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# Telehealth Community Outreach Programs

October 20, 2021

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Northern Arizona Telehealth Alliance

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Telehealth Broadband Action Team

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# NATA Meeting Presentations

- **Chinle Tablet Program – Steve**
- **Telemedicine MAT Program – Canyonlands Healthcare**
- **Telehealth at SMI Drop-in Centers – Encompass Health Services**
- **Policy Updates (Federal Law, CMS, AHCCCS) – ATP**
- **Importance of Leadership Buy-in to Telehealth Success – Summit Healthcare**
- **ATA Annual Meeting Recap – Discussion**
- **Telehealth Orientation for Staff: Rollout & Feedback – North Country Healthcare**
- **Legislative Session Update – Mike Keeling, Esq., guest speaker**
- **MAT ECHO Program – Steward Health Choice Arizona**
- **Stethoscope Compatibility in AZ - EKO Health**

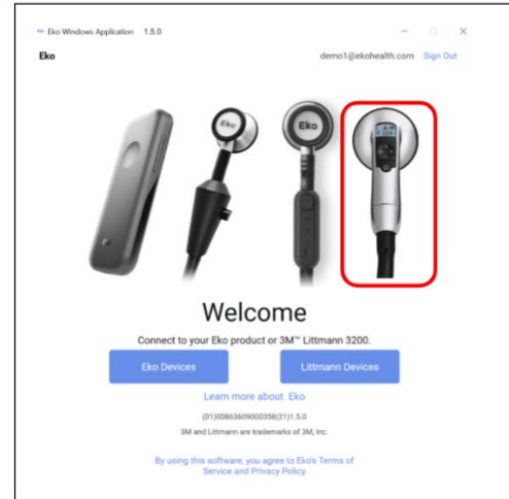
# June 15, 2021 NATA/SATA

## Eko + 3M: interoperability

The Littmann 3200 stethoscope is compatible with Eko's Windows software

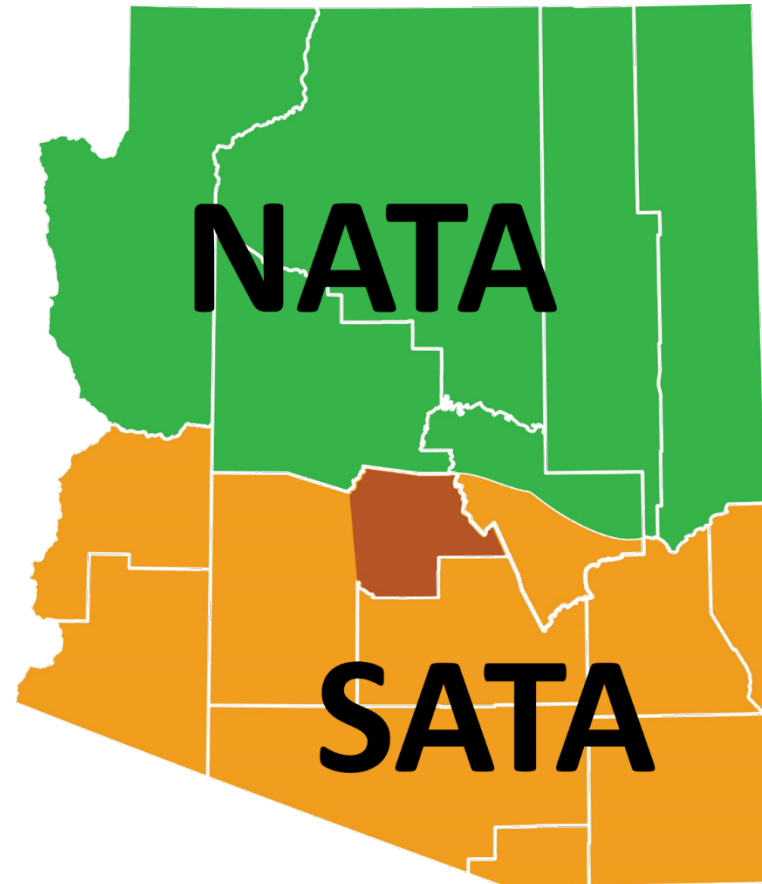
- Windows 10 only
- BLE 4.0 or above required
- Supports Eko Live Stream
  - No recording, no AI

The CORE Attachment can be assembled with Littman stethoscopes including pediatric and infant sized stethoscopes

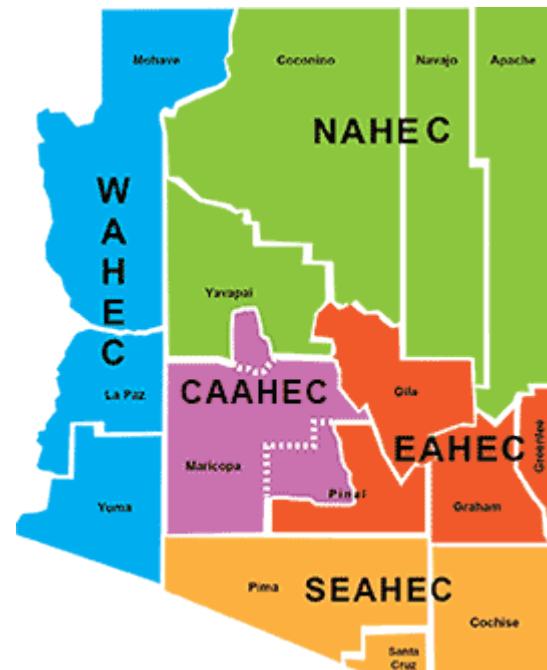




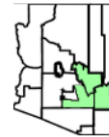
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Quarterly first Thursdays



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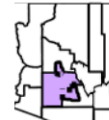


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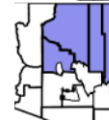
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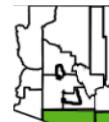
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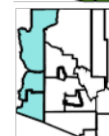
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# Telehealth Broadband Action Team

The **Telehealth Broadband Action Team (TBAT)** is led by the State Broadband Director and facilitated by the Arizona Telemedicine Program.

