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## RURAL HEALTH INNOVATIONS LAUNCHES NETWORK SUSTAINABILITY TOOLKIT

Announcing our new online **Network Sustainability Toolkit.** Our Toolkit gives easy access to many tools that help rural leaders aim their networks toward sustainability and increase long-term impact.



Assess Your Network



Find Solutions



Identify strengths and opportunities for improvement. Receive a list of rural-relevant, network-oriented resources tailored to your results.

Find relevant and helpful resources to gain critical knowledge and build your skills as a network leader. Spotlights of rural health networks that are making a difference in their communities give insights for innovation.

Use the Network Sustainability Assessment as a performance improvement tool that measures indicators of a sustained network. The assessment uses a validated set of questions identified by over 100 network peers.

Click Here for an Introduction to our Network Sustainability Toolkit: History and Background

For the past five years, Rural Health Innovations (RHI), working through <u>Health</u> <u>Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's)</u> Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) contracts, has provided technical assistance to over 250 rural health networks. Our knowledge and understanding of rural health networks, coupled with a systems approach, a study of rural health networks, and concepts from the Baldrige Performance Excellence Framework, has led to the development of our Network Sustainability Toolkit, an online portal of resources.

The Rural Health Network Sustainability Assessment, an integral component of the Toolkit, was developed through a two-year study by Rural Health Innovations (RHI), the National Cooperative of Health Networks (NCHN) and Evalytics, LLC. The study was funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP). This project is being implemented in memory of Gwen Martin, PhD, founder of Evalytics, LLC. See the 2018 Network Sustainability Study: Final Report for additional background information.

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