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Welcome Members and Guests to
April 19, 2023
Arizona Telemedicine Council

Today's meeting will start at 11:00am

Handouts and slides will be available at:

<https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/trainingmaterials/April-19-2023-council-meeting>

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Welcome
Arizona Telemedicine Council
April 19, 2023

Robert “Bob” Burns

Chair, Arizona Telemedicine Council

Kris Erps Stewart

Interim Director, Arizona Telemedicine Program

Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O'odham and the Yaqui. Committed to diversity and inclusion, the University strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.



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ALZpath
Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Record
Arizona Complete Health Complete Care Plan
Arizona Digital Access task Force
Arizona Telemedicine Program
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Health Choice Arizona/Blue Cross Blue Shield
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Marketplace Phoenix, LLC
Mayo Clinic

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Mind-Body Connections
Molina Healthcare
Northern Arizona Council of Governments
NC Office of Rural Health

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TeleSpecialists
The OCI Group
TLC HealthCare
TMC Healthcare

As of yesterday afternoon
98 people registered
80 different organization and departments

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Regional Center for Border Health, Inc.
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Sierra Vista Hospital
Southwest Human Development
Southwest Network

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Arizona Telemedicine Council Meeting

April 19, 2023 (11am-1pm)

Agenda

Welcome & Introduction

Bob Burns, Chair Arizona Telemedicine Council

Kris Erps Stewart, Interim for Arizona Telemedicine Program

Telehealth Prescribing of Controlled Substances

Tara Sklar, JD, MPH

Associate Director for Telemedicine Law & Policy, ATP

Faculty Director, Health Law & Policy Program, Arizona Law

ATSU's Teledentistry Activities

Scott Howell, MD, Director of Public Health Dentistry

A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health

Libraries and Telehealth

Mala Muralidharan

E-rate Administrator, Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records

Rural Tele-mental Health Update

Sara Gibson, MD, Psychiatrist, Medical Director

Little Colorado Behavioral Health Center

Jennifer Pierce, Telemedicine Manager

Health Choice

Arizona Telemedicine Program Updates

Kris Erps Stewart

Interim Director, ATP and Program Administrator, SWTRC

Technology Review – What's new ATA Expo Hall

Janet Major, Associate Director for Innovations

And Digital Health -HELD July 2023

Handouts are available at <https://bit.ly/41jLHtH>

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Arizona Telemedicine Program Jan-March 2023 Updates

