

# Telehealth and Telemedicine: Adopting New Tools of the Trade

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## Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT)

### **Mission**

To advance the use of telehealth technologies for improving access and quality of health care services for the underserved.

Serves as the operational focal point for coordinating and advancing the use of telehealth technologies.



## OAT Activities

- Licensure Portability Grants
- Telehealth Network Grants
- Telehealth Resource Centers
- Flex Rural Veterans Healthcare Access Program
- Partnerships



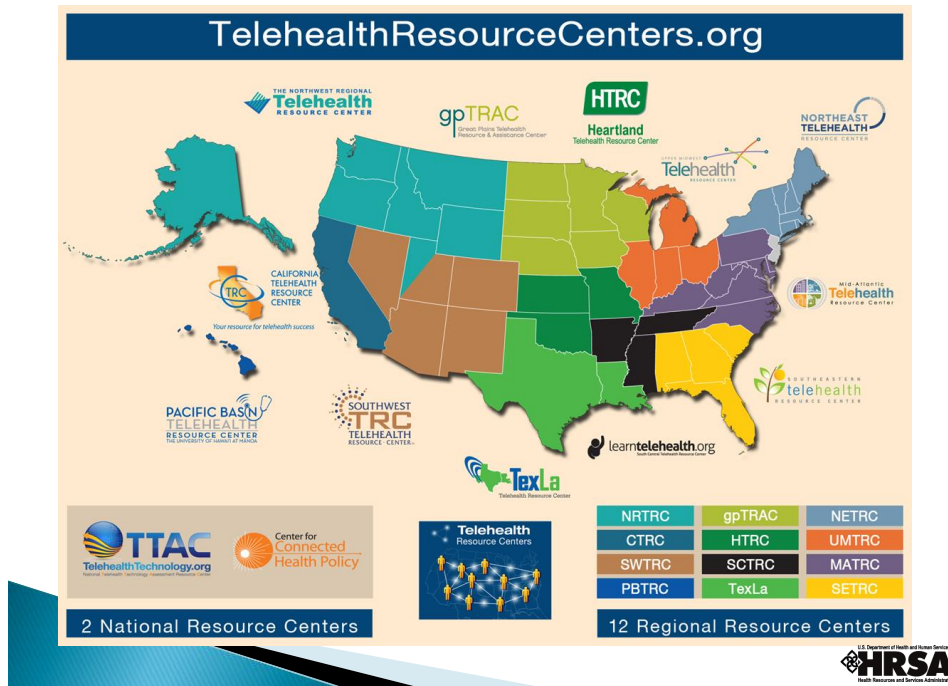
## Licensure Portability Grant Program

- Uniform online applications
- Centralized credentialing
- Expedited Licensure
- Two grantees



## Telehealth Network Grant Program

- Purpose – to demonstrate how telehealth technologies can help expand access, coordinate and improve quality of health services
- 20 TNGP grantees
- New grants awarded September 1, 2013
- Funding for up to four years at \$250k per year
- New emphasis on health outcomes



## Flex Rural Veterans Grant Program

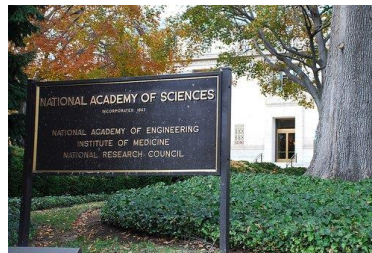
- Purpose: to increase the delivery of quality mental health and other healthcare services to all rural veterans, their families and other rural residents
- Three grantees funded for three years, \$300,000 each year
- New awards announced September 11, 2013
- Partnering with VA Office of Rural Health



## OAT Activities

### **IOM Workshop on The Role of Telehealth in an Evolving Health Care Environment**

- Meeting held August 8 - 9, 2012  
Washington, DC
- Meeting summary published  
November 2012
- Discussed evidence base and  
role of telehealth in the future



<http://www.iom.edu/Activities/HealthServices/Telehealth.aspx>



## OAT Activities

### **“FedTel” - Cross Federal Workgroup on Telehealth**

- Shared website
- Six subcommittees
- Short-term and long-term goals
- 26 agencies/departments



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