

RURAL **HEALTH** WORKSHOP

Louisiana Primary Care Office



Louisiana Primary Care Office Sessions Objectives

- Learn about Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Designations
- Learn about the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan and Scholarship Program
- Learn about the State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)
- Learn about the Conrad 30 (J-1 Visa) Waiver Program
- Learn about the National Interest Waiver Program
- Learn about the Small Town Health Professional Tax Credit Program



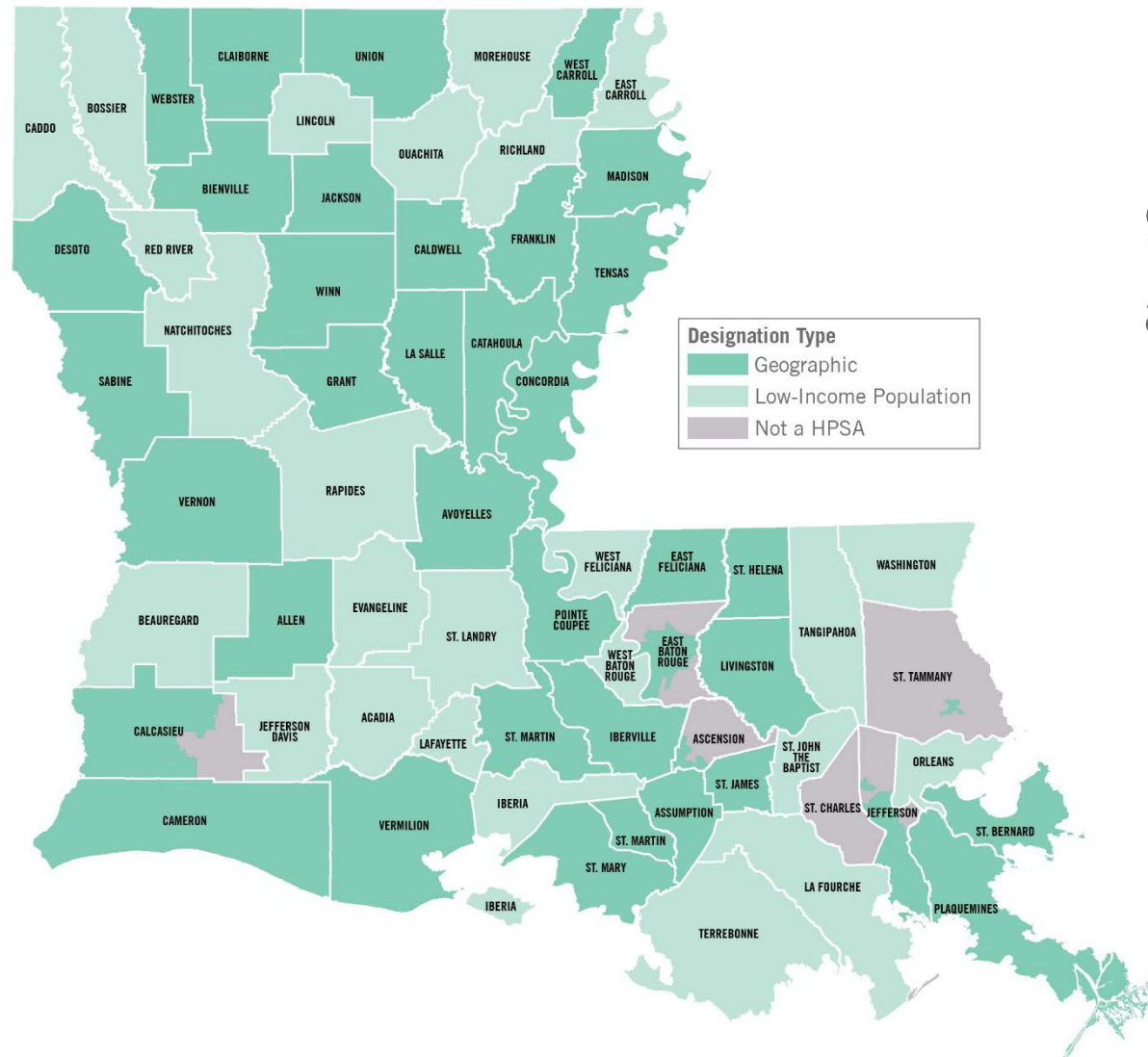
Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)

HPSA Designations

- Designation given to an area that is considered underserved with health providers compared to the population
- Preliminary approved and submitted by this office to the Federal Office of Shortage Designation, who gives final approval
- Multiple programs use HPSA designations as a requirement (grants, loan repayment, J-1 Visa waiver, etc.)

