



Rural and Frontier MIECHV Programs: Addressing Programmatic and Administrative Challenges

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Welcome!



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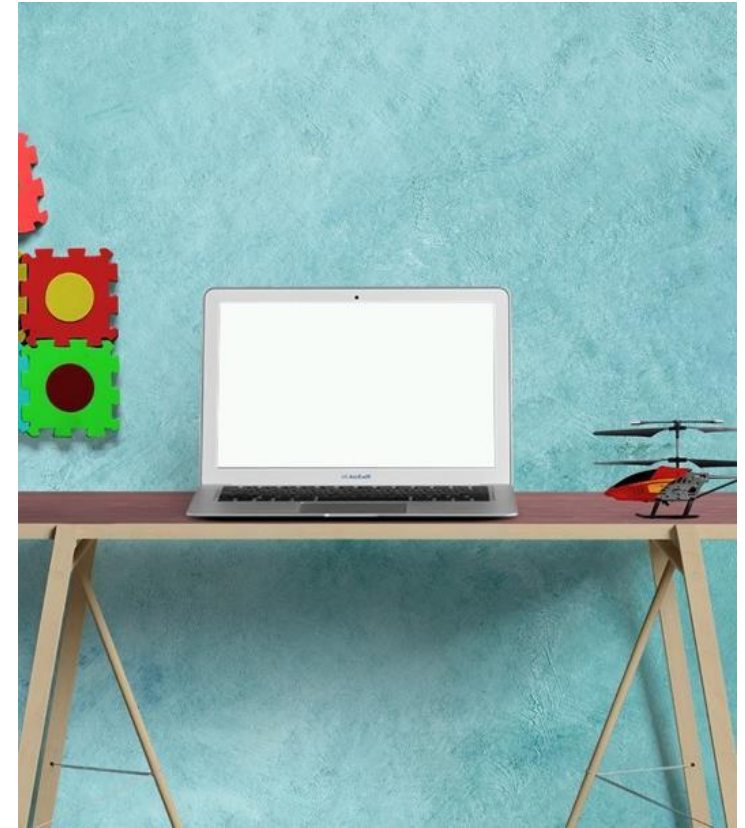


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Today's Objectives

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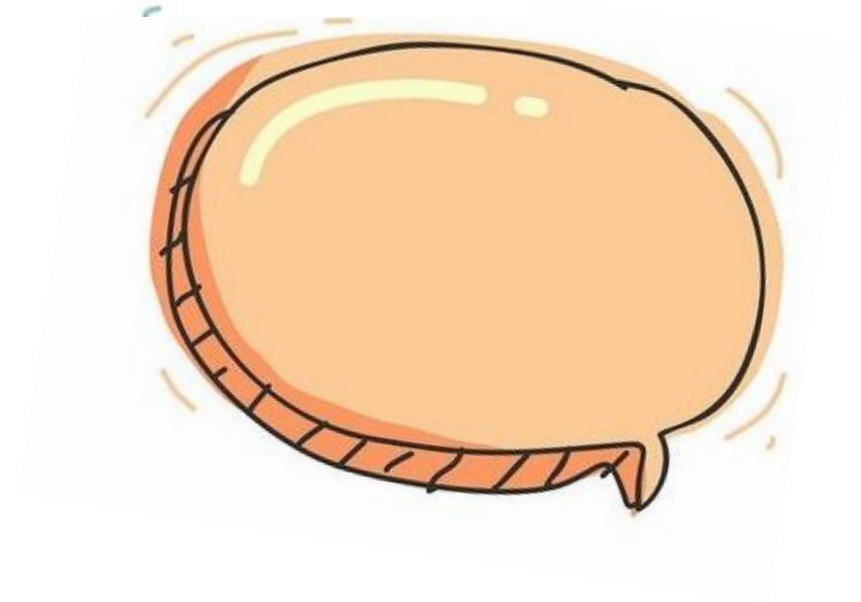
- Findings and recommendations from the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health & Human Services' recent policy brief
- How these findings/recommendations relate to the national perspective shared by the Rural Health Integration Model for Parents and Children to Thrive (IMPACT) project
- How awardee panelists are approaching the challenges highlighted in the brief
- Technical assistance that is available from the TARC to support the challenges highlighted in the brief



We Want to Hear from You!

