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Community Education Group and Rural Health Service Providers Network Launch Nationwide Rural Health Needs Survey

Focuses on Rural COVID-19 Preparedness and Vaccination

LOST RIVER, W.Va. and RIVERSIDE, Calif. January 11, 2021 – The Community Education Group (CEG), TruEvolution, Inc., and the Rural Health Service Providers Network (RHSPN) have partnered to launch the nationwide Rural Public Health Needs survey.

The Rural Public Health Needs Survey is designed to seek input from community members, organizations, and healthcare providers on what the greatest public health needs are in their rural communities, what educational, training, and technical assistance resources are needed to address these issues, what issues they have accessing essential services, and how communities are working to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine.

“No matter who I speak to – individuals, health departments, organizations, or physicians – they’re all worried about how we’re going to get rural Americans vaccinated against COVID-19,” says A. Toni Young, Founder & Executive Director of CEG and Co-Founder of the RHSPN.

As America prepares to roll out the various COVID-19 vaccines, Rural Health Service Providers (RHSPs), Local/County Health Departments, and other clinical and non-clinical healthcare organizations face numerous issues, including the fact that few rural providers have existing storage containers that reach the -70° C (-94° F) required to store the vaccine made by Pfizer. In addition, suppliers of dry ice, which can be successfully used to store the vaccine, are concerned that they will be unable to keep up with the increased demand, which may lead to shortages.

The findings of this survey will be used to craft CEG and the RHSPN’s educational, training, and technical assistance offerings through 2021.

Survey participants can enter to win one of eight Amazon Digital Gift Cards (One \$500 gift card, two \$250 gift cards, and five \$100 gifts cards). Winners will be selected by random drawing and announced in the April 2021 CEG and RHSPN newsletters

Individuals, organizations, and providers can take the survey by visiting the following link:

<https://cutt.ly/ruralhealthsurvey>

The Community Education Group (CEG) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization with offices in Lost River, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C., working to eliminate disparities in health outcomes and improve public health in disadvantaged populations and under-served communities



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