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Rural Aging

Like their urban and suburban counterparts, rural leaders, communities, and coalitions are strategically planning for regional industrial and community development; sustainable economies; and for programs addressing the changing demographics and economics of an aging society. Rural voices echo urban concerns for effective programs to meet the needs of an older and sometimes more isolated population. Increases in the “oldest old” (85+ confirmed by Census 2000 data), the number of limited English speaking elders, and the # of seniors needing special services are special considerations. Planners of rural aging programs and support services confront unique barriers that impede access to services and limit choices of service professionals and provider organizations. Often, rural area agencies on aging become the direct provider and/or sponsoring partner in the development of housing and long-term care facilities. Established residents, retirees migrating “home,” and nursing home residents transitioning back into their communities share in their quest for a better quality of life – a quality which encompasses affordable and accessible housing, assisted living, and medical care. The links below provide data, present research, introduce organizations and agencies, and illustrate state, federal, and private efforts and accomplishments to this end.

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Information Portals

Rural Assistance Center
(University of North Dakota)
<http://www.raconline.org/>

Rural Information Center

(National Agriculture Library, U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/>

Internet Resources for a Rural America

National Rural Development Partnership

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nrdp/resources.html>

Government Programs

Federal Funding Programs for Rural Areas: Fiscal Year 2003

(Rural Information Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/funding/federalfund/fed03ful.htm>

Office of Rural Health Policy

(U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration)

<http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/>

One Department Serving Rural America

HHS Rural Task Force Report to the Secretary July 2002

<ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/PublicReportJune2002.pdf>.

Rural Housing Service

(U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/index.html>

The Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service

(U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.reeusda.gov/>

Economic Research Service

(includes Food and Nutrition Services)

(U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/>

Research and Advocacy Organizations

North Carolina Rural Health Research and Analysis Program

(University of North Carolina)

http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/research_programs/Rural_Program/rhp.html

National Coalition on Rural Aging

(National Council on Aging)

<http://www.ncoa.org/content.cfm?sectionID=116>

http://www.ncoa.org/attachments/ncra_roster.pdf

National Resource Center for Rural Elderly

(University of Missouri-Kansas City)

<http://iml.umkc.edu/cas/nrc.htm>

National Resource and Policy Center on Rural Long-Term Care (NRPCRLTC)

(University of Kansas Medical Center On Aging)

<http://www.kumc.edu/instruction/medicine/NRPC/>

Rural Policy Research Institute

(University of North Dakota)

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

Research and Training Center on Disability in Rural Communities

(The University of Montana Rural Institute: Center for Excellence in Disability Education, Research and Services)

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

Statistics

Urban and Rural Classification Census 2000 Urban and Rural Criteria

(U.S. Census Bureau)

http://www.census.gov/geo/www/ua/ua_2k.html

Selected Historical Census Data: Urban and Rural Definitions and Data

(U.S. Census Bureau)

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata/ur-def.html>

Urban and Rural Health Chartbook

(Centers for Disease Control)

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/pubs/pubd/hus/01huschtdes.htm>

Age Characteristics in Rural America

(Rural Policy Research Institute)

<http://www.rupri.org/policyres/context/age.html>

Poverty of Older Women across the Rural-Urban Continuum

(Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/epubs/pdf/rdp/rdp698/rdp698a.pdf>

Rural America: opportunities and challenges. *Amber Waves*. 2003

(Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Amberwaves/Feb03/features/ruralamerica.htm>

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/ruralamerica/ra173/>

Retired Farm Operators: Who Are They?

(Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/epubs/pdf/rdp/rdp296/rdp296e.pdf>

Changes in the Older Population and Implications for Rural Areas

(Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/rdrr90/index.htm>

The Continuing Population Rebound in Non-metro America

(Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/rdp/rdp1098/rdp1098a.pdf>

Cartographic Archive

(North Carolina Rural Health Research and Policy Analysis)

http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/research_programs/Rural_Program/maps/maps.html

Rural Populations and Health Care Providers A Map Book

http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/research_programs/rural_program/mapbook2003/index.html

Changes in the Older Population and Implications for Rural Areas

(U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/epubs/pdf/rdr90/>

Older Rural America

(USDA-Rural America, Vol. 17, Issue 3)

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/ruralamerica/ra173/>

Innovative Programs and Best Practices

Best Practices in Rural Medicaid Managed Behavioral Health

(Edward R. Muskie Institute of Public Service, University of Maine)

<http://www.muskie.usm.maine.edu/bestpractice/>

Current Practices

(Community Transportation Association) (see “rural”)

[http://www.ctaa.org/ntrc/medical/practices.shtml`](http://www.ctaa.org/ntrc/medical/practices.shtml)

Kansas Rural Interdisciplinary Training Program (KS-RIT) –

Building Programs and Providing Services in Rural Communities: Models from the Field (University of Kansas Medical Center)

<http://coa.kumc.edu/rit/models/index.htm>

Active for Life –A RWJ supported initiative

(Texas A & M University)

