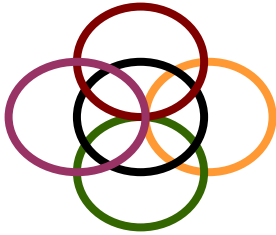




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Arizona Telemedicine Program

Background

In Spring 1995, House Bill 2275 allocated \$250,000 per year of Tobacco Tax revenues to establish a telemedicine program designed to facilitate provision of medical services to low income, indigent or uninsured persons living in medically underserved areas of Arizona.

In 1996 the Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority (NARBHA) received funding from the Arizona Telemedicine Program "NARBHA NET" that helped develop a telemedicine system that was recognized as a "Program of Excellence" and one of the Top Ten telemedicine programs in the nation by the Telemedicine and Telehealth Networks Magazine.

The Arizona Telemedicine Program at the University of Arizona, Rural Health Office provides overall program administration, management, technical support, training, and evaluation utilizing experience and protocols developed under the ADVICE (Arizona Diabetes Virtual Center for Excellence) program.

Goals

- To develop and strengthen community based systems and services, and expand access to primary care services to Arizona residents who reside in medically underserved areas.
- To help improve the clinical standards of care in diabetes by enhancing the CHC's (community health center) ability to provide diabetes services through telemedicine.

Services

University of Arizona – Rural Health Office

Interfaces with the Arizona Telemedicine Program to provide access to health care, eye and foot screenings for persons with diabetes in geographically underserved areas, as a strategy to improve clinical outcomes.

- Mobile Health Program
- ADVICE Program

Office of Children with Special Health Care Needs:

- Through the OCSHCN/CRS Regional Tele-medicine Network, Increases access to comprehensive care for children and youth with special health care needs especially those in rural and underserved areas.
- Provides educational opportunities to health care providers, children, and youth with special health care needs and their families, and to community organizations.

Highlights:

The Mobile Health Program provides retinal and podiatry screenings to diabetics in the southern Arizona area through the following CHCs:

- Marana Community Health Center
- Pinal County Health Department
- Morenci Community Health Center
- Chiracahua Community Health Center

The ADVICE program provides retinal screening to diabetics in the northern Arizona area through the following CHCs:

- North Country Community Health Center
- Canyonlands Community Health Center

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