

The path to strong health policy begins with research. Every path needs a gateway, and that gateway is here.

The Rural Health Research Gateway is a free online library of knowledge and expertise. Access health research, policy briefs, and fact sheets with a simple click. Find the information you need fast with research alerts straight to your email or social media. And learn with others through online webinars.

Shawnda Schroeder, Research Specialist: “The Office of Rural Health Policy really wanted to see the research that the Research Centers were doing out in the hands of the policymakers. Gateway then began housing different resources, so every policy brief and research study that was complete was then put on Gateway’s website.”

This Research Gateway stretches coast-to-coast. The federal office of Rural Health Policy funds seven centers from Washington to Maine...all with the same goal in sight: to share relevant rural research.

Shawnda Schroeder, Research Specialist: “The Rural Health Research Gateway, its primary purpose is to take all of the products of those seven research centers and disseminate them to the masses. We can search by topic, we can search by research center, we can see what other research centers have done. For instance, in the last year, mental health has been the most prominent topic searched on the Rural Health Research Gateway. So that would inform us, as researchers, that that’s a topic people are really interested in, and that can help guide our research as well. The website is generally one or two clicks away from whatever it is that you want to find.”

Since 2007, the Rural Health Research Gateway has offered an easy, single point of access for the research centers to share their findings, and inform policymakers on the issues that affect rural families.

Janice C. Probst: “This is the South Carolina Rural Health Research Center, and we’re a little bit different from the other centers in that our focus is the problems experienced by rural vulnerable populations, minority populations, and low income populations. Research is only helpful if somebody knows about it. The Gateway is a very easy-to-use website. What I like is there’s a link where you can sign up for the newsletters that they send out—then you’ll get all the research updates when they come out. And of course, through its push functions, where it sends out research updates, it keeps us current with anybody who might be interested in our research into rural minority health.”

Fast, effective and at your fingertips.

Shawnda Schroeder, Research Specialist: “If you want to have fast and easy information about the most pressing topics in rural health research, Gateway is where you should start.”

Janice C. Probst: “It is a must-have for anyone who wants to do research in the area, or who wants to improve their practice.”

The Rural Health Research Gateway...shaping policies that shape our lives.