Kris Erps Stewart

Interim Director

Associate Director, Administration

Congratulations!! Janet Major, FATA

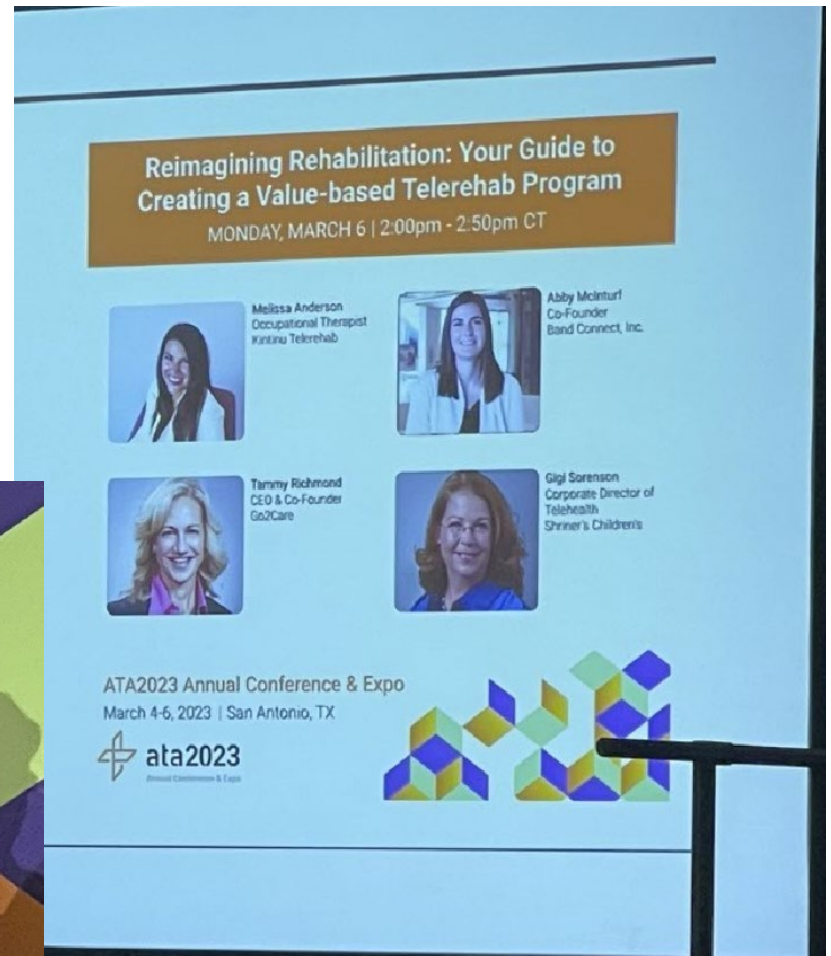




Bart Demaerschalk, MD



Gigi Sorenson, RN MSN



ATA Exhibit Floor

GlobalMed

Vital CHAT

National Consortium of TRCs





ata2024

Annual Conference & Expo

May 5-7, 2024 | Phoenix, AZ

Please plan to join us May 5-7, 2024, in Phoenix, AZ, for ATA2024.
For updates throughout the year, visit:

www.gotelehealth.org

Find Telehealth Project



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We are excited to share that the Northwest Telehealth Resource Center's (NRTRC) Telehealth Finder [[NRTRC Find Telehealth](#)] is **expanding to Arizona and Nevada**. This public resource provides patients with the ability to identify local medical providers offering services through telehealth.

Status: WIM Tracking (WIM) is currently collecting telehealth service info from hospitals, rural health clinics, community health centers, independent clinics, and American Indian health service locations in Arizona & Nevada. WIM is the information service provider collaborating with the SWTRC and NRTRC.

[Click here to learn how you can participate](#)

My location

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Distance in miles to search



Type of visit

Telehealth

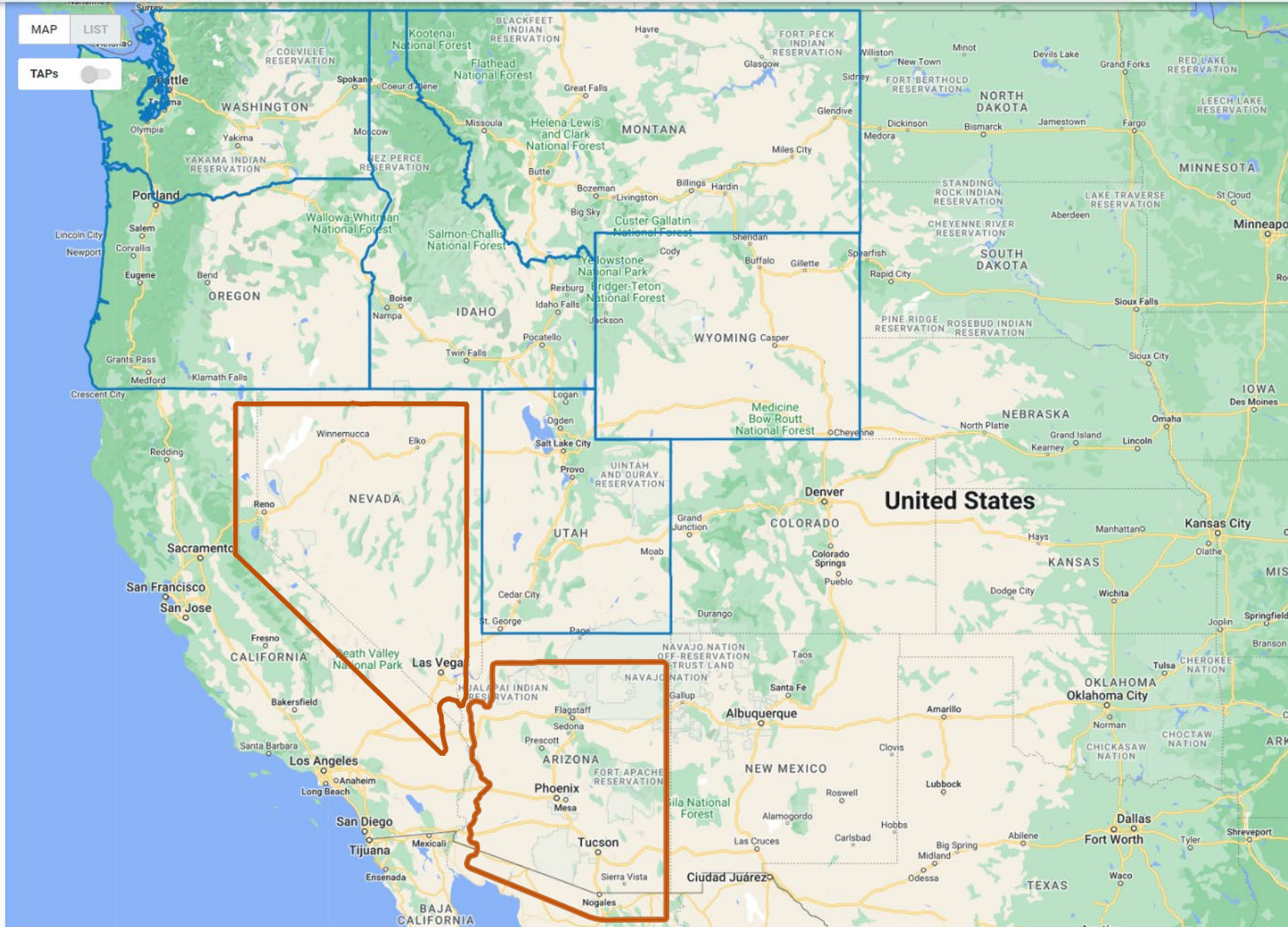
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HOW TO USE THIS FINDER

