

Kristine Sande Bio

Kristine Sande is the Program Director of the Health Workforce Information Center (HWIC), a national online library of information related to the healthcare workforce in the United States that was launched in February 2009. Funded through HRSA's Bureau of Health Professions, HWIC provides free access to the most recent resources on the nation's health workforce in one easy-to-use online location. Resources available through HWIC's Web site help health providers, educators, researchers and policymakers around the nation develop strategies to meet future workforce demands.

Ms. Sande also serves as the Program Director of the Rural Assistance Center, a position she has held since 2005. The Rural Assistance Center, or RAC, serves as the nation's information portal for rural health and human services which helps rural communities and other rural stakeholders access the full range of available programs, funding, and research that can enable them to provide quality health and human services to rural residents.

Ms. Sande previously served as the Project Coordinator of the Rural Assistance Center and as the North Dakota Coordinator of the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program. She was raised on a family farm outside of a North Dakota town of 1,200 people. She has a Bachelor's degree in Economics and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Dakota.

Both the Health Workforce Information Center and the Rural Assistance Center are based at the Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Established in 1980, the Center for Rural Health is one of the nation's most experienced rural health organizations. It has developed a full complement of programs to assist researchers, educators, policymakers, health care providers and, most importantly, rural residents to address changing rural environments by identifying and researching rural health issues, analyzing health policy, strengthening local capabilities, developing community-based alternatives, and advocating for rural concerns.