

# Community Health Worker Training Program

Join us for an exciting program for individuals interested in a  
*New career or Expanding skills in their current position*

## WHAT IS A CHW?

A **“Community Health Worker”** is an individual who contributes to improved health outcomes in the community. CHW’s promote health within the community in which they reside and/or share ethnicity, language, socioeconomic status, and life experiences with the community members that the individual serves. A community health worker proactively:

- Serves as a liaison between communities and health care agencies
- Provides guidance and social assistance to community residents
- Enhances community residents’ ability to effectively communicate with health care providers
- Provides culturally and linguistically appropriate health education
- Advocates for individual and community health
- Provides referral and follow-up services or otherwise coordinating care
- Identifies and helps enroll eligible individuals in federal, state, and local private or nonprofit health and human services programs
- Can work in a community-based, inpatient or other healthcare setting

The Eastcentral PA Area Health Education Centers (ECPA AHEC) offers a 100-hour training program designed to provide the core competencies needed for work in community-based and inpatient settings. The training also provides comprehensive information about accessing healthcare and other social/community resources which are specific to the area where the training takes place.

We are an **Accredited Community Health Worker Training Program through the Pennsylvania Certification Board** for those seeking training to become a *Certified Community Health Worker (CCHW)*.

## THE TRAINING IS FOCUSED ON SKILL BUILDING AND INCLUDES:

Core Modules		Additional Modules
Community Health Worker Introduction	Motivational Interviewing	Mental Health First Aid
Communication, Networking, & Conflict	Preventive Care	CPR/AED/First Aid
Boundaries	Becoming a Healthier You	Smile! Oral Health for CHWs
Personal Safety	BenefitsCheck up	Mandated Reporter
Building and Maintaining Relationships	Accident Prevention	
HIPAA Privacy Rule	Opioid Use Disorder	
Documentation	Every Smoker, Every Time	
Health Literacy	Cultural Literacy	
Chronic Disease		

The program includes many visiting presenters who will provide specific information about services offered through their organization. The training is a wonderful way to build your knowledge of services in the area as well as grow your network!

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES** Upon successful completion of the program, participants will obtain certification in:

- CPR/AED/First Aid
- Mental Health First Aid
- Mandated Reporter

**\*Completion of program meets training requirement for Certified Community Health Worker (CCHW) application**



If your organization is interested in having a group of employees trained, the CHW Training can be modified to meet the needs of your organization and the community which you are located.

**For more information about upcoming classes or to schedule a class contact:**

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