Designing Rural Responsive Post-Permanency Services

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Designing Rural Responsive Post-Permanency Services highlights the unique challenges adoptive, guardianship, and kinship families in rural communities face, including shortages of adoption-competent providers, transportation and engagement barriers, privacy concerns, stigma, and limited access to specialized supports. The article outlines strategies to address these challenges through telehealth, flexible and relationship-based service models, workforce development, proactive outreach, peer support, and dedicated funding for adoption-competent post-permanency services. It emphasizes that effective rural service systems must be shaped by local communities and grounded in rural families' strengths, culture, and lived experiences.

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