<http://www.activeforlife.info/about/index.html>

NCB Development Corporation

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

(click on “senior housing comparisons”, then the “Coming Home Program”)

SHARE Awards - 2001

(Pennsylvania Institute on Aging)

<http://www.uphs.upenn.edu/aging/share/2001profile.pdf>

SHARE Awards - 2000

(Pennsylvania Institute on Aging)

<http://www.uphs.upenn.edu/aging/share/2000profile.pdf>

Rural Health

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

(U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration)

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

Directory of State Offices of Rural Health (SORH) and

State Rural Health Associations (SRHA)

<http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/50sorh.htm>

Rural Health Demonstration Projects

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy 1997-2000

<ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/Vol7Sourcebook.pdf>

Rural Information Center Health Service

(National Agricultural Library)

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/richs/>

Rural Health

(Eberhard Wenzel's Web Site)

<http://www.ldb.org/vl/top/top-rurh.htm>

Rural Health Care and the Internet: Issues and Opportunities for Using Interactive Communications to Improve Rural Health Care Services

http://rhr.gmu.edu/briefspublications/papers/internet_and_ruralhealth.pdf

The Behavioral Health Care Needs of Rural Women

(American Psychological Association)

<http://www.apa.org/rural/ruralwomen.pdf>

National Rural Health Services Research Database

(Edward R. Muskie Institute of Public Service, University of Maine)

<http://www.rural-health.org/database.htm>

Rural Health Services Funding: A Resource Guide

(National Agricultural Library, U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/healthguide.htm>

Rural Mental Health

National Rural Women's Health Conference

(Penn State University)

<http://ruralwomenshealth.psu.edu/topics.html - elderly>

"Who Will Care? Research and Service on Behalf of Iowa's Impaired Elders"

(University of Iowa)

<http://www.uihealthcare.com/news/news/2002/02/18olderiowans.html>

Mental Health In Rural America: How Research Is Helping

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research/senatemhwg.cfm>

Medicare

Report to the Congress: Medicare in Rural America – June 12, 2001

(Medicare Payment Advisory Commission)

http://www.medpac.gov/publications/congressional_testimony/Tst061201W&M_Rural.pdf

Comments on the June 2001 Report of the Medicare

Payment Advisory Commission: "*Medicare in Rural America*"

(Rural Policy Research Institute)

<http://www.rupri.org/programs/health/misc/medpaccomments.html>

Sizing up Medicare in Rural America: What's Next After the MedPAC Report?

(Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics)

<http://www.gmu.edu/departments/chpre/ruralhealth/webcastnotice072501.html>

An assessment of Proposals for a Medicare Outpatient Prescription Drug Benefit: The Rural Perspective January 2003

(Rural Policy Research Institute)

<http://www.rupri.org/pubs/archive/reports/P2003-1/index.html>

Inequitable Access: Medicare+Choice Program Fails to Serve Rural America

(Rural Policy Research Institute)

<http://www.rupri.org/pubs/archive/pbriefs/PB2002-2/PB2002-2.PDF>

Update on Medicare+Choice: Rural Medicare Beneficiaries Enrolled in Medicare+Choice Plans through October 2000 – Rural Policy Brief, Vol. 6, No. 7 March 2001

(Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis)

<http://www.rupri.org/pubs/archive/pbriefs/pb2001-7/pb2001-7.pdf>

Rural Housing

Creating Affordable Rural Housing With Services: Options and Strategies

(Maine Rural Health Research Center Institute for Health Policy)

<http://www.muskie.usm.maine.edu/research/ruralheal/pdf/wp19.pdf>

Federal Programs and Local Organizations: Meeting the Housing Needs of Rural Seniors (Housing Assistance Council – 2001)

<http://www.ruralhome.org/pubs/hsganalysis/elderly/index.htm>

Rural Cooperative Housing for Older Adults: An Emerging Challenge for Extension Educators – Journal of Extension – April 2001

<http://www.joe.org/joe/2001april/a3.html>

Why Housing Matters HAC's - 2000 Report on the State of the Nation's Rural Housing (Housing Assistance Council)

<http://www.ruralhome.org/pubs/hsganalysis/SNRH/why/whyhousingmatters.pdf>

Rural Long-term Care

Impact of Market and Policy Changes on Long-Term Care Providers in Pennsylvania: Rural Versus Urban Differences

(The 130th Annual Meeting of APHA – November, 2002)

http://apha.confex.com/apha/130am/techprogram/paper_47748.htm

Integrating Rural Primary, Acute, and Long-term Care Services: Challenges and Opportunities

(Mansfield Center for Pacific Affairs)

<http://www.mcpa.org/programs/coburn.pdf>

Long-term Care in Rural America

(National Rural Health Association)

<http://www.nrharural.org/dc/issuepapers/ipaper21.html>

Rural Long Term Care Integration: Developing Service Capacity

(Maine Rural Health Research Center - Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service)

