

## **The Rural Community Action Guide has launched!!!**

We are very excited to share that the HRSA [Administration released a new tool](#) to assist rural community leaders in building an effective local response to the crisis of addiction, the [Rural Community Action Guide: Building Stronger, Healthy Drug-Free Rural Communities](#).

The purpose of the Guide is to arm rural leaders with information they can put into immediate action to create change. It provides background information, recommended action steps, and promising practices to help manage the impact of substance use disorder on local communities and help persons with the disease of addiction. The topics are based on lessons learned from Department of Agriculture rural round table discussions held in over a dozen states, as well as the experiences of several rural stakeholder partners.

The guide complements both the [Community Assessment Tool](#), which gives county specific data about deaths and factors which may make a community more vulnerable to addiction, and the [Federal Rural Resources Guide](#), which includes comprehensive information about different federal funds for rural communities impacted by addiction. The Guide also has a companion supplement, a listing of promising practices which you can find here: [Rural Community Action Guide: Promising Practices](#).