- Established March 2020
- Meets monthly
- Invited key stakeholders from AZ healthcare organizations
- Mission: For Arizona healthcare provider organizations and associations to identify and prioritize Arizona telehealth-related broadband needs and find ways to address them

# COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force

- State Broadband Director
- AZ Corporation Commission
- UAZ CTO
- Executive Director Sun Corridor Network
- VP Online Ed @PCC
- E Rate Administrator for Public Libraries
- Chair ATIC
- AZ Public Safety Program Mgr
- Executive Director AZ Technology in Education Association
- Executive Director Western AZ Economic Development District
- Internet Service Providers
- ATP/SWTRC

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Getting Started From Google Chrome GAZEL Economic Development CITA/ATIC Technologies COVID-19 Task Force Mobilize Broadband Resources Microsoft 365 & Teams SCITECH Sacred Wind Delivers ... Other Bookmarks

Home COVID-19 AZBSN Task Force ATIC Stakeholder Network AZ Broadband Resources Events New

Resource Documents Current

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION COUNCIL  
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**Tentative Agenda - Record Meeting**

**Task Force Info**

- **Thanks To Our Sponsors:** Care1st Health Plan, Valley of The Sun United Way, Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association, and Kajeet
- Welcome And **Introductions Of New Collaborators**
- Meeting Schedule: Meeting Times 7:30-8:45: **September 27, October 4, 18, 25. No meeting Oct 11 Columbus Day**
- Task Force **Participant Contacts List** (See Contact Link)
- Task Force **Participant Database** - Yes That is You! Please take a couple of minutes to fill out the Google Form
- Events, Funding Opportunities and Resources Web Page
- **Kibitzing With Colleagues**

**Project Updates/Announcements**

- **Seniors Digital Inclusion Initiative - Cindy Hogan**
- **Possible Chicanos Por La Causa EDA Grant Proposal:** Amanda Bernal-Ransom, Vice President Resource Development, and Robert Alvarado, Vice President, Information Management & Technology and Strategic Planning, Chicanos Por La Causa
- **Database of Task Force Meeting Presentations:** Henry Goldberg
- **Telehealth and Libraries**
- **Connect Arizona Digital Inclusion Directory:** Cindy Hogan and Nicole Umayam. Connect Arizona is creating a searchable directory and map of Arizona organizations engaged in this work. [Arizona Digital Inclusion](#)

**Updates and Digital Access Resource Presentation**

**Federal and State Updates**

- Jeff Sobotka, State Broadband Manager
- Mala Muralidharan, E-rate Administrator for Public Libraries and Holly Henley, State Librarian, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
- Janet Major, Associate Director for Education & Facilities with the Arizona Telemedicine Program
- Sophia Maberry, Project Manager, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, & Milan Eaton, eRate Director Arizona Department of Education
- Lea Marquez Peterson, Arizona Corporation Commission
- Derek Masseth, Executive Director, Sun Corridor Network
- Wes Brownfield, Executive Director, Arizona Rural Schools Association - Final Mile Project
- Updates FCC Emergency Broadband Program - Tracey Beal, Ilana Lowery, Nicole Umayam, Cindy Hogan, Mala Muralidharan, Pima

**AZ State Librar...**  
AZ State Library Mala Muralidharan

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# EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

HELPING HOUSEHOLDS CONNECT DURING THE PANDEMIC

## What is it?

A temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

### The benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.



## Who is eligible?

### A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

## THREE WAYS TO APPLY

- 1 Contact your Preferred Participating Provider Directly**  
Ask your provider if they participate in the EBB, or use our online tool to find a participating company near you.  

- 2 Online**  
Use the online application at [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org)  

- 3 By Mail**  
Print an application in English or Spanish. Complete the application and send with proof of eligibility to:  
Emergency Broadband Support Center  
P.O. Box 7081  
London, KY 40742  


For additional information, Call 833-511-0311, or visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)



# BENEFICIO DE EMERGENCIA PARA INTERNET (EBB)

AYUDANDO A LOS HOGARES A MANTENERSE CONECTADOS DURANTE LA PANDEMIA

## ¿QUÉ ES?

Es un programa temporal de la FCC que ofrece ayuda a los hogares con problemas para pagar sus servicios de Internet durante la pandemia.

### Este beneficio te proporciona:

- Máximo \$50 de descuento al mes para tu servicio de Internet.
- Máximo \$75 de descuento al mes para hogares elegibles en Territorios Tribales.
- Un descuento único de hasta \$100 por una computadora portátil, computadora de escritorio o una tableta electrónica a través de un proveedor participante.




## ¿Quién es elegible?

### Podrás participar en este programa si un miembro de tu hogar:

- Tiene un ingreso igual o menor al 135% del nivel federal de pobreza o participa en ciertos programas de asistencia social.
- Recibe beneficios en la escuela bajo el programa de almuerzo o desayuno gratuito o reducido.
- Recibió una beca Federal Pell Grant para la Universidad durante el año en curso.
- Experimentó una pérdida sustancial de ingresos debido a la pérdida de su empleo o a la suspensión de su trabajo, sin sueldo, desde el 29 de febrero de 2020.
- Cumple con los criterios de elegibilidad exigidos por un proveedor participante en un programa de bajos ingresos o en un programa COVID-19 ya existente.

## TRES FORMAS DE SOLICITAR EL BENEFICIO:

- 1 Contacta a tu proveedor de Internet preferido directamente.**  
Pregunta si participa en el programa EBB o utiliza nuestros servicios en línea para encontrar una empresa participante en tu localidad.  

- 2 En línea**  
Usa la solicitud en el sitio web: [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org)  

- 3 Por correo**  
Imprime la solicitud en inglés o español. Complétala y envíala con tu comprobante de elegibilidad a:  
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P.O. Box 7081  
London, KY 40742  


Para obtener más información, llama al 833-511-0311 o visita [fcc.gov/bandaanchagrestacion](https://www.fcc.gov/bandaanchagrestacion)

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## DISCOUNT INTERNET SERVICE + DISCOUNT COMPUTER\*

\*si está disponible

Helping Households Connect  
During the Pandemic



### Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)

Who is Eligible?

What is the Benefit?



