Join the Association

The purpose of the INCHWA is to unite and strengthen Indiana's community health worker infrastructure.

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Please indicate your level of interest by checking the appropriate box below:

- ☐ Member of the Association
- ☐ Receive e-mail notices about resources, trainings and other opportunities
- ☐ Register as a community health worker in a public listing of CHWs in Indiana

Submit your registration to
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Indiana Community Health Worker Association

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Common Titles:

Abuse Counselor **ACCESS WORKER** *Adult Case Manager* **Assistor** Case Coordinator **Certified Application Consultants** **Certified Recovery Specialist** Community Coordinator *Community Counselor* Community Health Advisor Community Health Educator *Care Transition Coordinator* Community Health Representative **Community liaison** COMMUNITY ORGANIZER *Community Outreach Manager* Community Outreach Worker *Community Social Worker* **Discharge Planner** Educator Family Advocate **Family Education Coordinator** Family Support Worker ***Financial Counselor*** Health Advisor Health Advocate HEALTH AGENT Health Assistant **HEALTH BROKER** *Health Communicator* Health Insurance Counselor **HIV Peer Advocate** *HIV Prevention Coordinator* *Home Care Worker* Home Visitor **Home-Based Clinician** Intake Specialist Interpreter **Lay Health Worker/Advisor** Maternal and Child Health Case Manager *Medical Representative* **Mental Health Worker** **Migrant Health Worker** *Navigator* Nutrition Educator Outreach Advocate Outreach Case Manager **Outreach Coordinator** *Outreach Educator* OUTREACH WORKER *Parent Aide* Parent Liaison **Patient Navigator** *Peer Advocate* **Peer Leader** Promotor(a) **Promotor(a) de Salud** Roving Listener **Street Outreach Worker** Youth Development Specialist **Youth Worker**

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Community Health Workers

Reduce Cost

Community health workers (CHWs) help patients prevent costly medical expenses by supporting self management and coaching patients on prevention. CHWs can help to:

- reduce unnecessary hospital readmissions
- complement the medical home model
- connect patients to community based resources to improve health
- gather critical collateral information to enhance provider understanding of needs
- counsel patients on preventive behaviors that are known to curb costs such as tobacco cessation, increasing fruit and vegetable consumption, and facilitating moderate daily physical activity
- follow up and appropriate referral

Improve Care

Community health workers (CHWs) enable patients to adhere to provider recommendations by connecting patients to community-based resources. CHWs can:

- strengthen patients' self-efficacy
- increase patient satisfaction
- improve adherence to medication and provider recommendations
- improve access and quality of care enhance

Social support is an indicator of good health. Community health workers provide social support and greatly enhance personal and community health.

Advance Quality

Community health workers (CHWs) are natural extensions of quality care by connecting patients to local resources that complement provider recommendations. CHWs are integral to:

- 35 states in the U.S. who leverage CHWs to improve care and reduce barriers
- delivering quality care when part of a clinical team
- advocating for environmental supports to prevent and manage chronic disease
- linking community and clinical health systems to support population health

Your Partner in Health

American Public Health Association's definition of CHWs

A Community Health Worker (CHW) is a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has an unusually close understanding of the community served. This trusting relationship enables the CHW to serve as a liaison/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery.

A CHW also builds individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities such as outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support and advocacy.

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Provider Taxonomy

As of July 1, 2007, the Provider Taxonomy of the National Uniform Claims Committee has a provider code for CHWs which can be used in fee-for-service claims systems.

U.S. Department of Labor

Standard Occupational Classification 21-1094.