Community Health Workers
~ The Trajectory ~

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CHW Success Stories

- 12 years of CHW experience
- 3 state funded care coordination w/ CHW involvement
- 5 year federal grant CHW community program
Major Roles of CHWs in Lake County

- Team members in prenatal care coordination programs
- Initially utilized in maternal child programs or PNCC
- Overseen by prenatal care coordinators
Training for Prenatal Programs

- 40 hr training
- State test with certificate issued by MCH
  ISDH (Indiana State Dept. of Health)
- Since last year, no longer available or required
Our Role with IVY Tech

- 10 years work w/ regional IVY TECH to develop curriculum
  - initial curriculum development
  - training for CDC grant program

- Future trainings of CHWs
CHW Training for CDC grant

- Designed in partnership with local IVY Tech
- CHWs received college credit
- Held at HealthVisions
- IVY Tech instructors
CHW Training Pilot Project
Bridges to Wellness

- 3 day CHW Boot camp
- 2 day disease specific
  - congestive heart failure
  - renal
- CDC CHW curriculum
CHW Training for Upcoming Grants

- 4 day train the trainer
- Training of community volunteer CHWs
  - churches
  - senior centers
  - community agencies
  - restaurants on -save half for later -
Bridges to Wellness

- perspective
- personal skills
- sharing knowledge

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Focus and Future Trends

- Drive CHW initiatives
  - local, state, national

- Develop community awareness of CHW effectiveness via peer to peer models
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