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## SERVICIO DE INTERNET CON DESCUENTO + COMPUTADORA CON DESCUENTO\*

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Ayudando a los hogares a  
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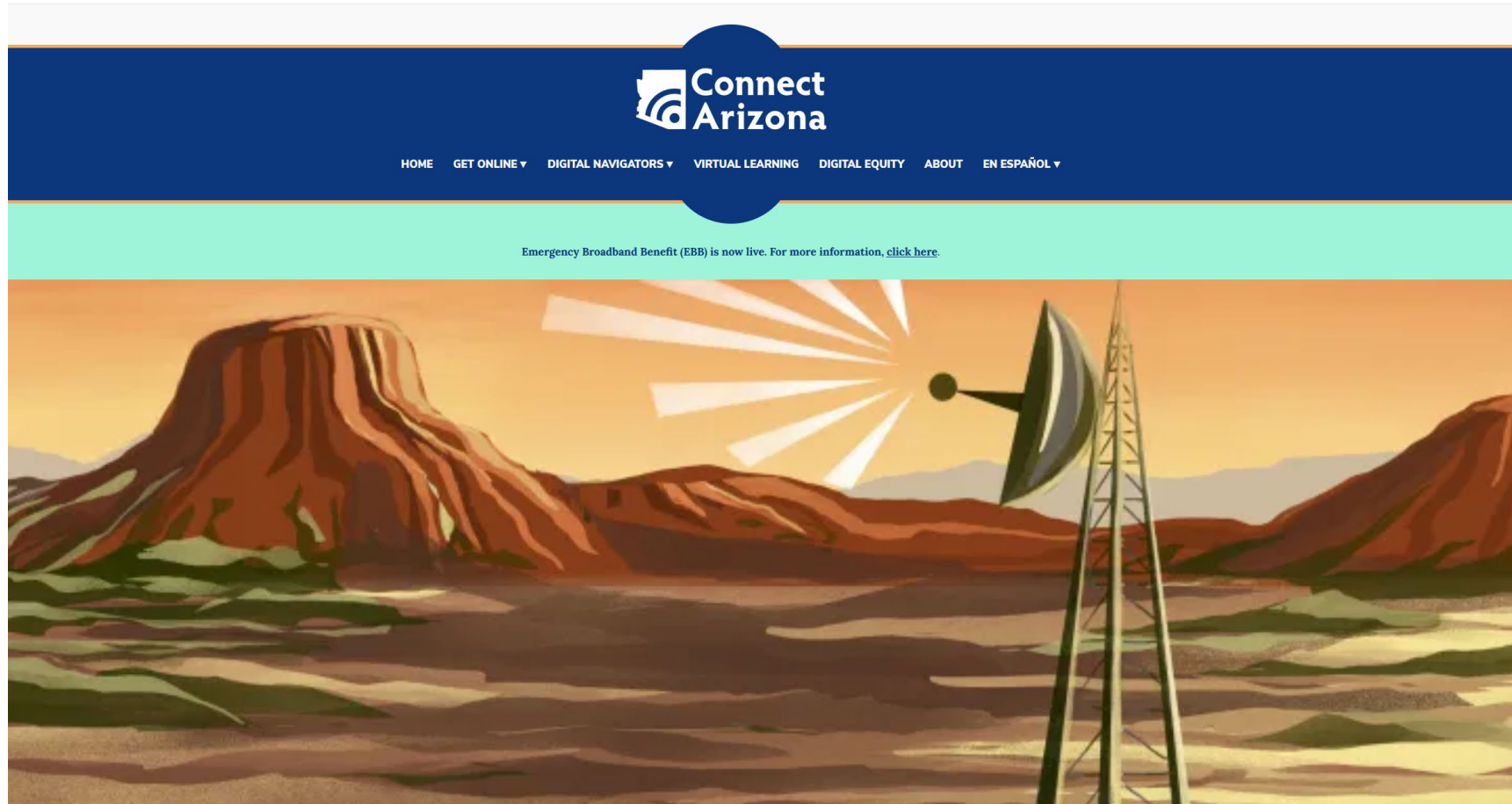
### Programa de Beneficio de banda ancha de emergencia (BBE)

¿Quien es elegible?

¿Cuál es el beneficio?







<https://connect-arizona.com>



The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) is a temporary discount on monthly internet bills for qualifying low-income households.

- **Up to \$50 per month** for broadband services purchased by eligible households and **up to \$75 per month** for households located on Tribal lands.
- **A one-time discount of \$100 for purchase of a desktop, laptop or tablet computer** from participating providers.

Applications are now available. Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household.

► Who is eligible?

► Which internet service providers are participating?



**KATIE HOBBS**  
SECRETARY OF STATE



**Connect Arizona Digital Navigators** are available to answer your EBB questions and help you thrive online. **Make an appointment**, or give us a text or call at 602-529-1519. We're available Monday – Friday from 9am to 6pm PST.



**USAC's Emergency Broadband Benefit** support hotline, (833) 511-0311, is open from 6am to 6pm PST, seven days a week. You can also email EBBHelp@USAC.org with program questions.



