

# Community Health Workers: Partners in Oral Health

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The Center for Community Health Alignment (CCHA) is led by a team of diverse, experienced Community Health Workers, CCHA provides training, technical assistance, capacity building and advocacy for and by the CHW workforce.

**CCHA's** mission is to use evidence-based models and meaningful engagement strategies to co-create solutions with community leaders that address health inequities beginning with South Carolina, and now regionally and nationally.

envision is a collaboration of expert community health workers (CHWs) and CHW allies whose value-centered mission is to support CHW programs and networks in expanding and maximizing CHW leadership and the potential of the CHW workforce.

envision's mission is to partner with CHWs, CHW Allies and organizations to elevate and sustain the CHW workforce



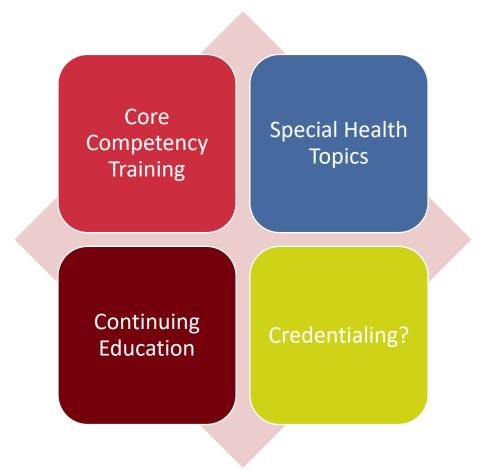
## **Community Health Workers**

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.

**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.



## **Training & Education**





## **CHWs & Oral Health**

Share basic oral health information with community members

Liaison between oral health provider & community members

Educate oral health providers on the needs of communities

Identify barriers to care and seek solutions

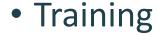
Advocate for oral health





## Joining the Fight For Oral Health







- Integration of oral health in daily work
- Engagement in the oral health movement
- Billing opportunities
- Partnerships with providers





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