

Electronic Health Care Resource List

1. Montana Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
 - a. Website: <http://healthinfo.montana.edu/>
 - b. The Montana AHEC Program Office is located at Montana State University in Bozeman. The program office serves four regional AHEC offices.
2. Eastern Montana Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
 - a. Website: <http://www.emtahec.org/>
 - b. The Eastern Montana AHEC (EMT AHEC) Office is located in Billings at RiverStone Health. EMT AHEC serves twenty-seven counties and a population of 269,466.
3. North Central Montana Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
 - a. Website: <http://healthinfo.montana.edu/ahec.html>
 - b. The North Central Montana AHEC will be located in Great Falls. North Central AHEC will include 11 counties with a population of 145,383.
4. South Central Montana Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
 - a. Website: <http://www.scmtahec.org/>
 - b. The South Central Montana AHEC (SC MT AHEC) Office is located in Dillon. SC MT AHEC region contains eleven counties with a population of 246,871.
5. Western Montana Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
 - a. Website: <http://wmtahec.wordpress.com/>
 - b. The Western Montana AHEC is located in Missoula. This program has seven counties and a population of 295,141.
6. Montana Health Network
 - a. Website: <http://www.montanahealthnetwork.com/>
 - b. The Montana Health Network (MHN) is a consortium of health care providers, which are located across the State of Montana. The MHN is a collaborative effort of health care providers formed to promote, preserve, and develop an effective system of providing quality health care for the residents of Montana.
7. Montana Primary Care Association
 - a. Website: <http://www.mtpca.org/>
 - b. The Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA) is a non-profit organization of ambulatory health care providers whose primary purpose is to serve Montana's medically underserved and underserved residents without financial or other discrimination.
8. Montana DPHHS: Montana Primary Care Office
 - a. Website: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/Primary-Care/primary-care-index.shtml>
 - b. The Montana Primary Care Office (PCO) is part of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and is funded by three HRSA Bureau's. The PCO

works collaboratively with several entities to increase access to primary and preventative health care and to improve the health status of underserved and vulnerable populations.

9. HealthShare Montana

- a. Website: <http://www.healthsharemontana.org/>
- b. HealthShare Montana was organized by health information exchange stakeholders to plan a statewide health information exchange. It is a nonprofit organization with a 21 member Board of Trustees including representatives from state government, major payers, consumer groups, large and small healthcare facilities and individual physicians.

10. Montana Office of Public Instruction

- a. Website: <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/>
- b. The Office of Public Instruction stands ready to provide the vision, advocacy, support and leadership for schools and communities to ensure that all students meet today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

11. Montana University System: Montana Health Care Workforce Advisory Committee

- a. Website: <http://healthinfo.montana.edu/mthwac.html>
- b. The Montana Healthcare Workforce Advisory Committee (MHWAC) provides guidance to the Montana Board Regents and other stakeholders on the best strategies and priorities for addressing Montana's healthcare workforce needs.

12. REACH Network

- a. Website: <http://www.reach-montana.org/>
- b. REACH (Realizing Education And Community Health) Montana is a consortium of healthcare providers linked to each other through live, interactive, video technology. From its hub site in Great Falls, the REACH Montana Tele-health Network currently serves rural counties in the north central region of the state.

13. Montana WWAMI Regional Medical School Program

- a. Website: <http://www.montana.edu/wwwwami/>
- b. WWAMI is a cooperative program of the University of Washington School of Medicine and the states of Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. It is a program which makes medical education accessible to students in the northwestern United States by decentralizing the educational process and by sharing existing facilities and personnel in universities and communities in the WWAMI states.

14. Montana Nutrition and Physical Activity Program (NAPA)

- a. Website: <http://www.montananapa.org/>
- b. In 2004, Montana became one of 28 states to receive a CDC grant to establish a Nutrition and Physical Activity Program to Prevent Obesity and Other Chronic Diseases (NAPA). The mission of MT NAPA is to decrease the prevalence of obesity and improve

the health of Montanans through policy and environmental changes and statewide/community interventions.

15. Eat Right Montana

- a. Website: <http://www.eatrightmontana.org/>
- b. Eat Right Montana (ERM) is a diverse group of individuals and organizations who have come together with the common goal of providing consistent, science-based nutrition and physical activity messages to all Montanans.

16. Center for Native Health Partnerships

- a. Website: <http://cnhp.montana.edu/>
- b. The Center for Native Health Partnerships mission is to reduce health disparities of Native Americans in Montana through community-based health projects that are conducted in partnership between community members and health researchers.

17. Montana Rural Health Initiative

- a. Website: <http://www.montanaruralhealthinitiative.com/>
- b. The Montana Rural Health Initiative (RHI) is a collaborative effort, sharing ideas and expertise to support communities in improving health. The RHI serves as a dynamic network that links community-based health & wellness and prevention initiatives throughout Montana.

18. Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services: Worksite Health Promotion Coalition

- a. Website: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/cardiovascular/cardio-index.shtml>
- b. The Montana Worksite Health Promotion Coalition serves as a resource for Montana employers regarding the art and science of health promotion and wellness at work.

