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# North Carolina Medical, Dental, and Psychiatric Placement and Shortage Designation

2016 Profile (Data from State Fiscal Year 2016)

## Grant Facts

**\$5.6M**

Secured federal loan repayments for providers

**\$1.5M**

Grant funding appropriated from General Assembly

**\$220K**

Funding from Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

**36 FTEs\***

Health care professionals supported through State Loan Repayment Incentives  
\*Full-time equivalent

**286**

Assisted loan repayments through National Health Service Corps

**85%**

Of placements were in either a geographic, population, or facility Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)

### Overview

The Office of Rural Health (ORH) recruits primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dentists, dental hygienists, psychiatrists, and other mental health providers to practices that serve rural and underserved populations across the state. ORH seeks to make compatible matches based on the needs of the community as well as the provider.

ORH works with state and federal governments as well as local communities to identify shortage areas of primary medical care, dental, or mental health providers. These areas are designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), making them eligible to qualify for federal funding and services.

## Return On Investment and Economic Impact

Source: IMPLAN

Placement Expenditures  
**\$2,129,619**



Created Economic Impact  
**\$1,728,677**

Total Impact  
**\$3,858,296**

Each Placement grant dollar has a total economic impact of  
**\$1.81**

Generates **30** additional jobs from the economic impact

**\$143,783** Generated in state and local taxes which goes back into the local and state economy

**\$1,837,505** In employee compensation impacted from the placements

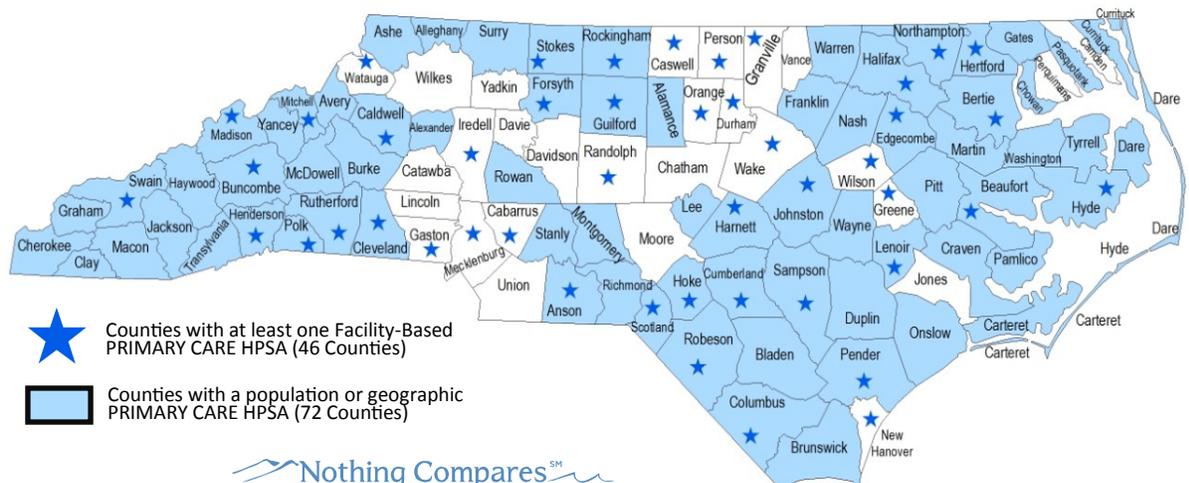


\*Economic return is estimated to be much greater because improved health outcomes can lead to fewer missed work days, reduced health care costs, and reduced premature morbidity and mortality. Some expenses such as out of state purchases, overhead, and rollover payments are not captured for ROI and economic impact.

## Importance

In many North Carolina communities, there are barriers to primary health care due to a lack of health professionals and the necessary resources to support health care delivery. ORH received State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) funding from the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and from the Kate B. Reynolds Foundation to extend loan repayment to mental health therapists recruited to work in integrated care settings within HPSAs.

## Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA)



- Counties with at least one Facility-Based PRIMARY CARE HPSA (46 Counties)
- Counties with a population or geographic PRIMARY CARE HPSA (72 Counties)

