

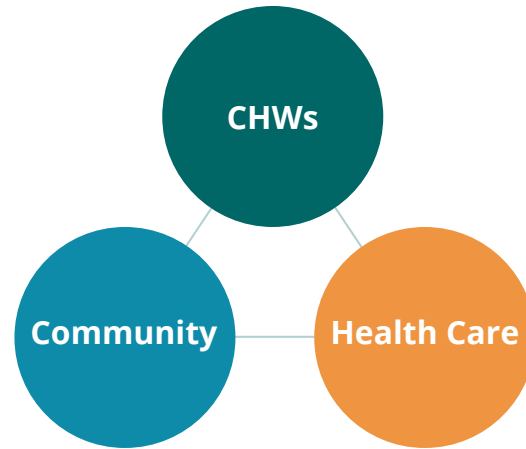
Community Health Workers in Ohio

Key Facts from the 2018 Ohio Community Health Worker Statewide Assessment

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER?

"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" (American Public Health Association, 2018).

OHIO CHWs: A BRIDGE BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND HEALTH CARE



Share common traits with the community in terms of:

- Zip code
- Socioeconomic status
- Race/ethnicity
- Life experience

Often provide:

- Culturally appropriate health education
- Advocacy for clients
- Care coordination
- Direct health services
- Home visiting

TOP 5 HEALTH CONDITIONS OHIO CHWs ADDRESS



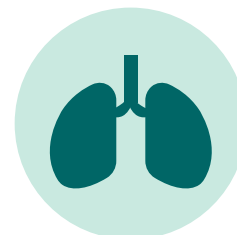
Mental Health



Diabetes



High Blood Pressure

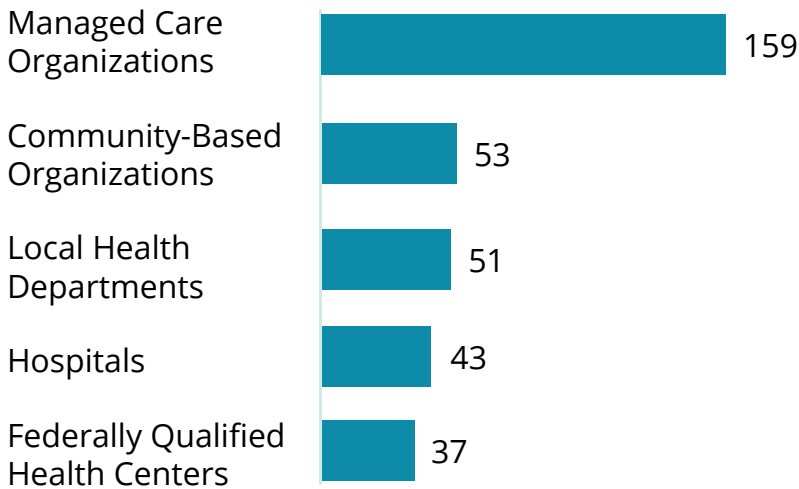


Asthma



Obesity

WHERE DO MOST CHWs IN OHIO WORK?



WHO DO CHWs IN OHIO SERVE?



Adult Males



Pregnant Women



Adult Females



Infants and Children

OHIO CHWs BY THE NUMBERS

850*

Certified and non-certified

94%

Female

46%

African American

44%

Caucasian

100%

All Ohio Counties served

**The total number of CHWs reported is likely underestimated*

WHAT CHWs WANT TO SUSTAIN THE PROFESSION IN OHIO

Clearly defined scope of practice in Ohio with possible title protection

An annual CHW conference to provide continuing education and professional development

A centralized source for CHW information on training, certification, continuing education, and employment opportunities

Have the CHW profession and role known by all providers and professionals in Ohio starting with provider training on the role of CHWs

Stronger advocacy for the CHW profession



Find more information on the 2018 Community Health Worker Statewide Assessment at <http://grc.osu.edu/OhioCHWs>

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