

What is a Community Health Worker?

Community Health Worker (CHW)
Core Consensus Project



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What is the CHW Core Consensus Project?

The aims of the Community Health Worker Core Consensus Project **are to expand cohesion in the field and to contribute to the visibility and greater understanding of the full potential of Community Health Workers (CHWs)** to improve health, community development, and access to systems of care.


Core Community Health Worker Roles

1. Cultural Mediation Among Individuals, Communities, and Health and Social Service Systems
2. Providing Culturally Appropriate Health Education and Information
3. Care Coordination, Case Management, and System Navigation
4. Providing Coaching and Social Support
5. Advocating for Individuals and Communities
6. Building Individual and Community Capacity
7. Providing Direct Service
8. Implementing Individual and Community Assessments
9. Conducting Outreach
10. Participating in Evaluation and Research

Core Community Health Worker Skills

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| 1. | Communication Skills |
| 2. | Interpersonal and Relationship-Building Skills |
| 3. | Service Coordination and Navigation Skills |
| 4. | Capacity Building Skills |
| 5. | Advocacy Skills |
| 6. | Education and Facilitation Skills |
| 7. | Individual and Community Assessment Skills |
| 8. | Outreach Skills |
| 9. | Professional Skills and Conduct |
| 10. | Evaluation and Research Skills |
| 11. | Knowledge Base |

Many diverse individuals and organizations played an important role in helping the C3 Project team work to build national consensus and explore issues of central importance to the CHW field overall. Both CHWs and CHW allies were at the center of this work. Go to this website to see all collaborative individuals and organizations that participated in this project and additional resources. <https://www.c3project.org/>

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