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Updated Billing Guides & Information

Original: 03/01/2022
 Updated: 06/30/2022, 9/30/2022,
 12/30/2022, 3/31/2023

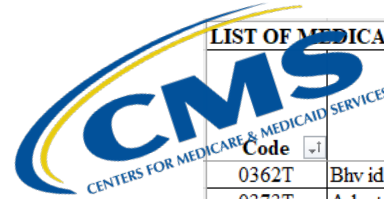
Prepared for:
 Southwest Telehealth Resource Center

COVID-19 Virtual Visit & Reimbursement Guide Arizona

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LIST OF MEDICARE TELEHEALTH SERVICES effective January 1, 2023 - updated February 13, 2023

Code	Short Descriptor	Can Audio-only Interaction Meet the Requirements	Medicare Payment Limitations
0362T	Bhv id suprt assmt ea 15 min		
0373T	Adapt bhv tx ea 15 min		
77427	Radiation tx management x5		
90785	Psytx complex interactive	Yes	
90791	Psych diagnostic evaluation	Yes	
90792	Psych diag eval w/med srvc	Yes	
90832	Psytx w pt 30 minutes	Yes	
90833	Psytx w pt w e/m 30 min	Yes	
90834	Psytx w pt 45 minutes	Yes	
90836	Psytx w pt w e/m 45 min	Yes	
90837	Psytx w pt 60 minutes	Yes	
90838	Psytx w pt w e/m 60 min	Yes	
90839	Psytx crisis initial 60 min	Yes	
90840	Psytx crisis ea addl 30 min	Yes	
90845	Psychoanalysis	Yes	
90846	Family psytx w/o pt 50 min	Yes	
90847	Family psytx w/pt 50 min	Yes	
90853	Group psychotherapy	Yes	
90875	Psychophysiological therapy		Non-covered service
90901	Biofeedback train any meth		
90951	Esrd serv 4 visits p mo <2yr		
90952	Esrd serv 2-3 vsts p mo <2yr		
90953	Esrd serv 1 visit p mo <2yrs		
90954	Esrd serv 4 vsts p mo 2-11		
90955	Esrd srv 2-3 vsts p mo 2-11		
90956	Esrd srv 1 visit p mo 2-11		
90957	Esrd srv 4 vsts p mo 12-19		
90958	Esrd srv 2-3 vsts p mo 12-19		
90959	Esrd serv 1 vst p mo 12-19		
90960	Esrd srv 4 visits p mo 20+		
90961	Esrd srv 2-3 vsts p mo 20+		
90962	Esrd serv 1 visit p mo 20+		
90963	Esrd home pt serv p mo <2yrs		
90964	Esrd home pt serv p mo 2-11		
90965	Esrd home pt serv p mo 12-19		
90966	Esrd home pt serv p mo 20+		
90967	Esrd svc pr day pt <2		

