

2011 Member Directory

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CROPS Health Network Center provides leadership development, capacity building, and sustainability services to health networks, health care providers, government agencies, churches, schools and other nonprofit organizations. We have created and trademarked a model program called Growing Rural – Youth Leadership in Public Health that can be replicated in any community to assist rural health networks in sustainability and growth. CROPS Health Network Center partners with a team of national experts specializing in grant writing and training, prospect research, donor relations, business development, marketing and communications, social media, health research, program planning, grants management and more. We are interested in collaborating on grants with other health networks.



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The Coalition of Health Services was organized in February 1996 and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization in October 1997. There are currently 14 hospital affiliates, serving twenty-six counties in the Texas Panhandle. The Coalition contracts with the Texas Department of Health Services and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to provide access to Title V, Primary Health Care, Breast and Cervical Cancer Services, CHIP, Medicaid, and Children with Special Healthcare Needs within these 26 counties. The Coalition then subcontracts with 28 clinics throughout the region for a variety of these services.

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Community Health Network is a 501c3 shared benefit organization created in 2001 by community health centers through the State of Tennessee and the Tennessee Primary Care Association. It's focus was to address the information technology and business support needs of its member organizations. Through the years, the services provided to the network have grown from comprehensive IT support and hosting of practice management systems to the addition of shared purchasing, telehealth, health information exchange, and hosting electronic health records systems.



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East Georgia Health Cooperative provides members custom developed physician recruiting, representation at medical fairs and networking opportunities. The Cooperative also offers a full line of marketing services, onsite educational programs, grant research and assistance along with multiple cost savings through group purchasing options. The Cooperative consistently seeks out new opportunities for its members including partnering with outside groups to promote its mission and goals.

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In an effort to improve the health status of the populations we individually and collectively serve, a consortium of area hospitals, in conjunction with our Boards of Directors, medical staffs, and other community providers, will develop a network that fosters cooperation and coordination. Our priority is to enhance the integration of health related services among consortium member communities while respecting local autonomy. We shall work to enhance the cost effectiveness of member hospitals/providers by sharing services and/or expertise in such areas as clinical, support, administration and education. We shall also strive to better integrate health related services among providers within our respective communities as well as on a regional basis.

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Since the inception in 2005, HealthMatters of Central Oregon has brought together thought-leaders throughout the region to establish dialogue and develop sustainable health care programs for regional implementation. As a health collaborative hub, HealthMatters has implemented four primary initiatives that include affordable health coverage for low-wage uninsured workers, care coordination program that focuses on all health and human service connections, prevention and consumerism programs for employees to make healthy lifestyle choices, and a chronic disease self-management program to allow Central Oregon residents tools to manage and improve their lives. Every program was developed and implemented to work in concert creating an active healthy lifestyle and community for all. The collective goal with our partnerships and our collaborative efforts is to create real and lasting change to the health care landscape in Central Oregon.

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Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (Network Member)

The Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation established in 2003 for the purposes of sharing resources, providing education, promoting operational efficiencies, and improving health care services for member critical access hospitals and their rural communities. ICAHN, with its 51 member hospitals, is an independent network governed by a nine member Board of Directors with standing and project development committees facilitating the overall activities of the network. The mission of ICAHN is to strengthen Illinois critical access hospitals through collaboration.



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InSRHN provides support to rural entities in the development of formal health care networks in order to coordinate; improve and expand access to quality essential health care services; and enhance the delivery of health care in rural areas. Our network of rural providers is dedicated to improving their ability to deliver high-quality health care to rural residents. We provide peer collaboration in roundtable discussion groups, best practice sharing, peer learning and mentoring, leverage in buying power, various educational opportunities throughout the year and much more. We are constantly evolving for our members and bringing them the latest in healthcare news/updates.

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Low Country Health Care Network (Network Member)

Low Country Health Care Network (LCHCN) is a vertically integrated network that works with the health care providers in the rural communities of Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton counties in South Carolina. Our vision is to provide a delivery system that respects member autonomy while focusing on "common ground" issues which enhance health services, promote healthier communities, accommodate changing conditions throughout the service area and reduce member operating costs. LCHCN works to affect positive change in the access, delivery, availability and affordability of quality health care and support the delivery of these benefits to the residents of the Low Country.

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Montana Health Network (MHN) is a consortium of healthcare facilities located across the state of Montana and Wyoming. It is comprised of seventeen shareholding members and thirty three affiliate members in Montana, and two affiliate members in Wyoming. Montana Health Network was established in 1987 on a core product of workers compensation. Since its establishment MHN has grown to provide a full compliment of human resource benefits for member employees as well as other insurance products to help cover our member facilities. Other services include a robust mobile education department, mobile MRI and a collection agency.

