South Carolina Center for
Rural and Primary Healthcare

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Established in 2017 at USC School of Medicine

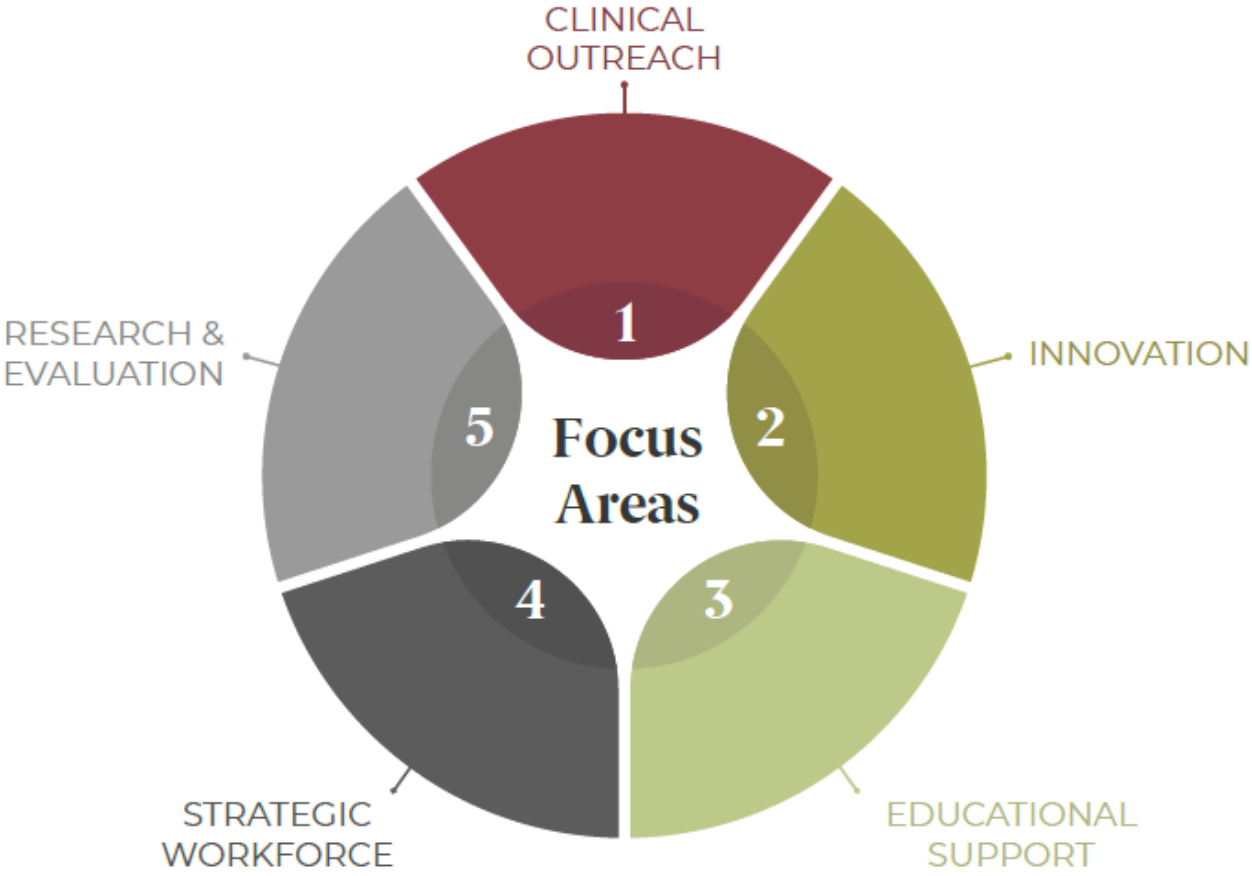
- Mission
  - Support and develop rural and primary care education, delivery, and sustainability in South Carolina through clinical practice, training and research.
- Vision
  - All South Carolinians will have access to high quality and high value healthcare regardless of where they live.
- Collaborative partners
  - Funded through Rural Health Initiative proviso
  - Supported by an Advisory Committee comprised of key stakeholders including SC Office of Rural Health, SC AHEC, SC educational institutions

Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare

Core Objectives:

- Support rural and underserved healthcare providers
- Provide access to specialized services in rural areas
- Improve rural health workforce
- Inform rural health strategy, investment, and policy
- Innovate to address rural health challenges
- Support rural health professions education
- Collaborate to address rural health issues

Review of Statewide Rural Health Initiatives



Impact

Statewide Educational Partnerships	Statewide Innovative Projects	Community Level Interventions	Research and Evaluation	Clinical Service Delivery
• Continued growth in Rural Practice Loan Forgiveness Program • Partnerships spread throughout the state • Rural residency growth • Anti-microbial stewardship	• Entering third year of the statewide Innovations projects • Diverse projects impacting health, workforce and education	• Expanding community impact • FoodShare • Micro-grants for rural practices	• Evaluating ongoing program outcomes • Statewide health services database	• ICARED Program • Growth in patients seen • Growth in communities served

Rural Innovations

Pee Dee Region	Upstate Region	Lowcountry Region	Midlands Region	Statewide
Chesterfield Health Equity Project	Pharmacy Advancement in Rural Experiential Development with the Palmetto Experiential Education Partnership (PAIRED with PEEP)	Foodshare SC	Medically Supervised Weight-Loss Program in a Rural Health Clinic	Improving South Carolina Rural Behavioral Health Workforce Recruitment and Retention
Chesterfield Working Well	Expansion of a Collaborative Care Behavioral Health	Healthy Tri-County Diabetes Prevention Program Expansion	Community Health Worker Pilot Program	Coordinating Healthcare for Correctional Agencies in Rural Setting
HIV PrEP Implementation Toolkit				Rural Practice Enhancement Micro-grants
Rural Primary Care Resident Procedural Training Initiative				Implementation of Evidence-based Cancer Screenings in Rural Health Clinics
Increasing HIV Screening and Linkage to Care for HIV PrEP or HIV Treatment				
Health Education and Active Living				