Arizona Health Improvement Plan

Summary Document

2021-2025



AzHIP – Health Equity Action Plan

ATP funding 7/2022 to 6/2024

Improve Awareness of, and Address, the Impact of Social Isolation and Loneliness on Health

Create increased sense of community, and belonging, throughout Arizona, in more vulnerable populations

Tactic A

Create communities of practice to share information and address disconnects

Tactic B

Design and launch community-based pilots that provide telehealth opportunities for select rural/underserved populations to acquire a sense of community and belonging

Tactic B Updates

Build and grow healthcare workforce which is representative of the communities served.

Q1: Administrative framework established, staffing plan developed, and planning activities initiated

Q2: Tribal related resources shared through direct meetings and marketing efforts including through newsletter and direct distribution to healthcare organizations, developing pilot project on telehealth accessibility with Arizona state libraries and CHR training

New CME Telehealth Webinar Series

- January – Brick & Mortar vs Virtual Click 97 Registered / 52 joined
- February - Webinar: Taking Your Telemedicine Program To The Next Level: Exploring Assessment Metrics & Methods 271 Registered / 159 joined
- March - RPM, RTM - Lessons Learned Thus Far 469 Registered / 276 joined
- April - Navigating Telehealth Legislative and Policy Changes beyond the Public Health Emergency 579 Registered / 375 joined
- May – TBD working with Regional Center for Border Health

DEA's Proposed Rules for Telehealth Prescribing of Controlled Substances Post-PHE

Join us: March 23, 2023

9am PDT, 10am MDT, 11am CDT, 12pm EDT

Objectives:

1. Understand key provisions of the proposed rules and new process if the rules go into effect.
2. Increase understanding of the current public comment period and how to participate.
3. Learn what to do now in case the proposed rules go into effect post-PHE.

Presenters:

