

## A Full Day Dedicated to Digital Health Equity

This year, the NRTRC Conference will offer an entire day dedicated to digital health equity topics, highlighting the crucial connection between healthcare and digital inclusion. Achieving health equity requires a multi-faceted approach that addresses various barriers to healthcare access and ensures that technological advancements benefit everybody.

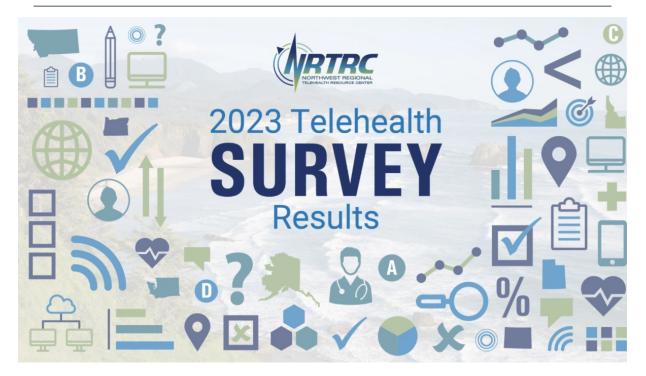
Whether your focus is on access to healthcare, broadband services, or growing community telehealth resources, join us as we ignite these meaningful discussions that will expand your knowledge and resources!

See Full Conference Agenda

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**Sponsorship Details** 

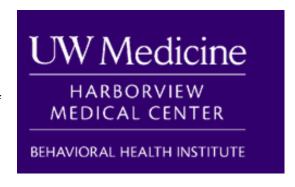


## 2023 NRTRC Telehealth Survey Results Released

The <u>2023 NRTRC Telehealth Survey results are here!</u> Click to see the latest telehealth trends, including areas of growth, patient and provider needs, and the opportunities and barriers that exist in the northwest region.

## TeleBehavioral Health 501 Webinar Series

The NRTRC is excited to partner with the Behavioral Health Institute at the University of Washington to deliver the <u>TeleBehavioral</u> <u>Health 501 webinar series</u>. We invite you to delve into innovative approaches and patient-centered care in the realm of telebehavioral health.



This series will allow you to explore advanced strategies to enhance quality care for specific patient populations and services, with valuable insights for practitioners at every experience level. Whether you're a seasoned professional or new to the field, all are welcome to join us on this journey into the evolving landscape of telebehavioral health.

Click here to begin learning!





The Center for Connected Health Policy (CCHP) reports on Licensure Complexities Related to Using Telehealth Across State Lines. A report from the Cicero Institute notes that three states have received recognition for the most extensive telehealth policy updates in 2023, and Utah and Idaho have made the list!

Read the full report.

## **New Funding Opportunity**

<u>USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program</u> grants have opened for fiscal year 2024 with an expected \$60 million in funds available to enable and improve distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas.

Eligible entities include government agencies, Tribes and non-profit organizations. Applications are due April 29.

Click here to review the <u>application guide</u> for additional details and requirements.



### **Events to Bookmark in 2024**

#### March

#### **Developing a Health Equity Plan for your Health Center Activity Session:**

Register for an engaging follow-up to the Strategies for Advancing Health Equity within Health Centers webinar, offering a unique opportunity to receive coaching on crafting a health equity plan (HEP) for your health center's specific needs. Utilizing CHCI best practices as a framework, participants will have the knowledge and confidence to create a comprehensive and valuable resource to steer their health equity initiatives. March 19, 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

#### Health Equity Across the Al Lifecycle - Al-Enabled Digital Health Services Series :

The material will cover the intended use of AI products and highlight the risks associated with inappropriate use. The course will cover various threats to AI product performance, including changes in population demographics, clinical practice patterns, and professional work environments. Lastly, the course will explore how bias and discrimination can result from using AI products and will train physicians to identify and mitigate health inequities that can result from using AI products. March 19, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### **April**

**2024 MATRC Summit**: Join us for #MATRC2024, where we gather healthcare pioneers, innovators, and professionals to explore the advancements and possibilities in telehealth beyond the year 2024. As we rapidly approach a time when telehealth is fully integrated into all of healthcare, we will be navigating the latest trends and best practices in telehealth implementation, remote patient monitoring, virtual consultations, and Al-driven healthcare solutions. April 14 -16

**2024 NRTRC Conference**: Join the Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center's 2024 Conference, "The Next Generation of Telehealth from Reactionary to Visionary," in Seattle, WA. This event will dive into the transformative journey of telehealth, from its reactive stage of the last three years to unlocking its visionary potential. Engage with industry experts, thought leaders and innovators to discuss cutting-edge technologies, best practices, and the evolving landscape of digital inclusion in healthcare access. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the reshaping of telehealth. Stay tuned to our newsletters and website for more information and embark on a path from reacting to healthcare challenges to envisioning a brighter, healthier future. April 29 - May 1

## May

ATA Nexus 2024: ATA Nexus 2024 is the next phase of the ATA's annual conference – the industry's most informative and essential virtual care event. This rebranding reflects the transformative shifts in virtual care delivery and our commitment to spearheading the movement. ATA Nexus 2024 will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona. May 4 - 7

Do You Provide Health Care or Services via Telehealth?



NRTRC's <u>Find Telehealth</u> is available to help patients and providers find in-person and telehealth care along with locations to have telehealth visits. TAPs can be viewed by turning on the TAPs button on the map.

Click Here to Update Information on your Practice

Click Here to Add a TAP



## Northwest Regional State Telehealth Website Links

- Alaska Collaborative for Telehealth and Telemedicine
- Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Montana Telehealth Alliance
- Telehealth Alliance of Oregon
- <u>Utah Telehealth Network</u>
- Washington State Telehealth Collaborative
- Washington State Department of Health
- Wyoming Telehealth Network



### **Telehealth Resources**

- Telehealth Tools and Resources: Find up-to-date telehealth tools & resources.
- Professional Development: Visit NRTRC's catalog of online telehealth training

- courses.
- The Telehealth Resource Centers have gathered resources specific to <u>Federally</u> Qualified Health Centers.
- <u>Updated legislation and regulations</u>: Keep up with regulations and proposed legislation for the states of the Northwest Region.
- Research: current research opportunities, research articles and survey results.

# **Grant Funding Opportunities**

Refer to the <u>funding page</u> on the NRTRC website for updated grant opportunities.



# Success Story: NRTRC Has a Ripple Effect!

NRTRC Principal Investigator Nicki Perisho recently had an unexpected encounter with a colleague from her online Master's Program at Cal-Berkeley.



During their conversation, the colleague expressed interest in the educational resources provided by NRTRC and spoke highly of the valuable insights and knowledge gained through NRTRC's programs and initiatives.

They highlighted the impact of <u>NRTRC's commitment to empowering rural communities</u> through technology, which resonated strongly with them and contributed to their professional growth.

This success story highlights the positive impact of NRTRC's educational initiatives. It shows how a shared passion for an organization can lead to meaningful connections and collaborations in an academic setting.

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