

# MOBILE HEALTH UNITS: SUSTAINING DRIVERS OF HEALTH

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Mobile Health Units are an evidence-based strategy to address unmet health needs. They have the potential to produce significant cost savings and facilitate access to healthcare and resources, especially in our rural and underserved communities. Creating viable mobile health units as an access point to care is critical as COVID-19 has challenged us to reach patients outside of traditional healthcare delivery settings.

The SC Center for Rural and Primary Care recognizes the vital role of mobile health units. We are working to provide technical assistance in which mobile health units can increase their impact in improving South Carolina's health outcomes. Our technical assistance strategy is informed by the 2021-2022 Mobile Health Unit Assessment, which evaluated facilitators and barriers for successful units in our state.

## CAPACITY BUILDING

- Funding opportunities to increase mobile health unit services
- Network and collaboration
  - Facilitating innovative partnerships to maximize the impact of mobile health units.
  - Shared learning experiences and solutions through peer support among leaders in mobile healthcare delivery.
- Training opportunities for mobile health unit staff and operators
  - i.e., billing and coding

## ONLINE TOOLKIT

We are currently developing an online toolkit to give mobile health units accessibility to relevant and timely resources to effectively meet the needs of the community they serve. The toolkit will include, but is not limited to the following:



### EVIDENCE-BASED MODELS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR MOBILE HEALTH UNITS

- Staffing models to optimize operations
- Telehealth integration
- Ensuring continuity of care
- Addressing social determinants of health



### EVALUATION

- Assessing mobile health unit impact on the community in which it serves. This includes impact on patient outcomes as well as healthcare cost savings



### SUSTAINABILITY

- Using data-driven strategies for long-term impact

## MOBILE HEALTH UNIT DASHBOARD

The mobile health unit dashboard is an interactive tool displaying coverage areas and services provided by units in South Carolina. Cross-referenced with our community resource dashboard, it also allows stakeholders to research areas of opportunity based on data such as provider distribution, health care facility locations, disease burden, and health care utilization patterns. In doing so, mobile health units can intentionally address population health.