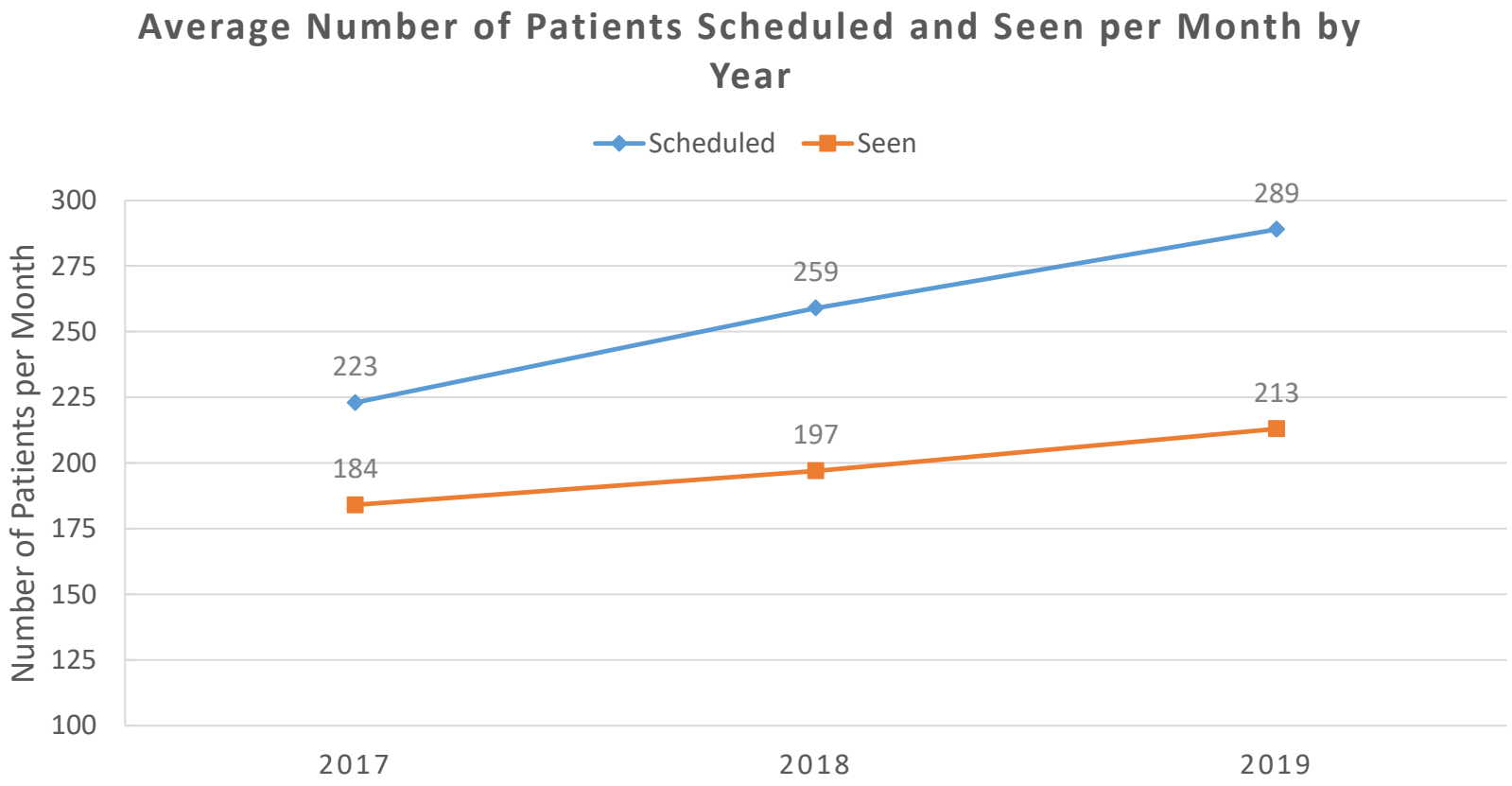
ICARED

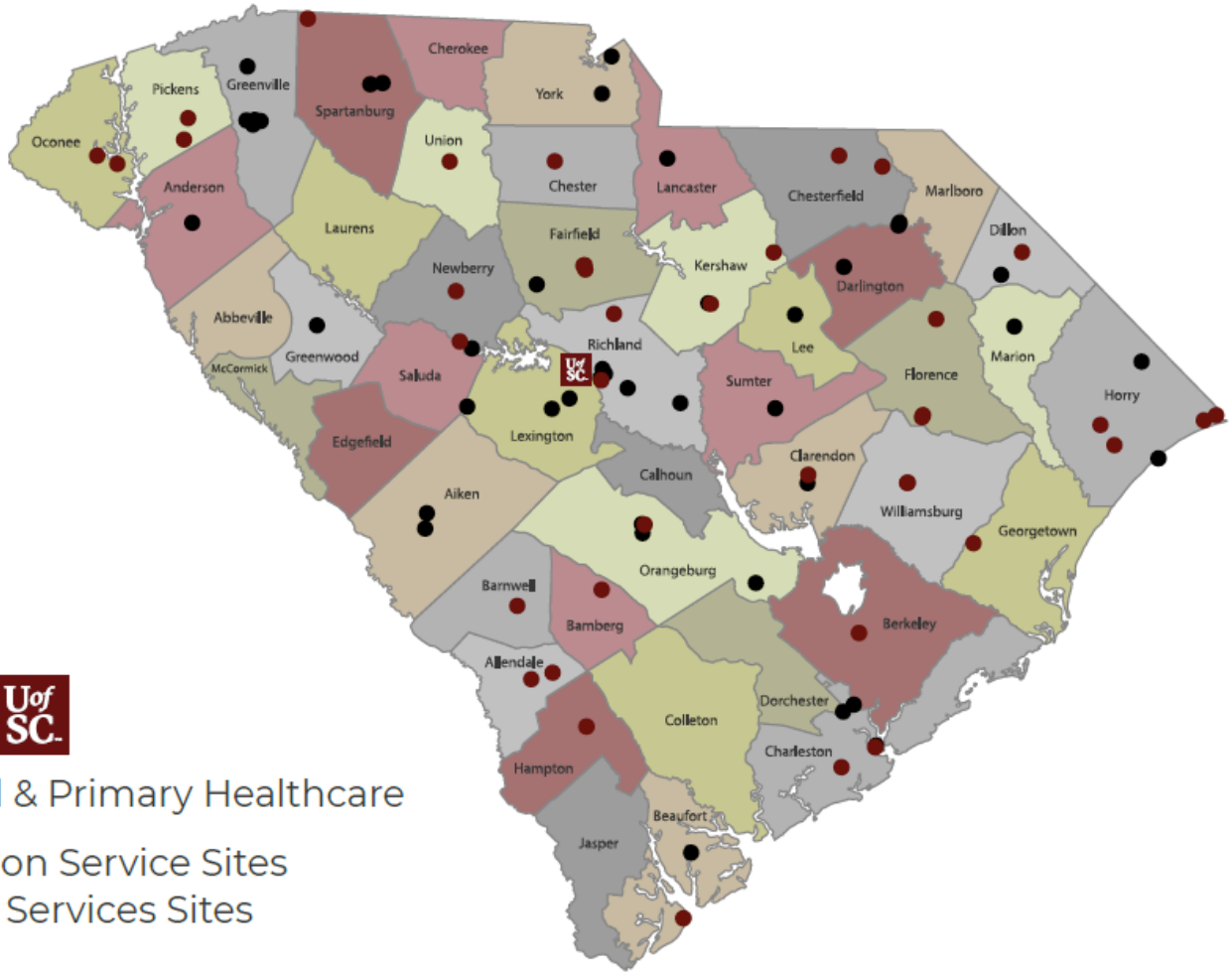
Clinical services delivered to rural communities through “boots on the ground” subspecialists and primary care providers