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ND FamNet (Network Member)

ND FamNet is a network of nonprofit organizations and a few state agencies that provide family support services to families with children, youth and young adults with special healthcare needs. Our twelve members provide services throughout the entire state of North Dakota. At this time we have three priority areas/workgroups: family and technology, inclusive child care, and health benefits counseling. Our network has applied for a HRSA Network Development Grant in order to assist us with the implementation of a health benefits counseling network within the state. And we have just received notification from the IRS on the acceptance of our successful 501 (c) (3) application.

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The North Country Health Consortium (NCHC), is a mature rural health network which has been improving the sustainability of the rural health and human service delivery system and improving access to health care for rural residents of Northern New Hampshire since 1998. The Consortium's mission statement is: To lead innovative collaboration to improve the health status of the region. 29 Member organizations work together in five programmatic areas: Workforce Development; Community Substance Abuse Prevention; Public Health Capacity; Mobile Oral Health Services; and Policy and Advocacy. Members include Critical Access Hospitals, Community Health Centers, Community Mental Health, Home Health, Nursing Homes, EMS, Faith-based social services, Community Action Program, Family Resource Center, Academic Medical Center, State College and a Community College.

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The Northeast Minnesota AHEC's mnHEALTHnet serves as a collaborative interprofessional network of health care, community, and academic partners committed to supporting community organizations in developing chronic care management/education and training resources to improve health in rural and underserved communities. The vision of Northeast Minnesota AHEC's mnHEALTHnet is: "To create healthier communities through a fully engaged interprofessional health care network collaborative." The goal of Northeast Minnesota AHEC's mnHEALTHnet is to develop a functional and sustainable rural health network that will address improved health outcomes for rural and underserved residents in Northern Minnesota.



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The Northeast Missouri Rural Health Network, formed in 1998 with four partners, offers both member services and patient programs throughout an eleven-county area. The Network's aim is to achieve regional health improvements through collaboration, coordination and sharing of services and resources among its 27 individually-owned member agencies which includes hospitals, health departments, ambulance districts, a community health center, independent physicians association, mental health providers, a nursing home, hospice, as well as other types of health care providers and medical educators.

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PHN is a consortium of seventeen hospitals serving over 120,000 people in Western Kansas. Its central office is located on the campus of St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City, Kansas. The purpose of the Network is to provide a mechanism for its members to collaborate and pool resources. Since its inception in 1995, PHN has provided a variety of activities and projects to benefit its members including: Group purchasing contracts; health career promotion and awareness programs; peer level collaboration and networking; ITV applications; custom designed educational programming; and, web-based financial and risk management applications. PHN has also partnered with various organizations and agencies in a number of successful grant ventures to benefit its members.



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The Southern Atlantic Healthcare Alliance (SAHA) was established in 2004 to nurture collaborative relationships among member hospitals in order to improve the quality of healthcare. We focus on five key factors: cost savings; clinical quality & safety; compliance; knowledge sharing and education. In 2010, the Board of Directors, comprised of the Chief Executive Officers of each member facility, added two new emphases: innovation and solution orientation. These problem-solving approaches will help hospitals deal successfully with changing health care imperatives and economic conditions.

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The Sunflower Health Network (SHN) is a not-for-profit organization formed in 1994 that consists of 16 hospitals located primarily in North Central Kansas. The mission of the SHN is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of healthcare delivery in the region we serve. Some of the programs and services of the SHN include group purchasing, group health insurance, equipment maintenance, physician recruitment, advocacy, emergency preparedness, shared staff pools, and education/round tables for various department directors. The priorities of the SHN are to:

- 1.Improve access to specialist physician care throughout the region.
- 2. Reduce hospital vulnerability to changes in Medicare reimbursement policies.
- 3. Optimize timeliness and safety of inter-hospital referrals and transfers.
- 4. Sustain adequate number of quality nurses (and other key professionals).
- 5. Optimize patient care quality within each member hospital.
- 6. Improve the capacity to share electronic patient care information.



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Synernet is a creative, customer-focused organization that provides alternative cost-saving approaches to services that are currently being performed within hospitals and healthcare organizations, by leveraging best practices, technology and scale to obtain greater efficiencies. Current services include: medical transcription, credentials verification, clinical engineering, a self-funded workers compensation program, and third-party administration for existing self-insured workers compensation programs.



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The Hospital Cooperative (Network Member)

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The Tennessee Rural Partnership, formed in 2006, is a workforce development network which focuses on activities related to the placement and retention of primary care health care providers in rural and underserved areas of the state. Network members include the four medical schools in Tennessee (the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State, Meharry Medical College, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine and Vanderbilt University College of Medicine), the Tennessee Hospital Association, the Rural Health Association of Tennessee and the Tennessee Primary Care Association. TRP works with communities and health care entities within the state to maintain a current inventory of needs and placement opportunities within the communities and communicates directly with medical residents and other professional health care students regarding practice opportunities and incentive programs for practicing in rural and underserved areas of Tennessee.

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