Christa Natoli, CTel Executive Director

Ben Steinhafel, CTel Director of Policy & External Affairs

Tara Sklar, JD, MPH, ATP Associate Director Telehealth Law & Policy

Facilitator: **Elizabeth Krupinski, PhD**, SWTRC Director

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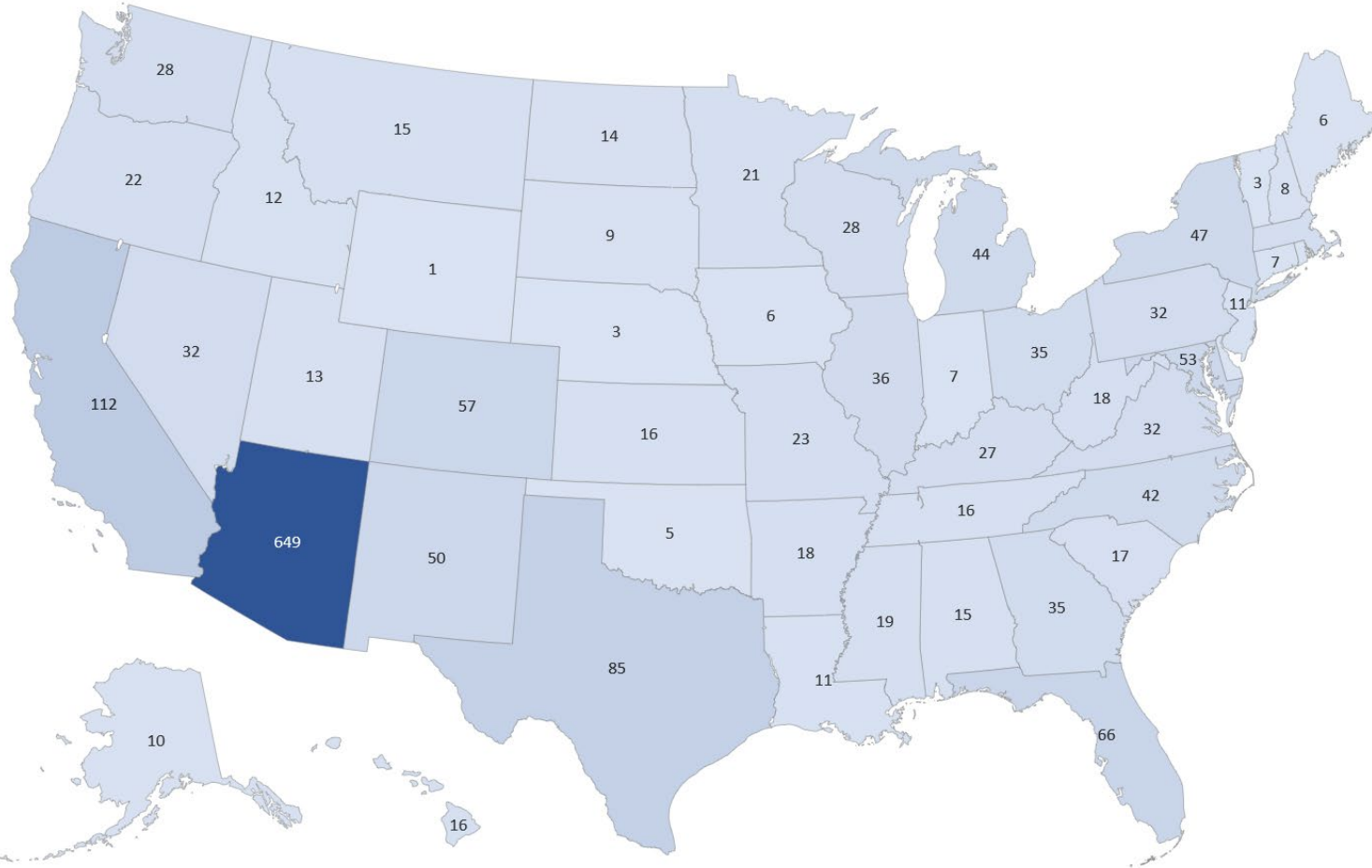
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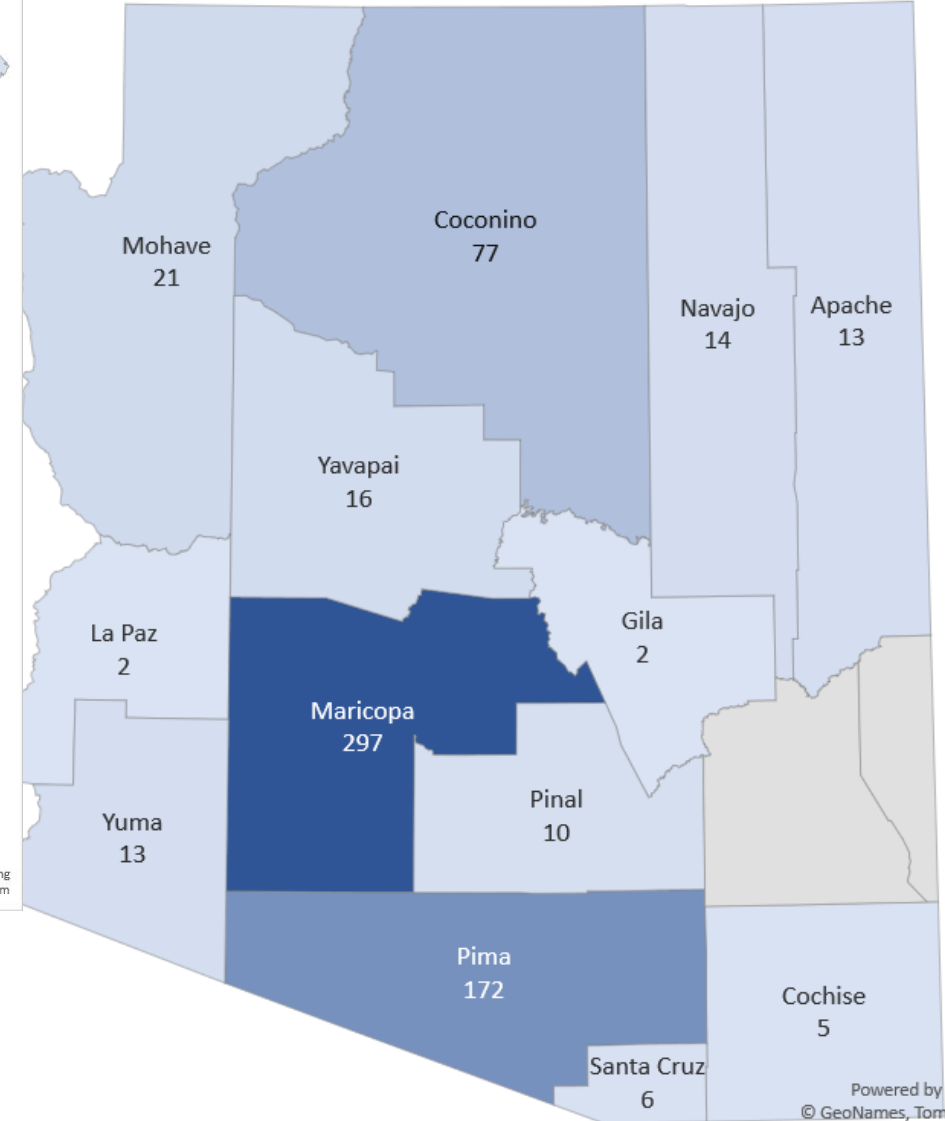
2 weeks
573 Registered
384 Joined live