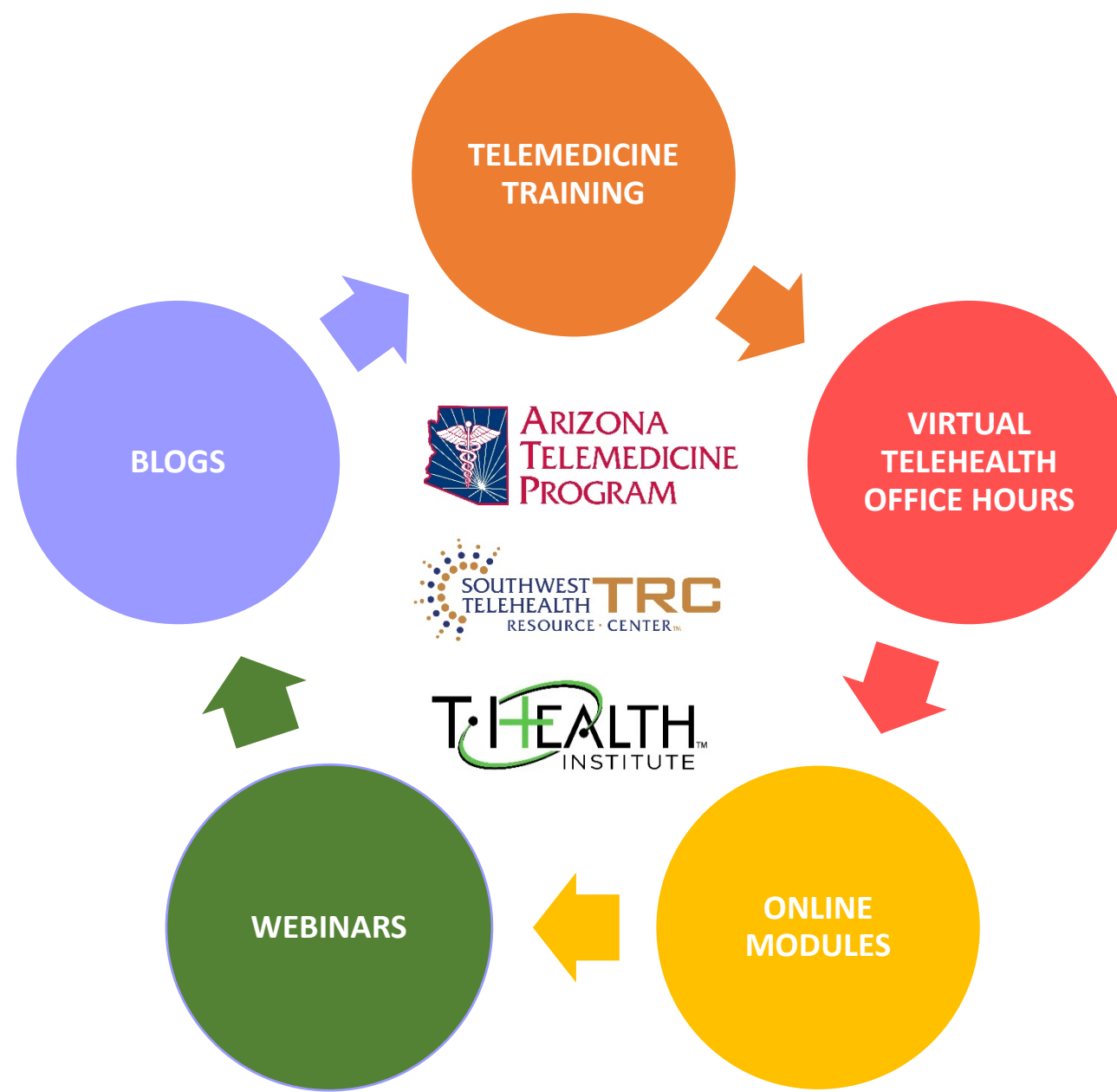
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# Arizona Telemedicine Council

**The Arizona Telemedicine Council (ATC)** was created by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee of the Arizona State Legislature.

- Established in 1996
- Provides oversight for the Arizona Telemedicine Program
- Meets quarterly at Arizona State Capitol campus
- Membership includes representatives from government, state agencies, higher education, and various public organizations

<https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/about-us/atc>





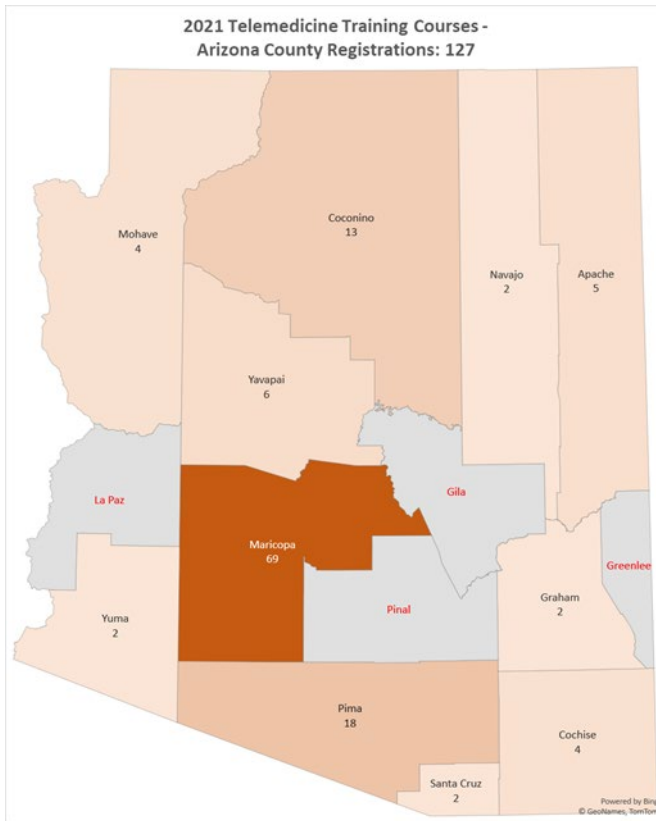
## TELEMEDICINE TRAINING

ATP and SWTRC offer one-day **Telemedicine Training** courses. There are two tracks offered throughout the year:

- 1) Developing a Telemedicine Program
- 2) Telemedicine Applications

- ATP's staff and colleagues, many of whom are national experts in telehealth, distance education and the business of telemedicine, teach both tracks
- Courses are excellent for those new to telehealth wanting to gain deeper understanding of the industry
- Vital information for individuals and organizations with some telehealth experience interested in expanding their services

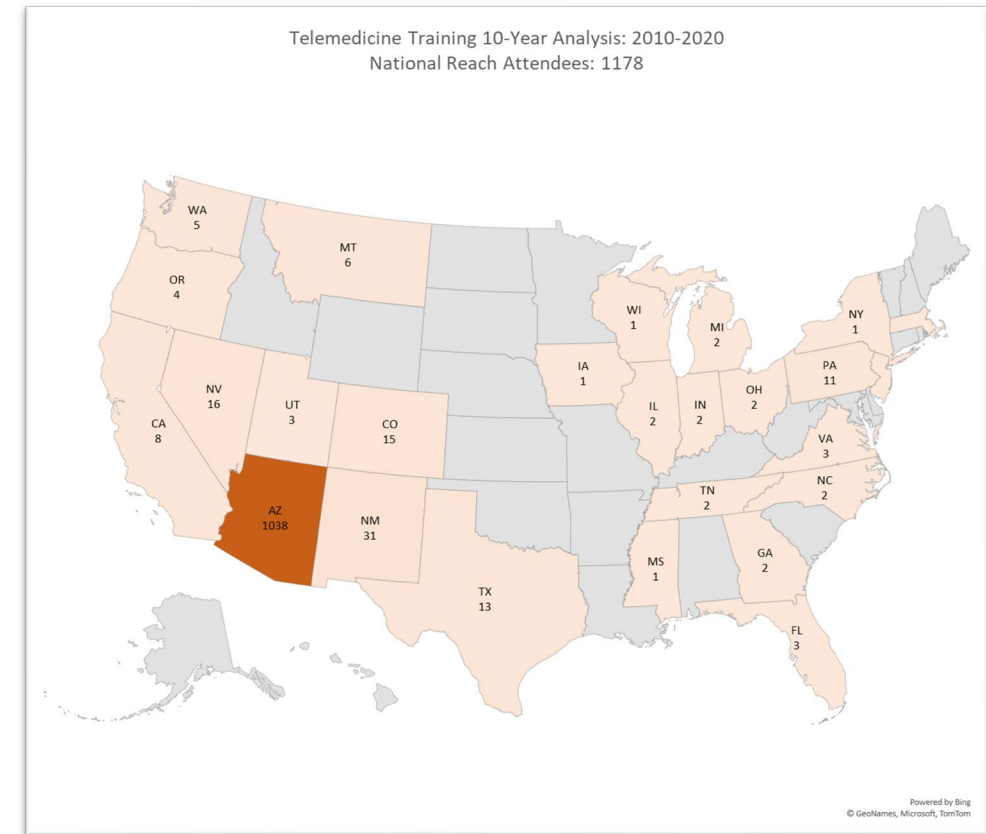
<https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/training.cfm>



