

"Amazing class! All the time, energy and implementation of this program was well done and truly assists CHWs in becoming more effective in healthcare."

—Debbi from Tacoma



"I have nothing but good things to say about this program. I have been in Tribal health for 16 years and it has allowed me to refresh some knowledge."

—Patsy from Sequim

"I loved our online training course, especially how easy it was to navigate. I have learned many new things that I have already started using on a daily basis."

—Heather in Wenatchee

"I really enjoyed this class. I loved the feeling that I got from it—like it was created and tailored for me, a community health worker."

—Christine from Yakima



Community Health Workers Understand Their Communities.

They are trusted sources of information on health and social services. They help improve the quality and cultural sensitivity of services. They build knowledge about personal health and self-care of community members. They engage in outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support, and advocacy.

Shared Resources and Funding

This statewide training model started in October 2012 through partnerships with the Comprehensive Health Education Foundation (C.H.E.F.®) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Our staff serve as online training facilitators. Local health educators serve as co-trainers during the two in-person sessions.

Check the schedule and registration page for a time and location near you:

<http://hcwcommunityhealthworker.org/>



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COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER Training Program



Healthy Communities
Washington

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This online training will strengthen the skills, knowledge, and abilities of staff who help connect community members with health and social services. It is an eight-week course. It includes two days of in-person training and six weeks of activities on-line, working with a facilitator. The course includes group forums, individual assignments, quizzes, and evaluations.

The Need

All of us deserve the highest level of health. Yet there is a gap between the health of the majority of people in our state and people who are in racial or ethnic minority groups or who experience discrimination. We know from research that community health workers can help close this gap.

The Timing

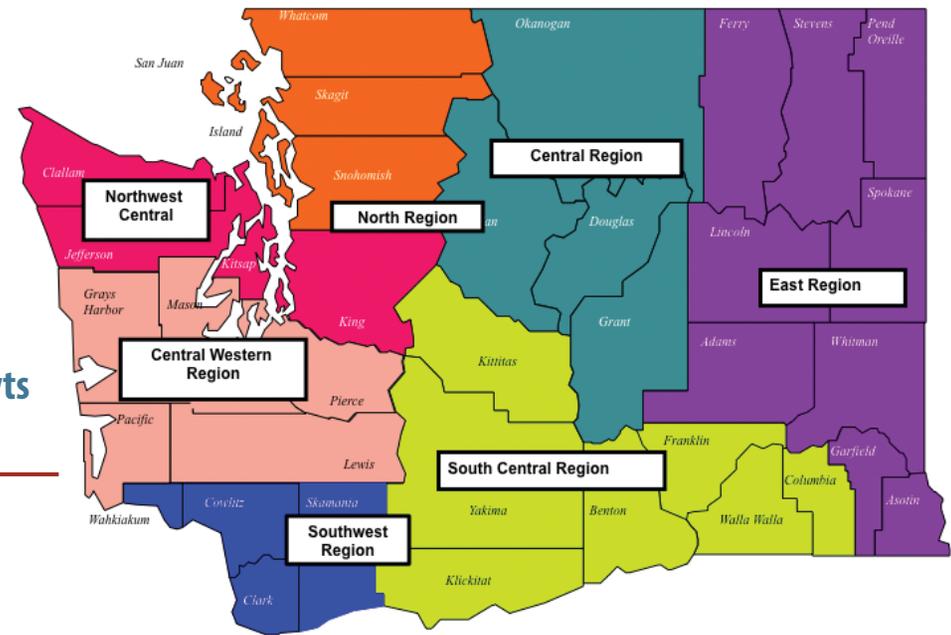
This training will help our state prepare for changes under the Affordable Care Act. Many parts of the new health care reform law start this year. One of these is the use of community health workers, who help people understand the system and connect to health services. Having well-trained community health workers means greater success in getting health coverage and services.

Our Goal

We will conduct training across seven regions of Washington state. Our goal is train 500 community health workers each year.

Offered regionally multiple times each year.
For locations nearest you, visit:

www.doh.wa.gov/chwts



Who Should Attend?

- Outreach Workers
- Health Educators
- Resource Advocates
- Care Coordinators
- Family Support Staff
- Patient Navigators
- Peer Counselors
- Nurse and Medical Assistants
- Nurses
- Eligibility Specialists
- Case Managers
- Patient Advocates
- Clinic Directors

What Is Covered?

Learn and practice core skills in:

- Understanding the role and boundaries of community health workers
- Communication
- Cultural competency
- Organization
- Documentation
- Assessment
- Coordinating services

The Benefits

- The training is free
- Participants get a certificate of completion
- Thirty hours of continuing education
- Access to Community Health Worker network
- Consistent skills with colleagues
- Online training from home or work
- Graduates can enroll in eight other online health modules



Register in Your Region

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