Annual Rural Health Conference

IRHA hosts the largest annual health conference in the state of Indiana. The conference brings together health professionals, advocates and residents of rural communities from across the state. Practitioners from the field and national experts discuss current topics, as well as sharing experiences of others in public health and rural health care delivery, along with the latest information regarding the start-up and on-going management of rural health care delivery models.

Plan now to attend the IRHA Annual Conference June 16-17, 2022
French Lick Springs Hotel
French Lick, Indiana

Indiana Tobacco Quitline

The Indiana Tobacco Quitline is a free phone-based counseling service that helps Indiana smokers quit. Services include one-on-one coaching for tobacco users, resources for health care providers, best practices for employers to implement smoke-free policies, support for family and friends who want to help loved ones quit, and tools for tobacco control partners to complement their current programs.

Services are available 7 days a week in more than 170 languages. A trained quit coach will work with individuals and provide solutions tailored to their needs.

For support information, call today at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669) or call the IRHA office at 812-478-3919, ext. 222.

Flex Programs

The Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program was established as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to support and preserve the nation’s smallest and most vulnerable rural hospitals. This program is designed to help sustain the rural healthcare infrastructure, with the CAH as a hub of an organized system of delivery across the continuum of care that meet local needs.

Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) received HRSA Flex grant funding from the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), State Office of Rural Health (SORH) to provide programs to the Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs). Each of these programs focuses on the 4 core areas of Flex (www.indianaruralhealth.org/FLEX). The IRHA Flex Programs provide 3 annual CAH educational programs centered on quality, leadership, and health information technology with a strong emphasis on performance improvement, networking with peers, access to a rural video bridge for virtual meetings, programs, and training sessions; and participation and quality improvement projects. No other programs throughout the state have focused on improving rural health. It is goal of the IRHA Flex Programs to encourage the implementation of projects in rural Indiana and to support and sustain rural Indiana and healthcare operations in smaller cities.

If you are seeking the services of an IRHA Business Partner, please visit the IRHP website at www.IRHP.com.

Brazilian Health Care Services / White Bark Corporation

In 2013, the IRHA established the for-profit corporation, Indiana Rural Health Services Corporation (IRHSC). In 2016 established a dba under IRHSIC, White Bark Corporation. Our Business Partner Network (BPB) is a membership line under the White Bark Corporation. The BPB offers unique support from carefully selected businesses. IRHA members facing the challenges inherent in today’s healthcare environment.

Business Partner Network members are vetted by IRHA administrators for their capacity to be of real service, their demonstrated expertise, and for their recognized commitment to growing and supporting rural Indiana and healthcare operations in smaller towns.

If you would like information about how to become a Business Partner member, please contact Phil Ellis at pelis@indianarha.org.

The Indiana Rural Health Services Corporation / White Bark Corporation

www.indianaruralhealth.org
Public Policy Advocacy:
- Provides grassroots advocacy and education on issues impacting the health and well-being of rural residents.
- Advocates for the unique concerns of rural residents and health providers to government officials and regulators.
- Partners with other organizations that have similar public health goals and objectives to strengthen the voice of Indiana’s rural residents and providers.
- Advocates for adequate emergency response systems in rural Indiana.

Network:
- Facilitating successful county collaborations.
- Provides opportunities for networking among rural hospitals, public health nurses, rural health clinics, rural residents, and rural health professionals who serve rural Indiana.
- Indiana’s largest state-wide annual conference regarding rural health.
- Workshops addressing current issues around health care regulation geared to the unique needs of rural health care providers.
- Facilitates the sharing of successes and failures in the provision of health services and programs.

Resource for Rural Healthcare:
- Informational website—www.indianaruralhealth.org
- Assists with health care provider recruitment and retention.
- Promotes use of telehealth in remote rural areas.
- Encourages health care professionals to locate in rural areas.
- Helps to improve health care access to rural residents.

Benefits of Membership:
- Receive up-to-date information regarding legislation and regulations, at both the national and state level, that impacts rural health issues in Indiana.
- Receive IRHA’s newsletter and mailings containing current information related to rural health issues.
- Opportunities to serve on Association committees.
- Participation in educational programs geared to rural providers and consumers.
- A voice in developing IRHA’s legislative and regulatory advocacy platform.

To become a member, visit our website www.indianaruralhealth.org