## TELEMEDICINE TRAINING

Our telemedicine training not only has a great reach across Arizona, we have a national reach and an international reach.

- In 2021, telemedicine trainings reached 11 of the 15 Arizona counties.
- From 2010-2020, our telemedicine training session have reached 1178 participants across the nation, plus six other countries.
- Participants included:
  - 17% MD/NMD/DO
  - 15% RN/NP/LPN
  - 11% C-suite
  - 4% healthcare students.





# Tours, Workshops, Demo



## BLOGS

The ATP and SWTRC **Blogs** highlight local, state, regional, and national telehealth activities.

- Established in 2011
- Publish bi-weekly
- 336 Articles published
- Over 7,000 subscribers
- Average Click Rate 17.4% / Average Open Rate 1.21%
- Guest author submissions are welcome

Subscribe at [www.telemedicine.Arizona.edu](http://www.telemedicine.Arizona.edu)  
[www.southwestTRC.org](http://www.southwestTRC.org)





## Sampling of Organizations

- College of Public Health
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Nursing
- College of Law
- College of Medicine
- Department of Basic Medical Sciences
- Department of Human Resources
- Arizona Rural Health Association
- Capitol Times
- Rural Health Professions Program
- Fellowship for Young African Leaders







VIRTUAL  
TELEHEALTH  
OFFICE HOURS

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Virtual Office Hour

Guest: Carol Yarbrough  
Healthcare Compliance &  
Reimbursement Specialist

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 12pm



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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH SERVICES



SOUTHWEST  
TELEHEALTH  
RESOURCE CENTER

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**Virtual Telehealth Office Hours** were established in 2020 in partnership with Arizona Department of Health Services.

- Virtual meeting to openly discuss the monthly theme
- Topics range from billing, to technology, to grant resources



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PROVIDING  
*Preserving*  
*Arizona*  
ACCESS  
*Arizona State Library,*  
*Archives, & Public Records*



# Telemedicine and Libraries

Arizona Telemedicine Program  
Virtual Office Hours


September 9, 2021

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# Why Telehealth in libraries?

According to the [American Library Association](#), people turn to and depend on libraries and librarians for help in times of economic hardship. Libraries are now safe havens for people in need, including the homeless, mentally ill, immigrants, abuse victims and the impoverished. Many libraries have services for these visitors such as congregation areas for programs and resources, but now for the first time in history, some libraries also offer healthcare services..

1. Libraries are trusted places
2. Have highly qualified staff
3. Have the technology needed
4. Have broadband connectivity
5. Libraries always involved in narrowing the digital divide



Mala Muralidharan

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## Telehealth in our Libraries

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Arizona State Libraries

<https://swtrc.wistia.com/medias/0jka64l5i1>  
<https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/>



<https://www.businessinsider.com/photos-zoom-hp-room-to-create-the-room-for-zoom-2021-10>

## Zoom and HP are working with a prefab workspace maker to create a \$17,000 office pod for video calls — see inside the Room for Zoom

Brittany Chang Oct 18, 2021, 5:35 AM



## ONLINE MODULES

**Online Modules** - Telehealth Educational Videos developed with funding from the US Department of Defense and created in partnership with colleagues from Panama.

- 21 modules in English and translated in Spanish
- Top 4 modules also translated into Navajo, Mandarin, French and Arabic
- Length ranges from 7 minutes to 48 minutes
- Short demographic survey required to access at no charge





### Events

CAHs, FQHCs, and RHCs, Oh My! Jun 14, 2021 12:00pm to 1:00pm MST



Telemedicine Applications (Webinar) Jul 19, 2021 9:00am to 2:00pm MST



Developing a Telemedicine Program (Webinar) Sep 13, 2021 9:00am to 2:00pm MST



Telemedicine Applications (Webinar) Nov 8, 2021 9:00am to 2:00pm MST



[Register / View All Events](#)

## Welcome to the Southwest TRC!

### Telemedicine COVID-19 Resources

FCC - Emergency Broadband Benefit Program starts May 12, 2021.  
<https://getemergencybroadband.org>

Service  
Provider  
Directory

Events

On-Line  
Library

Resources



### SWTRC Blogs

How Can Telewellness Support My Health?



PREGNANT? Oh so busy with work, kids? Avoid the travel and engage your partner and other children!