January - March 2023: 1898 Registrants for 9 Webinars
 50 US States, plus Washington DC, Puerto Rico, and 9 other countries



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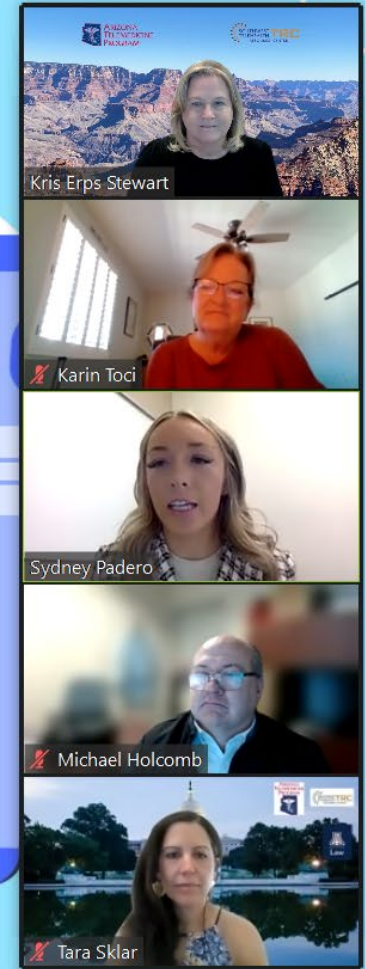
January - March 2023
 648 Registrants in Arizona for 9 Webinars
 13 out of 15 Counties Represented



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Professional Capstone Project

By: Sydney Padero



Senior studying healthcare administration
Grand Canyon University

Project: Addresses rural healthcare needs by utilizing
telemedicine and home care services

Advocacy with American College of Physicians



Kim Shea, Associate Director for Telenursing represented ATP on March 7th at the State Capital



Speaking Opportunities



NDIA Net Inclusion Conference



WEBINAR

Arizona's Telehealth Policy Landscape and Navigating the End of the Public Health Emergency

 **Wednesday, March 29, 2023**
12:00 - 1:00 pm

The Arizona legislature passed sweeping telehealth reforms in 2021 with HB 2454. Since then, Arizona has continued to implement regulatory and legislative reforms that expand access to health care through telehealth via offering a range of pathways to practice for out-of-state providers, support for Hospital-at-Home programs, and other innovative approaches that harness developments in digital health.

Join AzSHA and Professor Tara Sklar on March 29th to learn more about the latest in telehealth legislation and policy changes in Arizona and how they relate to key examples of legislation at the federal level and across the states, especially the southwest region. Data and lessons learned will be shared, including efforts by the states to adopt the Uniform Telehealth Act, the growth of interstate licensure compacts for health providers, and increased scrutiny by the Office of the Inspector General to identify potential telehealth fraud.