19. Horizons: Community Leadership to Reduce Poverty

- a. Website: <http://www.horizonsmt.org/>
- b. Horizons is a community leadership program aimed at reducing poverty in rural and Native American reservation communities faced with economic decline and demographic change. The program's goal is to help communities understand poverty, help them commit to action for improvements, and then bring about lasting change.

20. Montana State University – Extension

- a. Website: <http://extn.msu.montana.edu/>
- b. MSU Extension is a statewide educational outreach network that applies unbiased, research-based university resources to practical needs identified by the people of Montana in their home communities.

21. Montana Dietetic Association

- a. Website: <http://www.montanadieticassociation.org/>

- b. The Montana Dietetic Association (MDA) is a non-profit professional organization that represents registered dietitians in the state of Montana, providing nutrition services in a wide variety of settings.
- 22. Montana National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)
 - a. Website: <http://www.mt.net/~namimt/>
 - b. NAMI Montana supports, educates, and advocates for Montanans with severe mental illnesses and their families.
- 23. Montana Food Bank Network
 - a. Website: <http://www.mfbn.org/>
 - b. The Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN) is Montana's only statewide hunger organization, working to eliminate hunger in Montana through food acquisition and distribution, education and advocacy.
- 24. Improving Health Among Rural Montanans (IPHARM)
 - a. Website: <http://www.health.umt.edu/schools/practice/ipharm/>
 - b. IPHARM's focus is to provide screening services to detect health problems earlier before complications develop and to improve access to health care services for those in rural, underserved or otherwise disadvantaged areas across the state.
- 25. Montana Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program
 - a. Website: <http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/flex.htm>
 - b. The Flex grant program helps stabilize rural hospitals and improves access to health services in rural communities.
- 26. Montana Health Resource and Education Foundation (MHREF)
 - a. Website: <http://www.mtha.org/mhref1.htm>
 - b. The Montana Health Research and Education Foundation (MHREF) was established by MHA as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization to provide education and research for today's changing health care market.
- 27. Research and Training Center
 - a. Website: <http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/>
 - b. A non-profit organization that works to improve the lives of those who live with disabilities in rural areas throughout the US.
- 28. The Maternal and Child Health Library at Georgetown University
 - a. Website: <http://www.mchlibrary.info/>
 - b. A resource guide for information and nation-wide projects focusing on maternal and child health, as set up by Georgetown University.
- 29. Montana Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA)
 - a. Website: <http://www.mthealth.org/>

b. MCHA is a insurance program that offers coverage policies to Montanans who are uninsured or are leaving coverage due to medical conditions.

30. National Rural Health Association

a. <http://www.ruralhealthweb.org/>

b. NRHA is a non-profit organization that is composed of multiple organizations addressing the major and minor issues in rural health. This association is a leader in public health and is working to eliminate disparities in rural health.

31. Rural Assistance Center

a. <http://www.raonline.org/>

b. The RAC is a resource guide for finding information about health and human services regarding rural communities. The information includes: news, events, funding, publications, maps, etc.

32. Center for Rural Affairs

a. <http://www.cfra.org/>

b. The Center for Rural Affairs is an establishment which works for strengthening rural communities through social, economic, and environmental means.

33. Rural Health Resource Center

a. <http://ruralcenter.org/index.php>

b. RHRC is a non-profit organization based in Duluth, Minnesota which provides technical education and information to rural area hospitals, providers, and communities.

34. American Public Health Association

a. <http://www.apha.org/>

b. APHA is a national association dedicated to assessing the largest threats of US public health and working to protect the populations against them.

35. Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs

a. <http://www.amchp.org/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

b. AMCHP focuses on working toward better maternal and child health. The association also provides information regarding this population for the public to access.

36. American Red Cross of Montana

a. <http://www.montanaredcross.org/>

b. ARC of Montana is a state chapter of the Red Cross association that provides services which prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergency situations.

37. National Library of Medicine

a. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>

b. The National Library of Medicine provides a extensive database for anyone to access health-related information.

38. Healthy People 2020

- a. <http://www.healthypeople.gov/>
- b. HP 2010 provides a framework and set national goals, to be reached by 2010, to identify and diminish threats of human health in the US.

39. US Dept of Health and Human Services

- a. <http://www.hhs.gov/>
- b. DHHS is the main US agency regarding the health of Americans and providing information and resources regarding human services.

40. National Institute of Health

- a. <http://www.nih.gov/>
- b. NIH is a part of the DHHS and is a leader in medical investigation. This site is very useful as a broad research tool.

41. Health Finder

- a. <http://www.healthfinder.gov/>
- b. Health finder is another leg of DHHS and is a useful tool for information regarding healthy living.

42. Center for Disease Control and Prevention

- a. <http://www.cdc.gov/>
- b. The CDC focuses on preventing and controlling patterns of disease through research and implementing preparedness programs.

43. Montana Environmental Health Association

- a. <http://www.mehaweb.org/index.html>
- b. A non-profit group that focuses on Montana health safety through environmental measures including water safety, air quality, waste disposal, food safety, and public accommodation.

44. Arthritis Foundation

- a. www.arthritis.org/Montana
- b. The Arthritis Foundation focuses on improving lives through leadership in the prevention, control and cure of arthritis and related diseases.