National Women's Health Week May 9-15, 2021



5 Tips To Prepare for Your Medicare Telemedicine Appointment

<https://southwesttrc.org/>



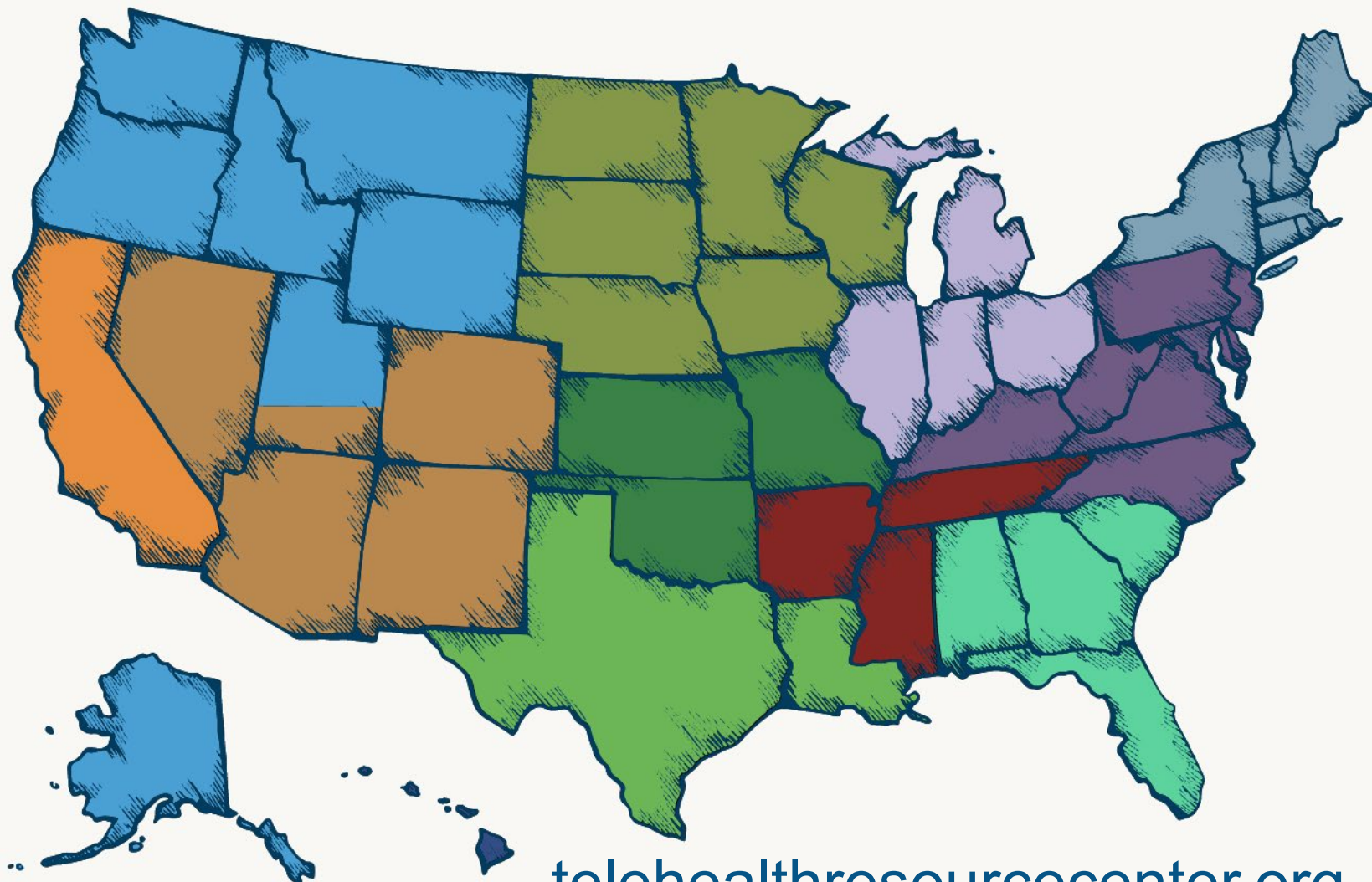
# Top 10 Grant Writing Tips

- Start early
- Reach out to PO to verify fit
- Read review/scoring criteria & tailor grant to them
- Many require matching funds – get commitments & budget appropriately
- Clearly assess, document & summarize need/rationale/population served
- Have clear work plan with deliverables & timeline
- Metrics, benchmarks & criteria for success
- Collaborate – stakeholders, patients, industry, TRCs etc. – letters support
- Experience, skills, capabilities
- Have others read (critically) proposal





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[telehealthresourcecenter.org](http://telehealthresourcecenter.org)

## NATIONAL CENTERS



## REGIONAL CENTERS





# NCTRC Webinars

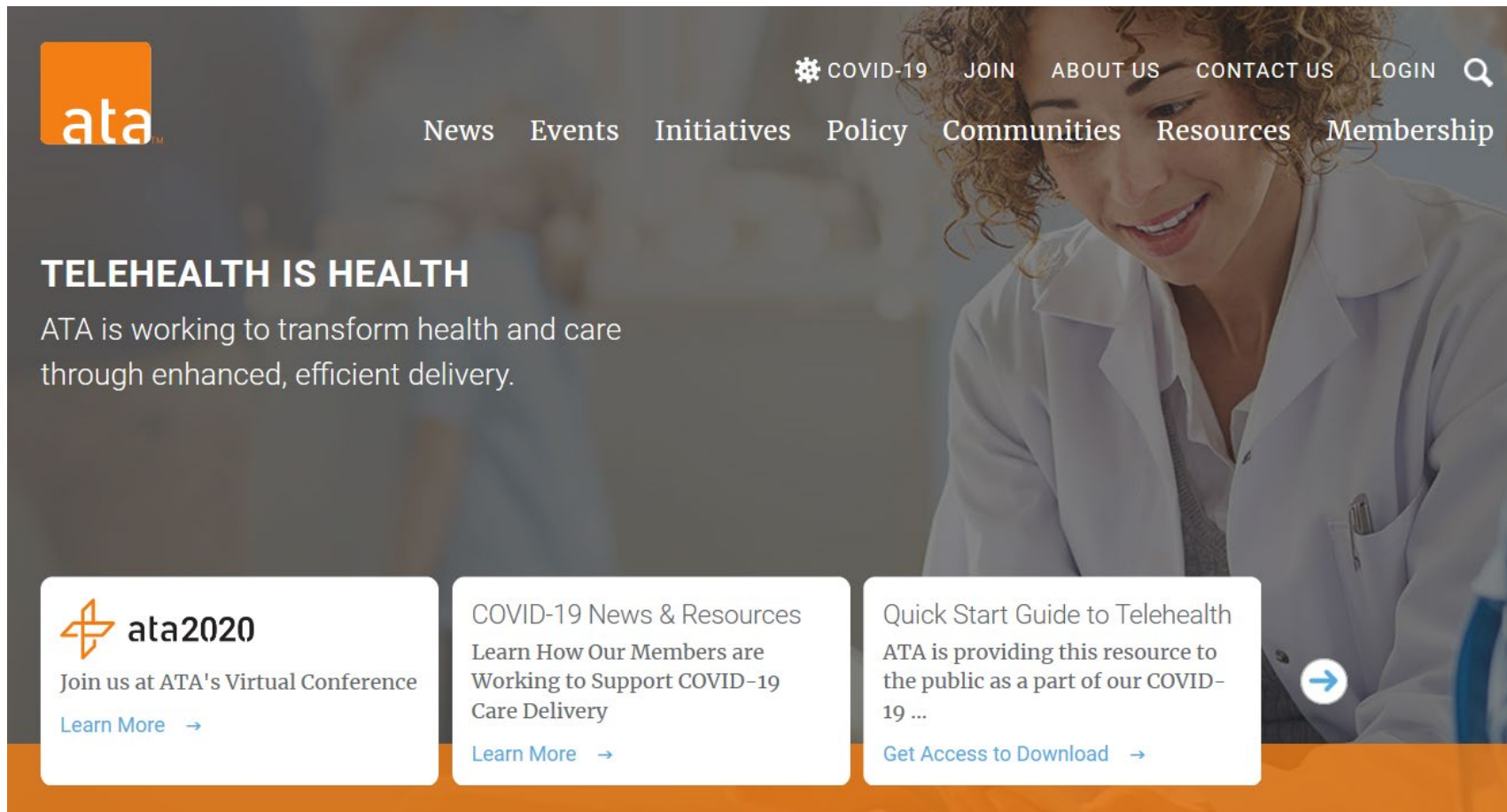
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- CHC Series
- Best Practices
- Information Security
- Medicaid and Permanent COVID-19 Telehealth Policies
- Provider Burnout and the EMR
- Remote Specialty Coverage: Telehealth Beyond Stroke