Professor Tara Sklar is the Faculty Director of the Health Law & Policy Program at Arizona Law. She also holds appointments as Associate Director with the Arizona Telemedicine Program, College of Medicine-Tucson, and as Senior Advisor with Innovations in Healthy Aging, University of Arizona Health Sciences. Sklar currently serves as a telehealth law and policy expert with the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration in the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth and the Southwest Telehealth Resource Center. Her research examines legal, regulatory, and ethical issues that arise in

Arizona Society of Healthcare Attorneys



Hosted 2-day workshop AzCRH Critical Access Hospital & Rural Health Clinic Coding & Billing



ATP Blogs – 5853 Subscribers –29.13% Open

Mariposa Chief Medical Officer Recalls Early History with Arizona Telemedicine Program that Prepared Him for 2020's Global Pandemic

By Mari Herreras on January 26, 2023



As Dr. Eladio Pereira recalls the challenges he and other medical professionals experienced during Covid, an easy broad smile spreads across his face about his friend the late Dr. Ron Weinstein and the crew at the Arizona Telemedicine Program.

Benson Hospital Leverages Telehealth to Bring More Services to Rural Communities in Cochise County

By Mari Herreras on February 23, 2023



To almost anyone passing by the latest star at [Benson Hospital](#), the room looks like a typical workout spot with a treadmill, an exercise bike, and a set of free weights, but to 12 patients living near this rural community hospital, it represents saving time and critical steps needed to making their cardiac health a priority.

Spotlight: Alison Hughes on rural health, and the beginning of telemedicine in Arizona

By Mari Herreras on March 23, 2023



Looking back at Alison Hughes' career, it's hard not to be in awe over the roads she's traveled with civil rights and social justice leading almost every turn that eventually led her to Tucson in 1970.

"It's a life," Hughes said, shrugging off the compliment with a smile in her light Scottish accent.

SWTRC Blogs – 4890 Subscribers – 25.77% Open

Q&A update with New Mexico Telehealth Alliance

By Mari Herreras on Mar 16, 2023



The Southwest Telehealth Resource Center recently connected with Stetson Berg, chair of the [New Mexico Telehealth Alliance](#), to ask about his organization's priorities for 2023, and the future of telemedicine in New Mexico. Berg became active with the New Mexico Telehealth Alliance in 2019 when he became administrator of telemedicine for the University of New Mexico. In spring 2022, he became chair. The organization's mission the past 20 years has focused on policy, creating and moving bills through the state legislature that helped ensure that telemedicine could be delivered in New Mexico from patient visit to remote monitoring. "Even phone calls are considered included under our bill that was passed back in 2019, even before the pandemic, and the first

Arizona Telemedicine Program's Janet Major selected as American Telemedicine Association Fellow

By Mari Herreras on Mar 30, 2023



Telemedicine: The New Frontier for Increasing Access to Breastfeeding Support

By Katie Cohen on Feb 16, 2023



The remarkable lifelong health benefits of breastfeeding for both a breastfeeding parent and their child are well-known, and include a reduced risk of obesity, diabetes, breast cancer, early childhood illnesses and autoimmune diseases, to name just a few. Most new parents intend to breastfeed their child, and 83.2% of newborns in the US start out receiving some breastmilk initially, but according to the [CDC's 2022 Breastfeeding Report Card](#), only 24.9% of infants in the United States are exclusively breastfed at 6 months of age as recommended by the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#).

or for Innovation and Digital Health at the Arizona Telemedicine Program, based at the College of Medicine – Tucson, was recently honored as an American Telemedicine Association Fellow at the American Telemedicine Association annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas on

ATP Training – Developing a Telemedicine Program

May 1st 9:00am – 2:00pm

This course gives a broad overview of a variety of telemedicine topics, including:

- Clinical services
- Telecommunications and infrastructure development/operations
- Evaluation
- Business aspects
- Equipment demonstration virtual tour
- 4.25 AMA PRA CME

Register Now!