<http://www.muskie.usm.maine.edu/Publications/rural/wp22.pdf>

Financing and Payment Issues in Rural Long-Term Care Integration

Maine Rural Health Research Center - Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service

<http://www.muskie.usm.maine.edu/Publications/rural/wp21.pdf>

International

International Conference on Rural Human Services

(St. Thomas University, Canada)

<http://www.stthomasu.ca/academic/scwk/rural/papers.htm>

Rural Aging

(Global Action on Aging)

http://www.globalaging.org/rural_aging/world/

International Rural Aging Project – 1997-2003

(University of West Virginia)

<http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/coa/planofaction/policyrecomm/2000newpolicyrec.htm>

Rural Aging Conference – June 2000

(University of West Virginia)

Overview: <http://www.healthandage.net/html/res/hermanova/content/rural.htm>

Abstracts: <http://www.hartfordign.org/publications/ruralaging/>

Studies and Reports

What Caregivers Can Learn From Researchers in Aging – Hardship and Homecare Use Among Rural Elders

<http://www.asaging.org/at/at-231/ResearchT3.html>

Retirement Communities in Rural America

(U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/retire.pdf>

Retiree-Attraction Policies for Rural Development [Summary]

(Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/aib741/>

The Importance of Place in Public Policy

(Rural Policy Research Institute)

<http://www.rupri.org/policyres/context/pubpolicy.html>

Information Technology and Rural Elderly: Policy Issues for American States

(Minnesota State University – Mankato)

<http://krypton.mnsu.edu/~cbury/web/Research/Rural/APSA.html>

Enhancing Rural Elderly Lives through Information Technologies

(Kansas Elder Law Network)

<http://www.keln.org/bibs/basgall.html>

Developing Affordable Non-Medical Residential Care in Rural Communities: Barriers and Opportunities

(Maine Rural Health Research Center, Institute for Health Policy)

<http://www.muskie.usm.maine.edu/Publications/rural/pb18.pdf>

Dissertation Research

Abstracts of recent dissertation (2002-2003) research can be found using the database below, however the viewer must accept a “cookie” to gain access. An explanation of this cookie is here: http://wwwlib.umi.com/dissertations/about_cookies

Digital Dissertations

<http://wwwlib.umi.com/dissertations/search>

Select entries for rural aging in 2002 include:

The effect of health beliefs on health-promoting behavior in the rural elderly

Antonacci, Catherine Brownell, PhD

State University of New York at Binghamton, 2002, 173 pages

<http://wwwlib.umi.com/dissertations/fullcit/3047720>

Evaluating the needs of family caregivers in a rural setting

Bradley-Holliday, Valerie Rose, PhD

Union Institute and University, 2002, 316 pages

<http://wwwlib.umi.com/dissertations/fullcit/3061974>

A qualitative analysis of the presence of sense of community, perceived social support, and social participation behaviors in small, rural assisted living facilities

by Elrod, Carrie Lucinda;, PhD

Georgia State University, 2002, 279 pages

<http://wwwlib.umi.com/dissertations/fullcit/3057021>

Life stories altered: The effect of clinical depression on reminiscence functions in rural older adults

Campbell, Lisa Cecilia, PsyD

Chicago School of Professional Psychology, 2002, 98 pages

<http://wwwlib.umi.com/dissertations/fullcit/3049726>

Health-promoting behaviors of the rural well older adult

Newberry, Shirley May, DNSc

Rush University, College of Nursing, 2002, 167 pages

<http://wwwlib.umi.com/dissertations/fullcit/3035743>

Bibliographies, Publication Lists, Collections, Internet Resources

Federal Funding Sources for Rural Areas: Fiscal Year 2003

(United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Library)

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/funding/federalfund/fed03ful.htm>

Most Recent Publications

(Rural Policy Research Institute)

<http://www.rupri.org/pubs/recent.html>

W. K. Kellogg Collection of Rural Community Development Resources

(University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

<http://www.unl.edu/kellogg/index.html>

Internet Resources for Rural America

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nrdp/resources.html> - direct

Rural Health Research in Progress. Seventh edition. March 2003

<http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/Publications/rural/RIP2003.pdf>

The Journal of Rural Health

Subject Index - 1985 through 2002

<http://www.nrharural.org/search/subj/Elderly.html>

2001 Reports from the Rural Health Research Centers as of August 2001

(George Mason University)

<http://rhr.gmu.edu/briefspublications/papers/RHRCpublist082001newheader.pdf>

Rural Monitor

(Rural Assistance Center)

http://www.raconline.org/newsletter/pdf/spring03_vol9-4.pdf

Rural Health News

(Rural Assistance Center)

<http://www.raconline.org/newsletter/pdf/winter2003.pdf>

Enhancing Rural Elderly Lives through Information Technologies

Brenda Basgall; J.D. Kansas, May 2002

<http://wwwlib.umi.com/dissertations/fullcit/3035743>

Rural America's Elderly, 1983-1993

(United States Department of Agriculture

National Agricultural Library)

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/qb9336.html>

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