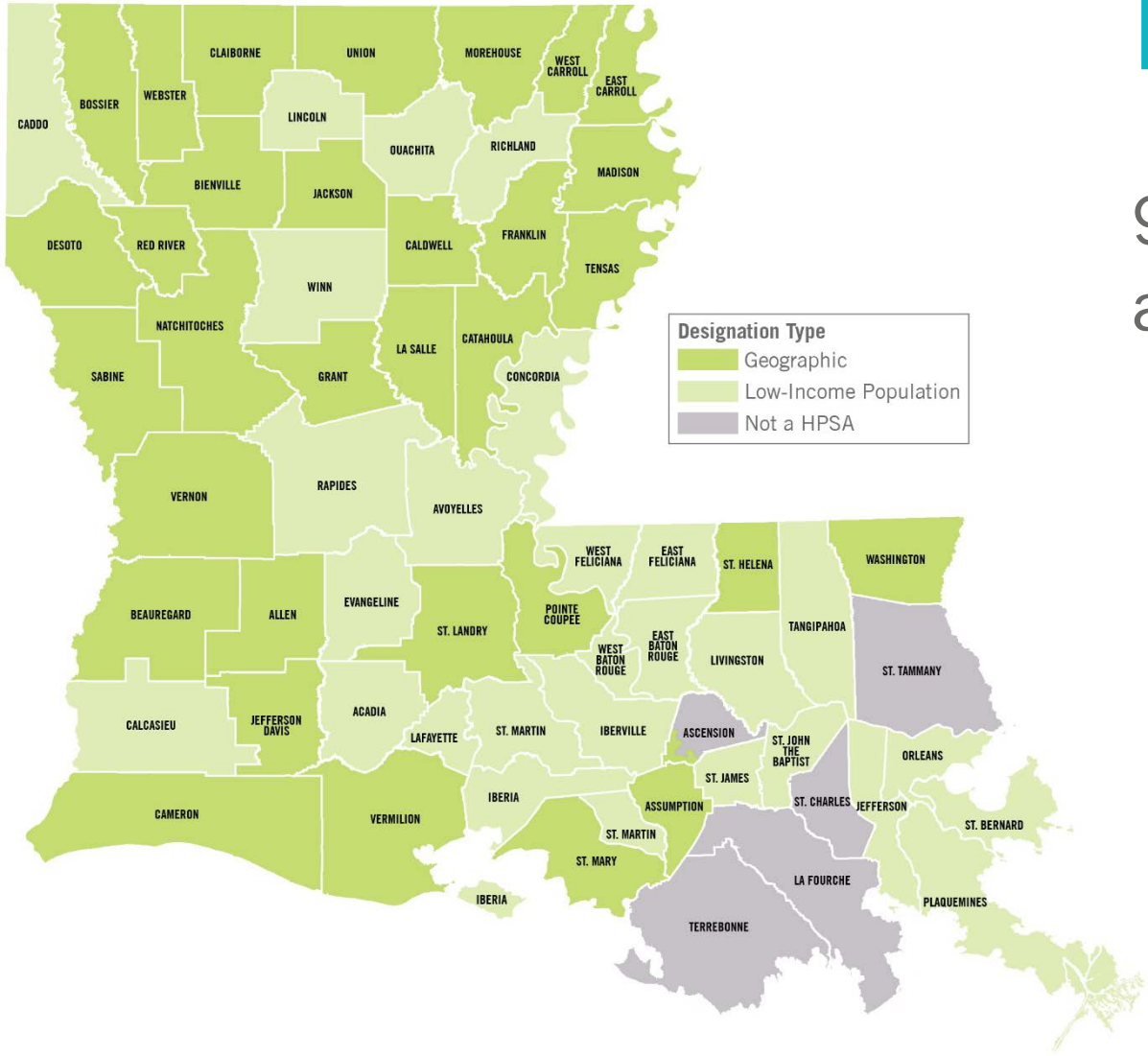
Primary Care HPSA

94% of Louisiana is designated as a Primary Care HPSA



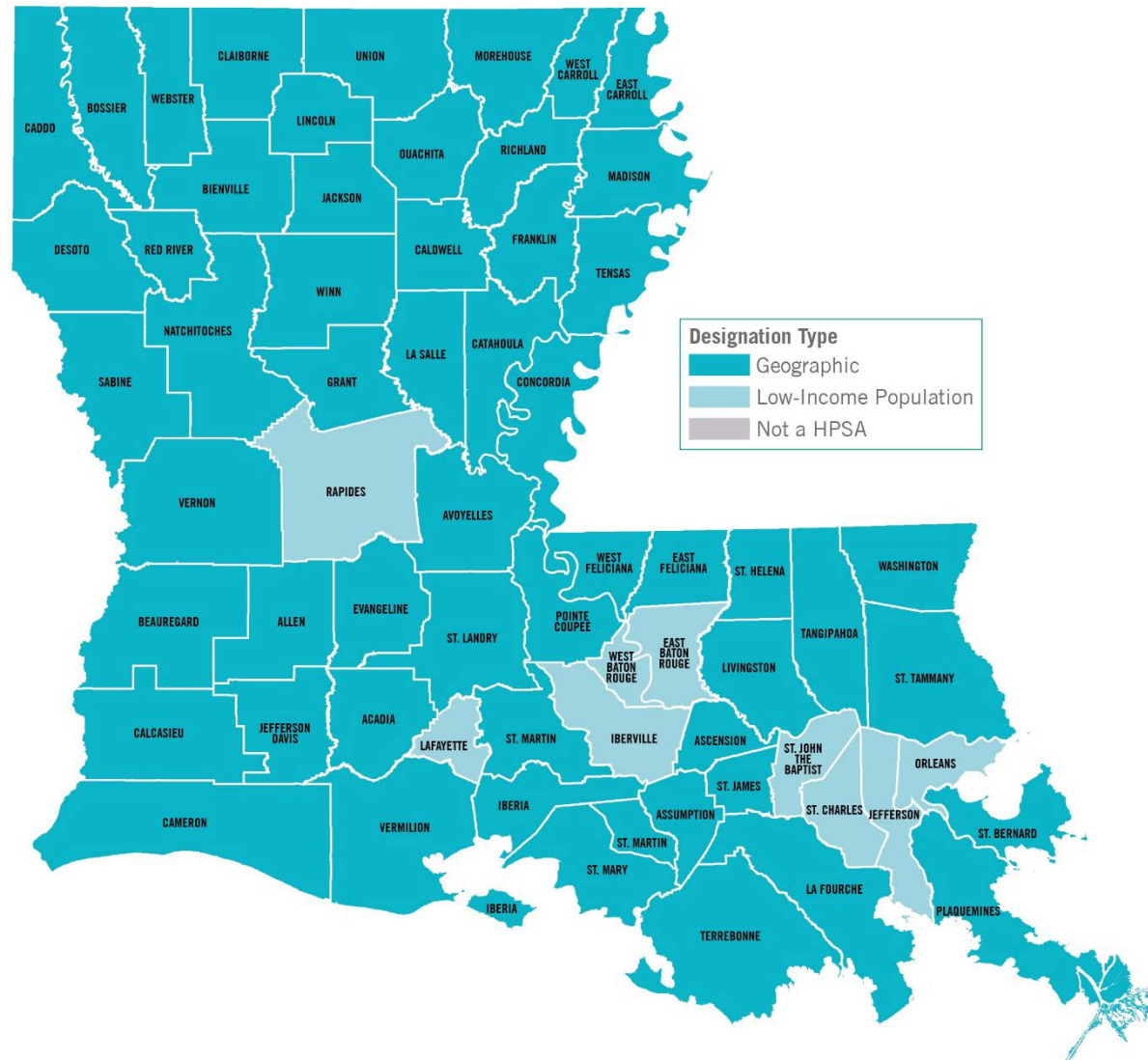
Dental Health HPSA

90% of Louisiana is designated as a Dental Health HPSA



Mental Health HPSA

100% of Louisiana is designated as a Mental Health HPSA





National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan and Scholarship Program

National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

- Awards scholarships to students training to become healthcare workers
- Pay school loans for current primary healthcare workers
- Three key programs:
 - Loan Repayment Program
 - Scholarship Program
 - Student to Service Loan Repayment Program

NHSC Loan Repayment Program

- Service Commitment

- Full-Time Option:

- 2 years of full-time service (minimum 40 hours/week, 45 weeks/year) at an NHSC-approved site.

- Half-Time Option:

- 2 years of half-time service (minimum 20 hours/week, 45 weeks/year) at an NHSC-approved site.

