

THE AZ CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH WEBINAR SERIES

A webinar series focused on providing technical assistance to rural stakeholders to disseminate research findings, policy updates, best-practices and other rural health issues to statewide rural partners and stakeholders throughout the state.

**Webinar: Thursday, September 16, 2021
12-1:00 pm Arizona Time**

The Behavioral Healthcare Workforce and Access to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in Rural Arizona

Learning objectives:

1. Describe the behavioral health needs in rural Arizona
2. Describe the distribution of the behavioral healthcare workforce and shortages in rural Arizona
3. Describe the current context and need for access to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Treatment in rural Arizona
4. Identify opportunities for improving access to behavioral health care and MOUD treatment in rural Arizona



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