



2017 Alabama Rural Health Conference

Starting on Friday, May 19 at 1:00 –
Ending on Saturday, May 20 at 3:00

Prattville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
2500 Legends Circle
Prattville, Alabama 36066

You are invited to attend the 2017 Alabama Rural Health Conference sponsored by the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (OPCRH) in the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama Rural Health Association (ARHA).

This event will provide up-to-date state and national rural health information and excellent opportunities to network with other rural health stakeholders. Conference highlights include the following:

- A special track presenting topics of interest to local residents, officials, public health staff, and other local stakeholders on rural community health. Included in this track is a presentation by retired public health nurse, Ruth Harrell, on establishing a local health improvement coalition, similar to the Coalition for a Health Escambia County. The OPCRH and ARHA are strongly promoting the establishment of such coalitions, consisting of local stakeholders from diverse interests, in all rural Alabama counties.
- Information on federal rural health legislation and issues from the Executive Director of the National Rural Health Association and the opportunity to ask questions.
- Information on Medicaid in Alabama from the Alabama Medicaid Agency's Medical Director and the opportunity to ask questions.
- Information on state and national family medicine from the President of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the opportunity to ask questions.
- Information on national rural health care from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Atlanta Regional Office Rural Health Coordinator and the opportunity to ask questions.
- Conference tracks presenting topics of special interest to officials and staff with Alabama's Rural Health Clinics and Rural Hospitals.
- A special track for students training for health care professions that includes the opportunity to develop a statewide component for the campus chapters of the Alabama Student Rural Health Association.
- A "Town Hall" meeting at the end of the conference where attendees can discuss any health related topic, idea, potential solution, new and emerging concern, etc.

Registration for attendance is \$160 with lower rates for Alabama Rural Health Association members and students. One-day attendance is also available. For additional information and to register as an attendee or exhibitor, please visit the Alabama Rural Health Association's Website at:

www.arhaonline.org