

# KORH

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- Other initiatives: The [Bridge Magazine](#)
  - National Health Service Corps promotion (NHSC)
  - EMS Leadership Academy
  - Elder Wellness Enrichment Initiative
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# UKCERH History

The enactment of Kentucky Senate Bill 239 initiated funding for the Center of Excellence in Rural Health to be located in Hazard. The Center Serves as the federally designated Kentucky Office of Rural Health.



Established in 1990 to address health disparities in rural Kentucky

# 2021 – 2022 EWEI Awardees

- Union County Senior Services with Union County EMS - Union County
- Baptist Health Richmond with Kentucky River Foothills Development Council's Senior Citizens Center – Madison County
- Mercy Health Marcum and Wallace Hospital, Horizon Adult Day Care, Estill and County Senior Citizens Center – Estill County

# Impact?

The pilot Elder Wellness Enrichment Initiative covered six projects across the state and reached 281 individuals from our aging population by protecting them from food insecurities, loneliness, and declining mental health as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic.