Please complete the poll:

*Which of these objectives
are you looking forward to
hearing more about?*



Today's Speakers



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CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM IN
RURAL AMERICA**

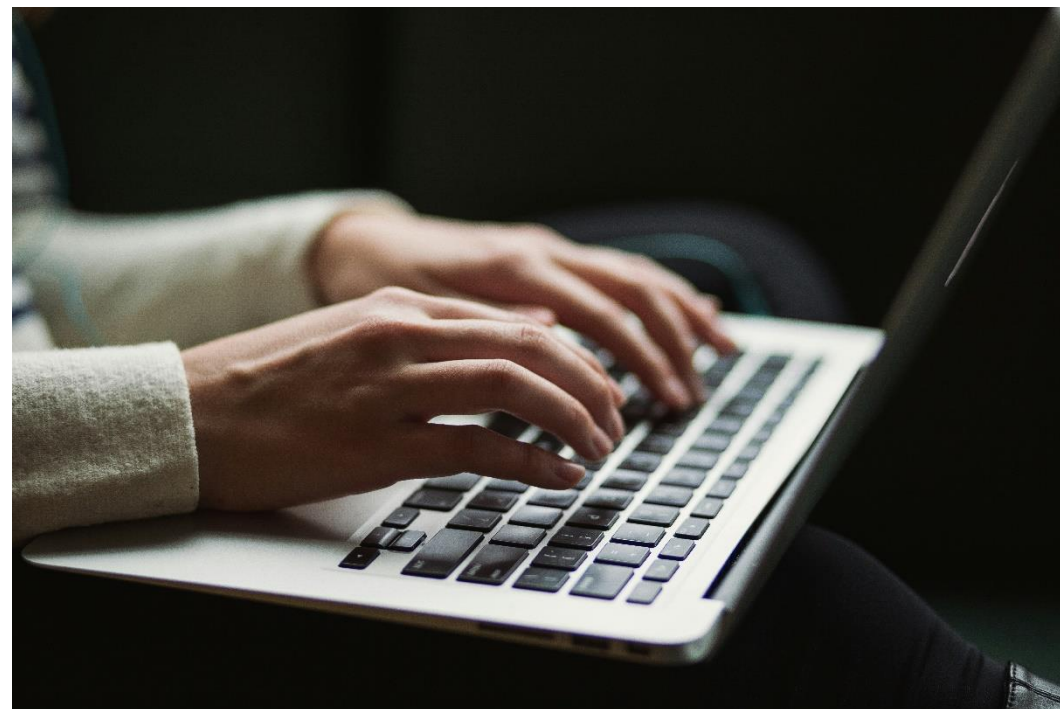
POLICY BRIEF AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY

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Recommendations from the *MIECHV* *Program in Rural* *America* Policy Brief

