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Peers for Progress NRHA Supplemental Resource Guide: Presentations

Innovative Strategies for Rural Diabetes Care

**Title:** [Innovative Strategies for Rural Diabetes Care-Overview](#)

**Presenter:** Doyle Cummings, Berbecker Distinguished Professor of Rural Medicine, East Carolina University, Brody School of Medicine, Greenville, North Carolina

This is a presentation providing an overview of diabetes in rural communities and an integrated care model in diabetes practices at ECU funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The presentation also features community-based self-management support and a patient provider telehealth network built upon a patient center medical home model and the use of technology for remote monitoring.

**Title:** [Diabetes Self Management and Peer Support in Rural Communities](#)

**Presenters:** Renée Boothroyd, Director, Peers for Progress Program Development Center; Edwin Fisher, Global Director, Peers for Progress; and Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

This is a presentation discussing the critical importance of self-management support as framed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Diabetes Initiative and Peers for Progress. It also illustrates both domestic and global application in a rural context, and shares preliminary reflections about connecting support interventions with local physician providers and thoughts about sustainability from the Peers for Progress experience.

**Title:** [Encourage-Evaluating Community Peer Advisors and Diabetes Outcomes in Rural Alabama](#)

**Presenters:** Jewell Halanych, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Sheree Moultry, Pineapple Clinic, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Division of Preventive Medicine, Birmingham, Alabama

This is a presentation on a Peers for Progress grantee project in rural Alabama, ENCOURAGE, which aims to utilize volunteer peer supporters (peer advisors) linked to rural health centers to serve diabetic African Americans. It also introduces the development of a training manual and a cookbook tailored to the targeted population.