Headed by a Single Parent and Endure Economic and Family Stress** An analysis of child maltreatment in both rural and urban areas with a focus on rural families. (2010) Source: Carsey Institute Resource Type: Publication

- **Strengthening Families and Communities: 2011 Resource Guide** Supports service providers in their work with parents, caregivers, and their children to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect. Source: Administration for Children and Families Resource Type: Publication

- **American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.** Grants to assist the children in the United States. Resource Type: Organization

- **Rural Research Needs and Data Sources for Selected Human Services Topics Volume 1: Research Needs** Overviews research on human services issues in rural areas. Includes sections addressing research on work supports for low-income families, substance abuse, and child welfare. Also discusses gaps in the rural health research. (05/2005) Source: Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. Resource Type: Publication
• **Children’s Voice**  Designed for readers - both professional and lay advocates - throughout the child welfare field who work with children, youth, and families or are concerned about the issues that affect them. Source: Child Welfare League of America  Resource Type: Journal

• **Helping Kids Deal With Bullies**  Discusses the different ways kids bully, how kids bully, signs of bullying, and how parents can help a child who is being bullied. (06/2007)  Source: Nemours Foundation  Resource Type: Publication

• **Idaho Department of Health and Welfare: Child Support Services**  Helps parents meet their obligations of support and health for their children. Child Support Services enhances the well-being of children, promotes positive parental involvement, and improves the self-sufficiency of families.  Resource Type: Organization

• **Welfare Reform in Rural Communities**  Chapter from the 2005 Report to the Secretary: Rural Health and Human Services Issues. Overview of the impact of welfare reform in rural communities. Discusses barriers including transportation, child care, and the rural labor market. Includes policy recommendations to help address the challenges specific to rural communities. (04/2005)  Source: National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services  Resource Type: Publication

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**Rural Monitor**

• **Editorials that discuss rural human services each month:**
  – Research
  – Philanthropy
  – Placed Based Services
  – Veterans
  • Etc.
Understanding Rurality

- Definitions of “rural” and explanations
- Links to sources of rural definitions
- Am I Rural? tool
  - Provides variety of definitions for specific locations
  - Access by zip code
  - Access by city and state

Online Community

- Students can sign up for updates related to their subject or their location (state)
- Students can obtain contacts for further research
- Students can get an overview of funding sources for field macro practice and for their employment
Quiz: What is Rural Gold?

The Rural Assistance Center!
Thanks