- Pediatric subspecialties
- Psychiatry
- Infectious Disease
- Family Medicine

Closing care gaps, improving local access to healthcare

Consistent Growth





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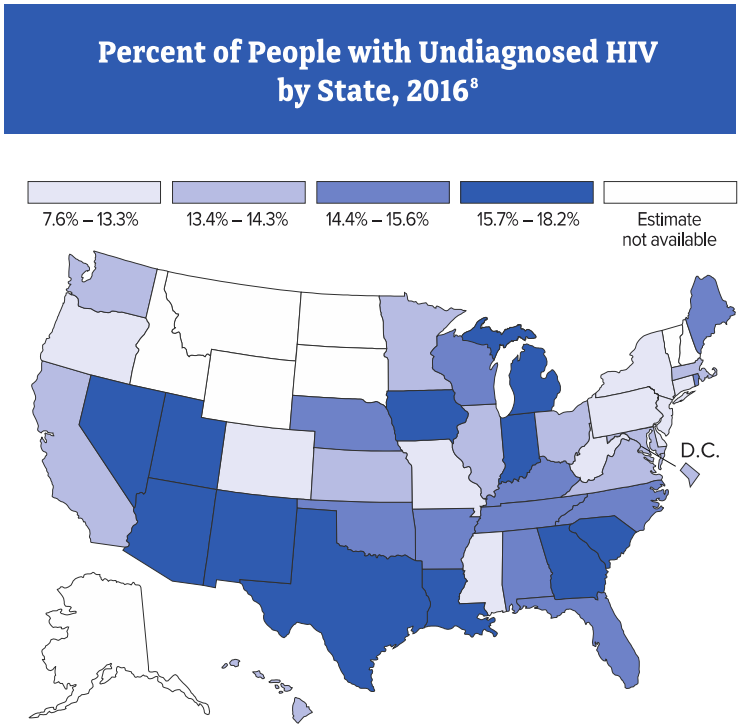
- Innovation Service Sites
- ICARED Services Sites

Key Expansion Targets

- The ICARED Program
- Community Initiatives
- Behavioral Health

- Southern states account 52% of new HIV diagnoses.
- 24% of new diagnoses are in rural or suburban areas - more than any other US region.
- South Carolina is a priority state for future CDC interventions

Centers for Disease Control, Sept. 2019



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Community Level Projects

- Build on successes with partnerships at the community level
- FoodShare SC
- Community Health Workers

Behavioral Health

- Expand Behavioral Health projects through
  - Psychiatry workforce
  - Social Work workforce
  - Community workforce
- Builds on successes of past Innovations, ICARED, and community level projects

Thank you

We welcome any questions

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