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Health Professional Shortage Area Designations Rescored

Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) scores, developed by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), are used to determine shortage areas and priorities for clinician assignments related to the National Health Services Corp (NHSC). Recently, data have been rescored, therefore we encourage you to visit the [HRSA Data Warehouse](#) to view current scoring ranges for your region.

HPSA uses a scale of 1 to 25 for primary care and mental health and 1 to 26 for dental care. The higher the score, the greater the need in a particular area. HPSA designations may relate to geographic region, population group, or facility.

The NHSC assists in the development, recruitment, and retention of community-responsive, culturally-competent, primary care clinicians dedicated to practicing in health professional shortage areas identified by HPSA. Through the NHSC Loan Repayment Program, fully-trained providers with qualified educational loans are offered repayment of those loans if they choose

to serve at an eligible site while receiving a competitive salary, some tax relief benefits, and a chance to make a significant impact on the health status of a community.

Visit [Loan Repayment Program](#) for loan repayment eligible provider types.

Becoming a NHSC site provides assistance in the recruitment and retention of qualified primary care providers (including mental health and dental services) utilizing loan repayment and access to a job center to promote your organization and eligible positions. **The cycle to apply as an NHSC site opens in April.**

Visit [Become an NHSC Site](#) for eligibility requirements and required documentation to apply.

AHI PPS Workforce Funds Reminder

AHI PPS Partners who have executed Master Participation Agreements are eligible to apply for two workforce funding opportunities through the Recruitment and Retention Fund and Training Fund.

Visit [Workforce Recruitment/Retention and Training Funds](#) for applications, guidelines and sample applications.

As a reminder, applications, to be sent to dsripworkforce@ahihealth.org, are accepted on a rolling basis each month.

AHA Publishes Next Generation of Community Health Report

The American Hospital Association's Committee on Research has published its 2016 research report.

Visit [Next Generation of Community Health](#) to read the report.

Training Opportunity: Evidence-based Health Coaching, March 22 and 23

The AHI PPS is sponsoring two CoachClinics® trainings on Evidence-based Health Coaching provided by the National Society of Health Coaches (NSHC). CoachClinic®, developed by clinicians for clinicians and allied health care providers, is based on existing clinical knowledge, skills, and experience of health care providers. NSHC's program provides the "nuts and bolts" of Evidence-based Health Coaching with Motivational Interviewing (MI) appropriate to health care and wellness settings through clinical case studies and practical application.

The one-day training session will be offered in two locations:

Wednesday, March 22, Great Escape Lodge, Queensbury

Thursday, March 23, The Butcher Block – Adirondack Room, Plattsburgh

Six continuing education credits are awarded for the day and additional credits can be earned upon successful completion of the NSHC self-study program and associated certification exam

or post-test.

Read the [training flyer](#) for more information.

[Register](#) for one of the sessions **by noon, Wednesday, March 15.**

Training Opportunity: Seeking Safety, April 5

The Council for Prevention is hosting a training for professionals who work with those struggling with trauma and/or substance abuse. Seeking Safety is an evidence-based model that has seen success with vulnerable populations including individuals who are homeless, in the criminal justice system, domestic violence survivors, severely mentally ill, veterans and many others.

During this training, individuals will learn how to implement and conduct Seeking Safety with adults and adolescents; review research and clinical issues in treating trauma and substance abuse; increase empathy and understanding of trauma and substance abuse; and obtain assessment and treatment resources. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are offered with this training.

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Warren County Human Services Building (Upstairs Training Room), 1340 State Route 9, Lake George

To register, contact Joshua Gray at the Council for Prevention at joshuagray@councilforprevention.org or 518.746.1527.

Health Care News and Resources

Please visit [Health Care News and Resources](#) for national, regional and local health care news and resources that may be relevant to your work.

If you have articles and resources to share, please forward to communications@ahihealth.org.

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