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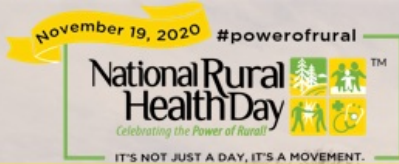
News Headlines

2020 Rural Health Champions Recognized on National Rural Health Day

In honor of National Rural Health Day on November 19, the Rural Health Networks of Northern New York recognized 2020 Rural Health Champions. The annual recognition is a collaborative effort of four of the North Country's Rural Health Networks, including the Adirondack Rural Health Network (ARHN), a program of AHI.

Each year since 2015, the Rural Health Networks in Northern New York ask their network partners to nominate individuals who exemplify the selfless, community-minded, can-do spirit that prevails in rural America. This year, the network sought to identify individuals who showed exemplary selflessness, leadership, and continued delivery of outstanding care in the community during these unprecedented times.

We congratulate this year's honorees and thank them for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to bettering the lives of those they serve.



Congratulations to our regional Rural Health Champions!



Sheena Smith



Marco DiGirolomo



Tiffany King



Rebecca Leahy



Frederick Jones



Erica Mahoney



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Darcy Fournier



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The Rural Health Networks of Northern New York are proud to celebrate National Rural Health Day!



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Other News

CMS Announces RFA for New Opioid Treatment Initiative

The [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#), has announced a Request for Application (RFA) for a new initiative that aims to increase access to opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment services to eligible Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) beneficiaries, including those dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. This is one of a number of new initiatives required under The Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act). RFAs for the four-year demonstration project are being accepted through January 3, 2021.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Training Sessions, Meetings, and Events

Craigardan Annual North Country *Feed Back* Summit Being Held Feb. 24–25, Seeking Call for Presenter Submissions

[Craigardan](#), a non-profit arts organization located in the heart of the Adirondacks, will be



hosting its annual *Feed Back* Summit virtually, Wednesday, February 24 - Thursday, February 25, 2021. The event, *Feed Back, Move Forward: Responding to 2020*, will explore creating a fair food system in the North Country that is stronger, more accessible, inclusive, nutritious, and just for everyone.

The organization is seeking presenter proposals that address the intersections of food justice, racial equity, health care, and education in our rural region with the goal of engaging active dialogue between presenters and participants, identifying obstacles, recognizing successful initiatives, and engendering collaborative networks.

[Click here](#) for more information, to register for the event, and/or to submit a summit presenter proposal.

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AHI partners in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington counties are encouraged to send news items to Phil Kahn at communications@ahihealth.org to be considered for inclusion in *AHI Informer*.

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