# ATA American Telemedicine Association

<https://www.americantelemed.org/>



# ATA Technology SIG/Special Interest Group

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Telehealth Technology

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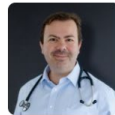
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The ATA Technology SIG (formerly mHealth, Technology, and Distance Learning Special Interest Group) is the technology "center of excellence" and focus on technologies which enable meaningful practice and outcomes for providers and patients in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease. The SIG expounds on telemedicine technologies and how they should be used by providers and patients in the practice of telemedicine including prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and education for both clinical and educational applications – telemedicine and telehealth. The scope of this SIG would exclude those technologies and practices where there is no prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of disease.

## Leadership



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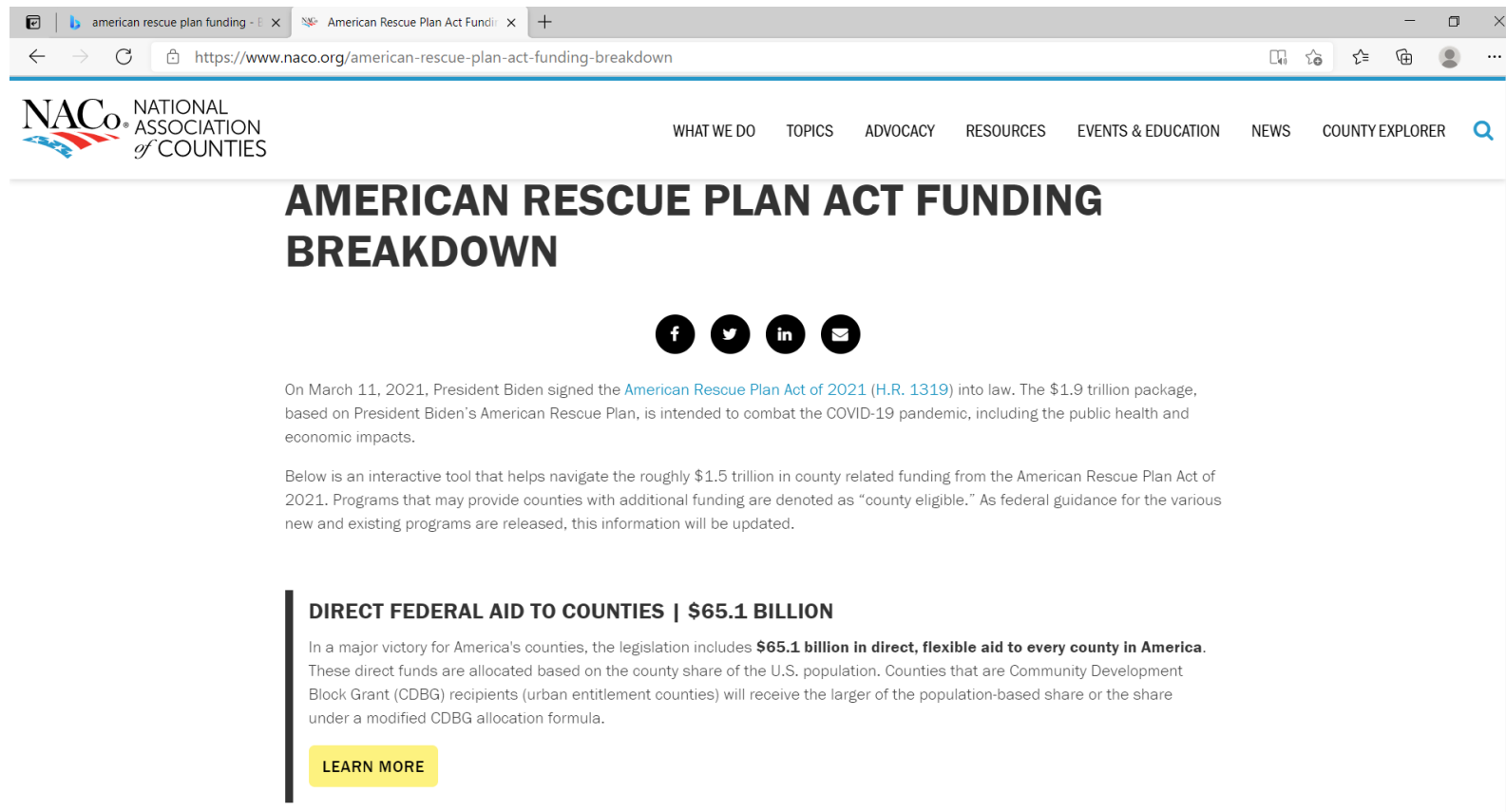