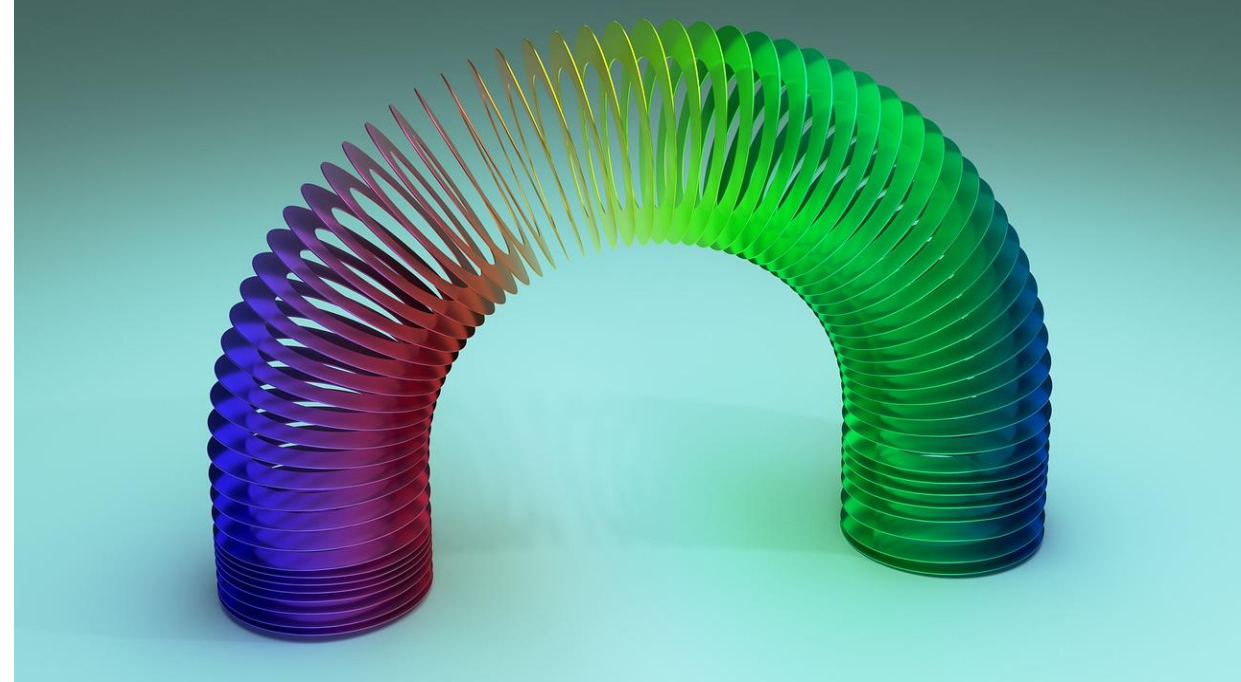
Challenges and Policy Recommendations

- Flexibility
- Data and Administrative Burden
- Collaboration
- Workforce Recruitment and Retention
- Funding Concerns



Flexibility: Recommendation

- Provide *rural-specific technical assistance* to support states' efforts to implement promising approaches and model enhancements in rural communities



Data and Administrative Burden: Recommendations

- Distinguish between rural and urban outcomes on the MIECHV outcomes dashboard
- Collect and report **tribal data** to the extent practicable
- **Streamline forms** and administrative **procedures**
- Consult with state offices that **specialize in rural health**



Collaboration: Recommendation



- Develop a **rural Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) collaborative** among states implementing MIECHV in rural areas

Workforce Recruitment & Retention: Recommendations



- Provide **rural-specific workforce training**
- Add a **rural track to workforce development programs**

Funding Concerns: Recommendations

- Provide **TA** to states to support rural communities who have **lost MIECHV funding**
- Explore **matching grants** to support rural states