<https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/training.cfm>

Next Quarterly – June 5th



Where: High Country
Conference Center
Hybrid meeting

49th Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference

Registration now open!

49th Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference
June 6 & 7, 2023

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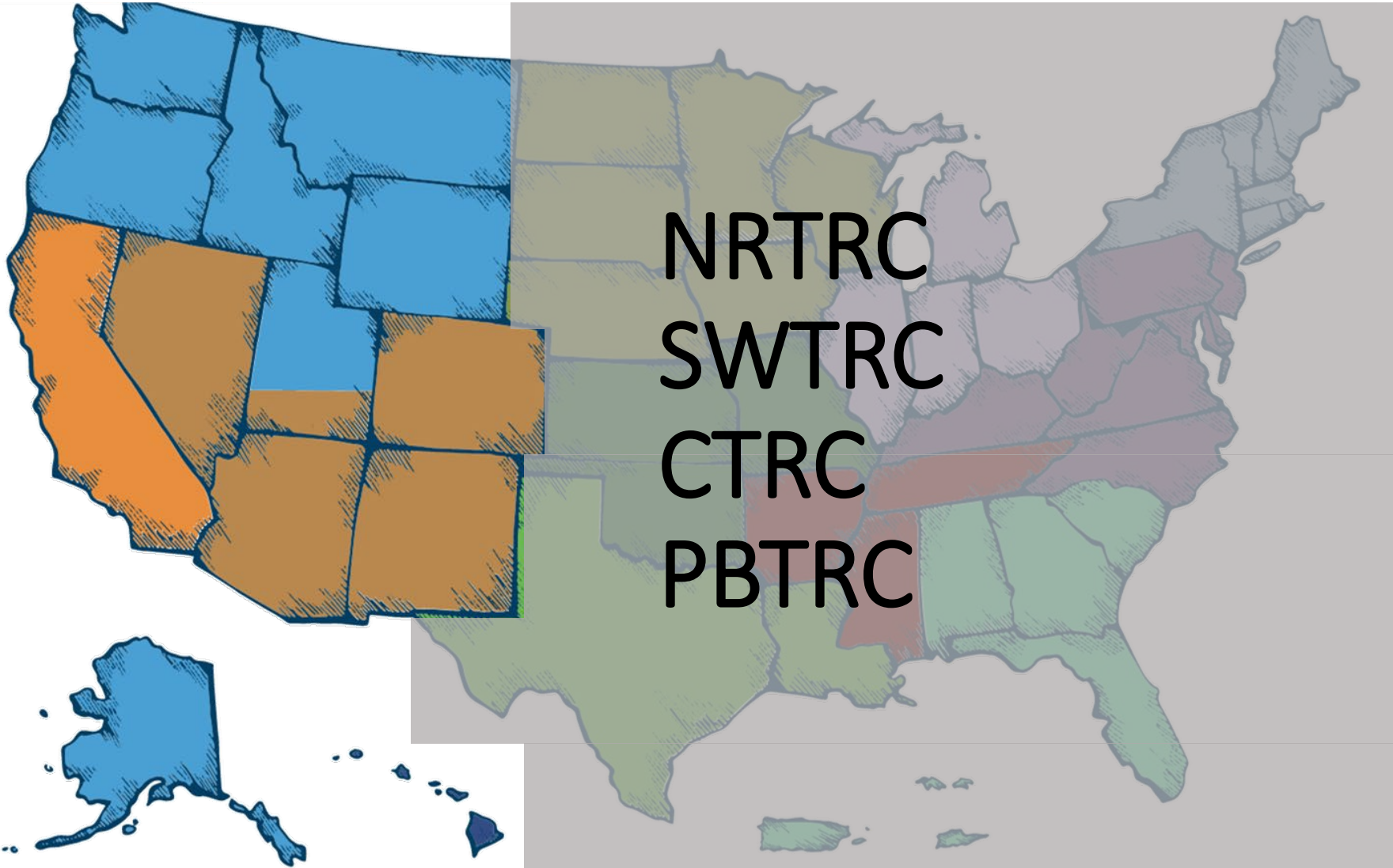
When

All Day, June 6 to 7, 2023

Where

[High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff, AZ](#)

Fall 2025 – Regional Telehealth Conference



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