Join the Association

The purpose of the initiative is to seek greater clarity on the existing statewide infrastructure of and support for community health workers (CHWs) as a means of formally integrating CHWs into the public health and health care delivery systems.

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Please indicate your level of interest by checking the appropriate box below:
☐ Membership
☐ Receive e-mail notices about resources, trainings and other opportunities
☐ Register as a community health worker in a public listing of CHWs in Indiana

Common Titles:
Abuse Counselor ACCESS WORKER Adult Case Manager Assessor Community Coordinator
Certified Recovery Specialist Community Coordinator Community Health Advisor Community Health Coach
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 EDUCATOR
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 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

Submit your registration to INcommunityhealth@gmail.com

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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.