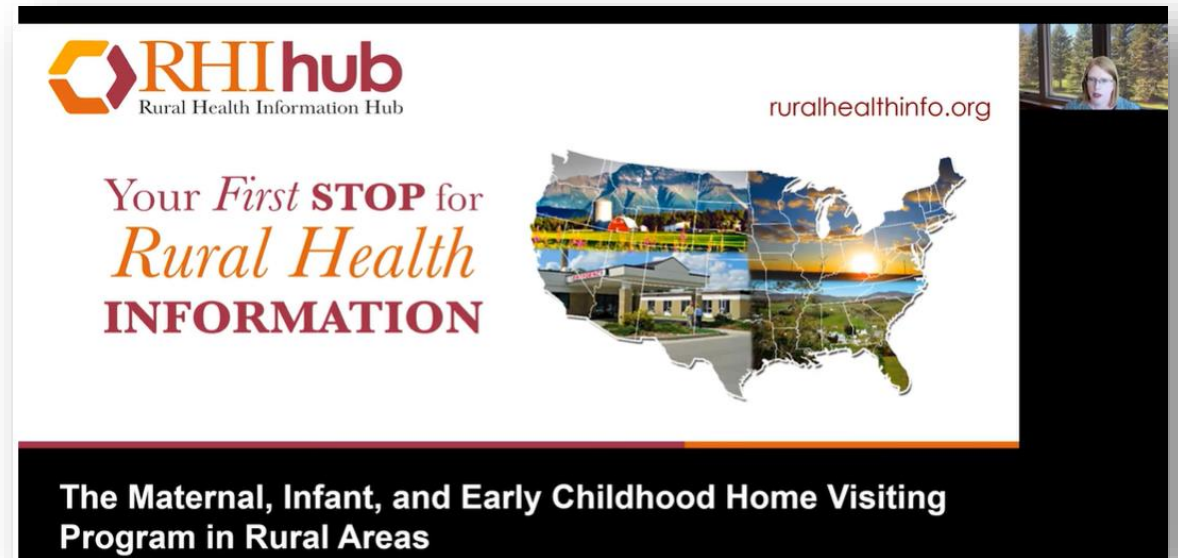
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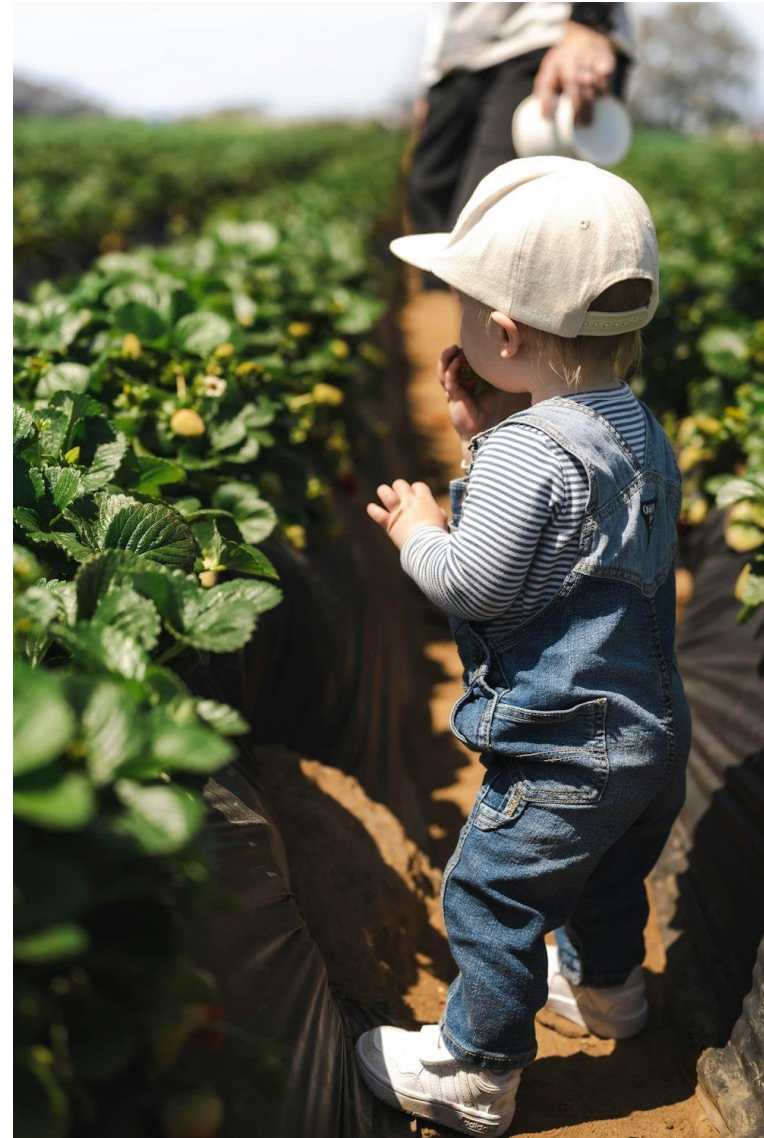
<https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/rural-health/resources/miechv-policy-brief-september-2023.pdf>