Nothing Compares<sup>SM</sup>

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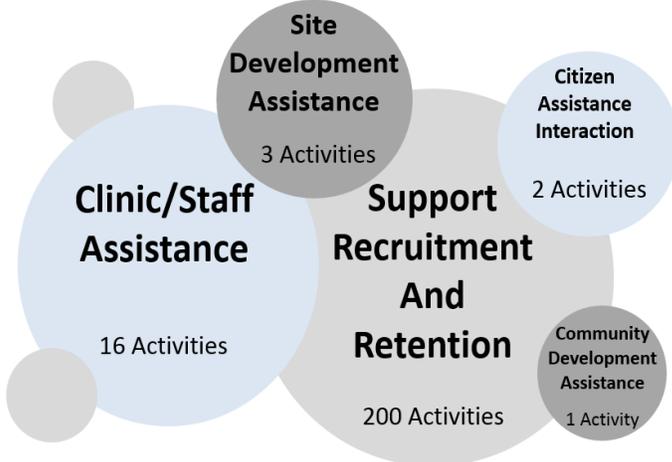
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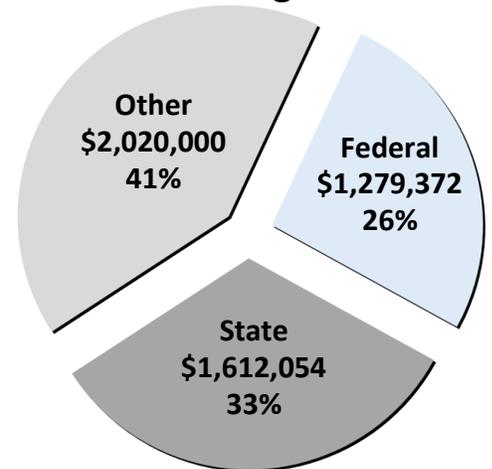


## Technical Assistance

222 Activities in  
64 Counties  
Provided by ORH Staff



## Total Program Funding\*



\*Estimate based on budget reorganization. Funding also reflects carry forward from SFY 2015

## Program Reach

127

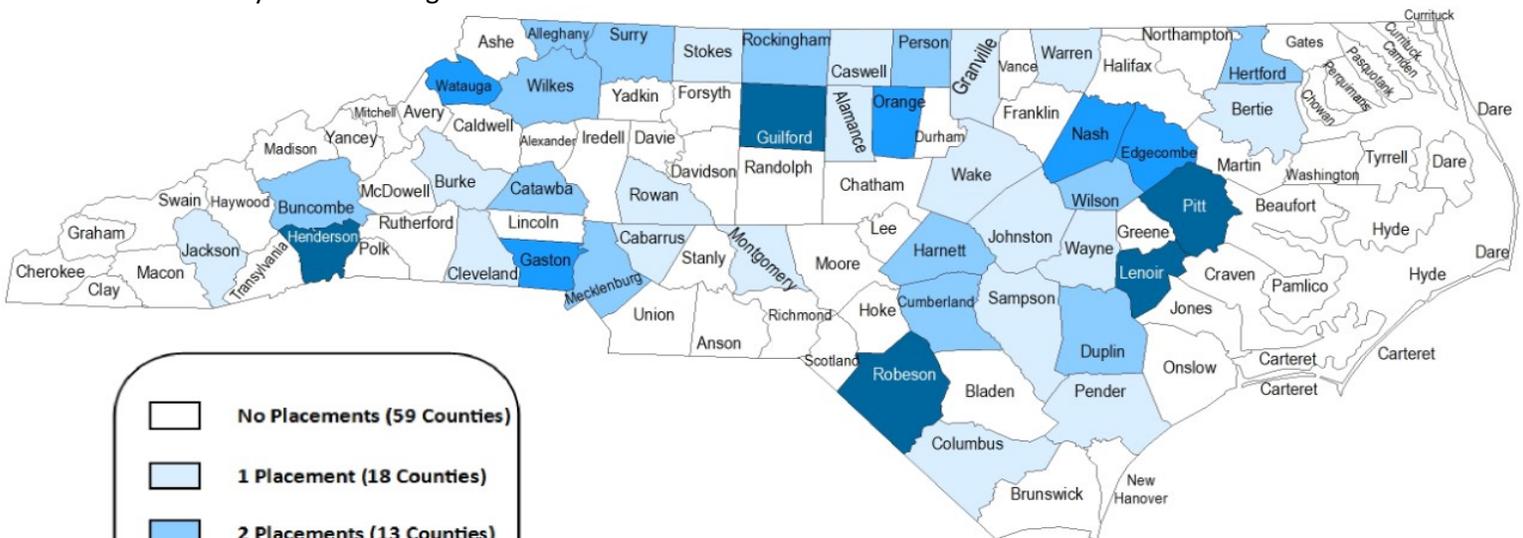
Placements have been made each year over the last 5 years on average

85

New health professionals were recruited

68

New providers placed with state incentive payments



- No Placements (59 Counties)
- 1 Placement (18 Counties)
- 2 Placements (13 Counties)
- 3 Placements (5 Counties)
- 4-9 Placements (5 Counties)

\*Total of 85 Placements

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