- Financial Benefits

	2 Years Full-Time	2 Years Half-Time
Sites with HPSA Score of 14-26	Up to \$50,000	Up to \$25,000
Sites with HPSA Score of 0-13	Up to \$30,000	Up to \$15,000

NHSC Scholarship Program

- Service Commitment
 - 1-year service commitment per scholarship year or partial scholarship year; 2-year minimum and 4-year maximum
- Financial Benefits
 - Funding for a maximum of 4 years:
 - Tuition
 - Required fees
 - Reasonable educational costs
 - Monthly support stipend

NHSC Student to Service Loan Repayment Program

- Service Commitment
 - Upon completion of residency, years of full-time or 6 years of half-time service:
 - Full-Time Clinical Practice—no less than 40 hours per week, for a minimum of 45 weeks a year
 - Half-Time Clinical Practice—no less than 20 hours per week (not to exceed 39 hours per week), for a minimum of 45 weeks per year
- Financial Benefits
 - Loan repayment assistance up to \$120,000 with 3 years of full-time or 6 years of half-time service

NHSC Loan and Scholarship Program

- Participants in these programs are located in **114** NHSC sites across Louisiana.
- National Health Service Corp-Loan Repayment
 - Louisiana currently has **164** health professionals participating in this program
- NHSC Student to Service Loan Repayment Program
 - Louisiana currently has **4** health professionals participating in this program
- NHSC Scholarship Program
 - Louisiana currently has **5** health professionals participating in this program

State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

State Loan Repayment Program

- Encourages primary care practitioners to serve in HPSAs
- Eligible primary care practitioners include dentists (DDS or DMD) and physicians (allopathic or osteopathic) who have completed a residency in
 - Family Practice
 - General Practice
 - Obstetrics/Gynecology
 - Internal Medicine
 - Pediatrics
 - General Psychiatry

State Loan Repayment Program

- Physicians and Dentists
 - Up to \$30,000 annually
 - Three (3) year initial commitment
- Other Healthcare Professionals
 - Up to \$15,000 annually
 - Three (3) year initial commitment
- The next application cycle should open April 1, 2021

Conrad 30 (J-1 Visa) Waiver Program

J-1 Visa

- Exchange Visitor Visa
- Obtained by international medical graduates who enter the U.S. to complete their medical education through residency or fellowship programs
- Terms of the Visa stipulate the healthcare professional must return to his/her home country to practice for at least two years before petitioning for re-entry into the U.S.

Conrad 30 (J-1 Visa Waiver) Program

- Practice Areas: Primary Care (Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Internal Medicine, Family Practice, General Practice Geriatrics, and Psychiatry)
- Physicians must have completed a US residency in primary care
- Physicians must work in HPSA
 - Louisiana will consider FLEX applicants for a facility not in a HPSA so long as 30% or more of the patients served are residents of the HPSA



Small Town Health Professional Tax Credit Program

Small Town Health Professional Tax Credit Program

- Small Town Health Professionals credits provides an individual income tax for certain healthcare professionals
 - Licensed Primary Care Physicians
 - Primary Care Nurse Practitioners
 - Primary Care Physician Assistants
 - Licensed Dentists
 - Optometrists
- The healthcare professional must establish and maintain their primary office within a HPSA

Small Town Health Professional Tax Credit Program

- 2018 Application Cycle:
 - 262 applications were received
 - 160 applications were approved
 - \$576,000 in tax credits were awarded
- 2019 Application Cycle:
 - 311 applications were received
 - 284 applications were approved
 - \$1,022,400 in tax credits were awarded
- 2020 Application Cycle:
 - NOW OPEN

Rural Recruitment and Retention Network (3RNet)

Rural Recruitment and Retention Network

- Louisiana's Rural Recruitment and Retention Network (3RNet) connects healthcare professionals with job opportunities in rural and underserved communities
- Primary Care Office
 - Works with Rural Health Clinics and FQHCs in developing and posting job opportunities
 - Provides technical assistance to healthcare professionals in establishing a profile and posting a CV on the site

3RNet Impact Statement (1/1-9/21/20)

jobs

Jobs posted/updated

total number of jobs added or updated

93



Jobs active

total number of jobs active through last date in range (jobs are active six months)

47



Jobs viewed

number of times your jobs were looked at

2889



candidates

Location page viewed

number of times your location page and region pages were viewed

1680



Candidates logged in

active candidates logged in with an interest in your state

4220



New candidates

new candidates logged in with an interest in your state

847



employers

Employers active

active employers logged in with an interest in your state

110



New employers

New employers approved with an interest in your state

8



Referrals through 3RNet

How many candidate referrals were sent to employers (e.g. one candidate is sent to ten employers = ten referrals)

400



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Thank You!