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National Perspective from the Rural Health Integration Model for Parents and Children to Thrive (IMPACT)





IMPACT West Virginia (Impact WV) Goals

Improve service coordination

Reduce duplication

Increase communication across team

IMPACT WV Specifics



Patient Navigator Model

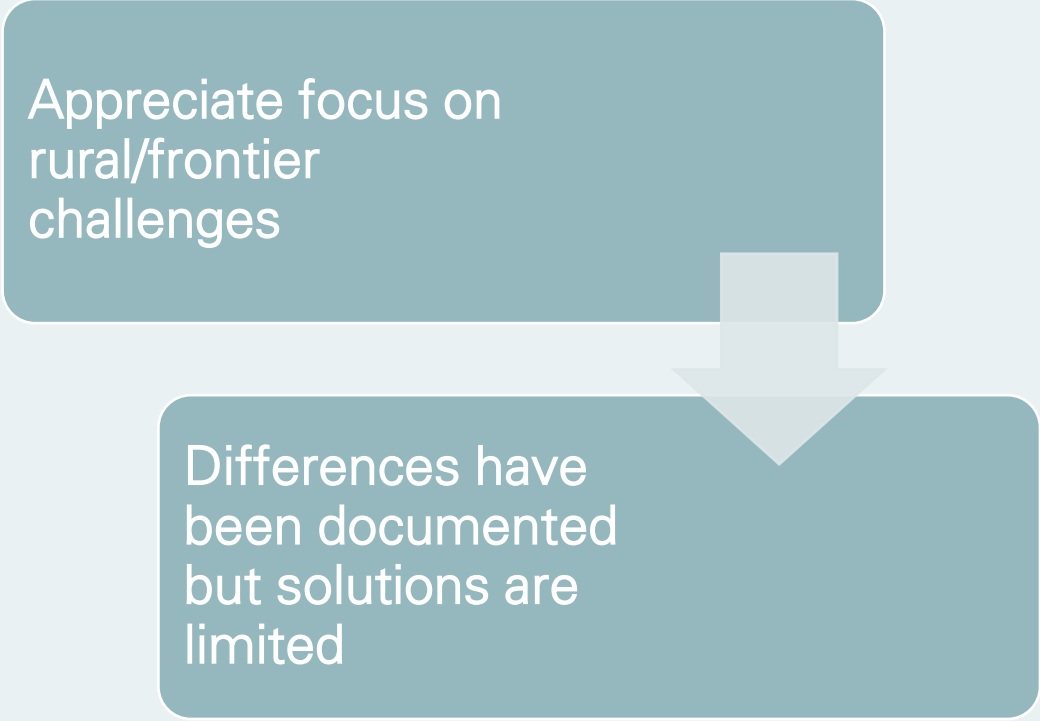
Two-generational approach

Families experiencing substance use

Rural/frontier setting challenges

Practice Perspectives on Policy Brief Recommendations

Appreciate focus on rural/frontier challenges



Differences have been documented but solutions are limited

Highlights

- Person-centered services is key
- Dedicated funding is needed to build workforce
- 2 for 1 efforts will help us go far (flexibility)
- Technical assistance and sharing stories drives change but must be shared at all levels

Panel Discussion



TA Support from the TARC

- One-on-one technical assistance
 - Promising approaches or model enhancements
 - Data disaggregation by community type
- Small group technical assistance
 - State-tribal local implementing agency collaboration small group TA
- Peer learning
 - Current *Operating Home Visiting Programs in Rural and Frontier Settings* community of practice



Closing Poll

What action(s) are you planning on taking based on attending today's webinar? *(Check all that apply)*

- I will share the materials from today's webinar with a colleague.
- I will review our existing systems/policies that support rural and frontier programs to identify areas for improvement
- I will explore the resources shared by the presenters.
- I will reach out to my TA specialists to discuss a TA need related to rural and frontier programs.
- I am not yet sure of my next steps.
- Other (please add in the chat)

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