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Tucson, AZ



PRAMOD GAUR, PHD  
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Pace University  
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- <https://www.naco.org/american-rescue-plan-act-funding-breakdown>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.naco.org/american-rescue-plan-act-funding-breakdown>. The page features the NACo logo (National Association of Counties) in the top left and a navigation menu in the top right with links for WHAT WE DO, TOPICS, ADVOCACY, RESOURCES, EVENTS & EDUCATION, NEWS, and COUNTY EXPLORER. The main heading is "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING BREAKDOWN". Below the heading are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Email. The text on the page states: "On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 \(H.R. 1319\)](#) into law. The \$1.9 trillion package, based on President Biden's American Rescue Plan, is intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including the public health and economic impacts. Below is an interactive tool that helps navigate the roughly \$1.5 trillion in county related funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Programs that may provide counties with additional funding are denoted as "county eligible." As federal guidance for the various new and existing programs are released, this information will be updated." A section titled "DIRECT FEDERAL AID TO COUNTIES | \$65.1 BILLION" follows, with text explaining that in a major victory for America's counties, the legislation includes \$65.1 billion in direct, flexible aid to every county in America. These direct funds are allocated based on the county share of the U.S. population. Counties that are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipients (urban entitlement counties) will receive the larger of the population-based share or the share under a modified CDBG allocation formula. A yellow "LEARN MORE" button is located at the bottom of this section.

NACo NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of COUNTIES

WHAT WE DO TOPICS ADVOCACY RESOURCES EVENTS & EDUCATION NEWS COUNTY EXPLORER

## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING BREAKDOWN

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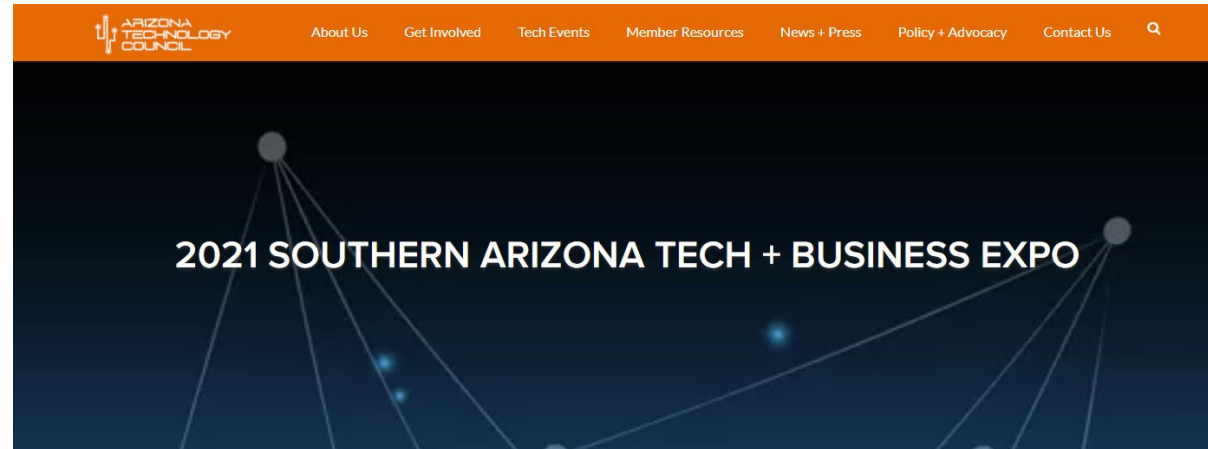
HCW <https://hcwhosted.org>



HCW HOSTED is a Tucson-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to facilitating community support of healthcare workers and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

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# National Distance Learning Week

## November 8 – 12, 2021

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## **Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Healthcare Leadership Webinar**

November 16, 2021, 12:00 PM

### **[Registration](#)**

Webinar Learning Objectives: Identify the federal laws and regulations that support diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace; Describe disparities in telehealth accessibility and apply an array of examples from across the US to address those barriers; Articulate leadership strategies to overcome biases and successfully incorporate DEI in healthcare practices through the creation of DEI Councils and use of data to improve health equity.

## **Youth and Educators Succeeding Student Empowerment Workshops**

### **Next Webinar Intro to Meaningful Student Involvement**

Tues, Nov 16, 2021, 3:30pm-4pm PST

Are you ready to become a change-maker? Learn how to apply concepts like service learning, Meaningful Student Involvement, personal engagement, and democracy-building to engage students and transform your school or community.

## **\$10 billion Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund**

The U.S. Department of Treasury [recently released guidelines](#) governing the \$10 billion [Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund](#) and, in addition to a myriad of facets that make the federal broadband program unique, the guidelines direct applicants to incorporate plans to address affordability into their project proposals in new ways and requires eligible projects to deliver faster Internet connection speeds than the federal government has required in the past. **The Treasury's guidance directs applicants to incorporate plans in their project proposals to address long-overlooked barriers to broadband adoption, including affordability and digital skills, and gives state and local governments increased flexibility to decide how to spend the relief funds. [See More info](#)**



## **Applications for the Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Pilot Program are due December 1, 2021**

NTIA's Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program is a \$268 million grant program to build the broadband and digital technology capacities of our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs), and to support broadband access, adoption, and digital skills within those institutions and in their surrounding anchor communities. [More Info](#)

- **USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants**
- USDA also announced a [\\$50 million investment in 105 rural distance learning and telemedicine](#) (PDF, 224 KB) projects in 37 states and Puerto Rico. These awards are being funded through USDA's [Distance Learning and Telemedicine](#) (DLT) program. This program helps fund distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas to increase access to education, training and health care resources that are otherwise limited or unavailable.

## **USDA ReConnect Program - \$1.15 Billion Available to Help People Living in Rural Communities Access High-Speed Internet**

On November 24 USDA will begin accepting applications for up to \$1.15 billion in loans and grants to expand the availability of broadband in rural areas. USDA is making the funding available through the [ReConnect Program](#). The Department plans to make available up to \$200 million in ReConnect Program loans, up to \$250 million in loan/grant combinations, up to \$350 million in grants with a 25 percent matching requirement, and up to \$350 million in grants with no matching requirement for projects in tribal and socially vulnerable communities. To learn more about ReConnect Program eligibility, technical assistance and recent announcements, visit [www.usda.gov/reconnect](http://www.usda.gov/reconnect)