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Rural Disability Resources

People with disabilities who live in rural areas often face an additional array of challenges to getting the care and supports they need such as transportation issues, less access to specialists, and lack of employment opportunities.

AgrAbility or National AgrAbility Project

<http://www.agrability.org/>

Breaking New Ground Resource Center
Purdue University
ABE Bldg., 225 South University Street

West Lafayette IN 47907-2093

Phone: 800-825-4264

Email: agrability@agrability.org

AgrAbility provides resources for farmers, agricultural workers and others who live in rural areas. They also conduct onsite assessments to identify barriers both in the agricultural workplace and the home. They recommend appropriate assistive technology, modified work practices and other solutions. They arrange for peer support opportunities that connect clients with others who have successfully accommodated their disabilities.

See their Toolbox (Assistive Technology Database) at <http://www.agrability.org/toolbox>

Arizona Center for Rural Health

<http://crh.arizona.edu/>

Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

1295 N. Martin Ave. - P.O. Box 245163

Tucson, Arizona 85724

Phone: 520-626-5823

Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL)

<http://www.april-rural.org/>

P. O. Box 203

Plumerville, AR 72127

Phone: 501-753-3400

APRIL is a national membership organization dedicated to advancing the rights and responsibilities of people with disabilities in rural America.

Farm Rescue

www.farmrescue.org

P.O. Box 28

Horace, ND 58047

Email: info@farmrescue.org

Phone: 701- 252-2017

Farm Rescue is a nonprofit organization that provides planting and harvesting assistance free of charge to farm families who have experienced a major illness, injury or natural disaster. It helps farm families in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, and Iowa. Please see their website for application info.

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

<https://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/>

Phone: 301-443-0835

FORHP is part of the Health Resources and Services Administration. It advises HRSA on matters affecting rural hospitals and health care.

HHS: Affordable Care Act: What it Means for Rural America

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/092513theaffordablecareactpdf>

Kentucky Appalachian Rural Rehabilitation Network (KARRN)

<https://www.uky.edu/chs/karrn>

KARRN is a community centered collaborative team formed in 2008 who investigate neurological conditions (e.g. spinal cord injury, stroke, brain injury) and identify, develop and disseminate information and strategies, and maximize resources to improve outcomes and quality of life.

National Aging and Disability Transportation Center

<http://www.nadtc.org/>

Phone: 866-983-3222

Email: contact@nadtc.org

NADTC is working to increase access to transportation for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers. NADTC is a program of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, with guidance from the Administration for Community Living (ACL), administered by Easter Seals and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) with guidance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living.

National Agricultural Worker Health Conference

<http://www.nachc.org/conferences/agricultural-worker-health/>

The National Association of Community Health Centers offers the National Agricultural Worker Health Conference which is the only national conference dedicated solely on the health and well-being of migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Attendees include CHC staff, board members, government officials and advocates representing farmworkers and their families who make Community/Migrant Health Centers their health care home.

National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health

<https://nosorh.org/>

<https://nosorh.org/nosorh-members/nosorh-members-browse-by-state/>

Lists each state's office of Rural Health contact info.

National Rural Health Association

<https://www.ruralhealth.us/>

7015 College Blvd.; Suite 150

Overland Park, KS 66211

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NRHA is a national nonprofit membership organization with more than 20,000 members. The association's mission is to provide leadership on rural health issues.

National Rural Health Resource Center

<https://www.ruralcenter.org/>

525 S. Lake Ave., Suite 320

Duluth, MN 55802

Phone: 218-727-9390 ext. 0

Toll-free: 800-997-6685

Email: info@ruralcenter.org

A non-profit organization dedicated to improving healthcare in rural communities. This technical assistance and knowledge center focuses on 5 areas: transition to value and

population health, collaboration and partnership, performance improvement, health information technology, and workforce.

National Rural Transit Assistance Program (NRTAP)

<http://nationalrtap.org/>

Phone: 888-589-6821

Email: info@nationalrtap.org

National Rural Transit Assistance Program is a program of the Federal Transit Administration dedicated to creating public and rural transit solutions in America through technical assistance, partner collaboration and free training and other transit industry products.

P.H.A.R.M. Dog USA (Pets Helping Agriculture in Rural Missouri)

<http://pharmdog.org/>

Phone: 660-582-0694

The organization's goal is to make life easier for farmers and farm family members with disabilities by training service dogs to help with farming related tasks. Those eligible for services may have any type of disability -- physical, cognitive, or illness-related. Their services are not limited to Missouri--they do place dogs in other states.

Research and Training Center on Disability in Rural Communities, The University of Montana Rural Institute: The State of Disability in Rural America

<http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/state-disability-rural-america/>

Remote Area Medical

www.ramusa.org

2200 Stock Creek Blvd

Rockford, TN 37853

Phone: 865-579-1530

Email: info@ramusa.org

Remote Area Medical (RAM) is a major nonprofit provider of mobile medical clinics. Their mission is to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free, quality healthcare to those in need. They do this by delivering free dental, vision, and medical services to underserved and uninsured individuals. Doctors and dentists volunteer their time at their health fairs.

Rural Health Information Hub (formerly Rural Assistance Center)

<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/>

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Grand Forks, ND 58202

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RHI Hub is a national rural health and human services information portal. It 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.

Rural Residents with Disabilities Confront Substantial Barriers to Obtaining Primary Care

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1797079/>

United We Ride: Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/ccam>

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The Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) is a partnership of federal agencies working to build ladders of opportunity across America by improving the availability, quality and efficient delivery of transportation services to people with disabilities, older adults and people with low incomes. United We Ride is an interagency Federal national initiative that supports states and their localities in developing coordinated human service delivery systems. In addition to state coordination grants, United We Ride provides State and local agencies a transportation-coordination and planning self-assessment tool, help along the way, technical assistance, and other resources to help their communities succeed.

University of Montana Rural Institute's Disability and Health Program

<http://mtdh.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/>

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Veterans Administration: Office of Rural Health

<http://www.ruralhealth.va.gov/>

Currently, 3.1 million rural Veterans are enrolled in the VA system. This represents 36% of the total enrolled Veteran population based on the 2010 US Census. Men and women Veterans from geographically rural areas make up a disproportionate share of service members and comprise about 31% of the enrolled Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) Veterans; many of whom are returning to their rural communities. In order to better serve rural Veterans, the VA created the Office of Rural Health in 2007.

Wyoming AgrAbility

<http://www.uwyo.edu/agrability/default.asp>

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Email: AgriAbility@uwyo.edu

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