CHW Bibliometric Analysis – CHW Central Results

1. [Adolescent Health and CHWs](http://www.chwcentral.org/adolescent-health-and-chws)

Introduction

This literature review is designed to help us understand and address current issues in  
adolescent health. By linking adolescent health outcomes with Community Health Workers,  
our attempt was to evaluate what literature exists while also highlighting the gaps in  
research and evaluation both domestically and internationally. Recent approaches to  
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Author(s): Literature Review of Adolescent Health

1. [Mounting Evidence of the Effectiveness and Versatility of Community Health Workers](http://www.chwcentral.org/mounting-evidence-effectiveness-and-versatility-community-health-workers)

Recent years have proven that community health workers serve important roles in healthcare systems, including in the United States. This article briefly discusses the effectiveness and versatility of community health workers and their various roles in healthcare delivery systems. The evidence demonstrates the effectiveness of community health workers in many diverse public health-related roles...

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Author(s): Stewart Landers and Mira Levinson

1. [Community Health Workers: a Resource to Support Antipsychotic Medication Adherence](http://www.chwcentral.org/community-health-workers-resource-support-antipsychotic-medication-adherence)

Community health workers are becoming increasingly integrated into medical settings for the prevention, treatment, and control of chronic disease, particularly for underserved populations. One specific population that may benefit from CHW intervention is individuals with severe mental illnesses such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. This commentary examines the ways in which CHWs may be...

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Author(s): Caitlin Allen, Michael Sugarman, and Ashley Wennerstrom

1. [Community health worker training and certification programs in the United States: Findings from a national survey](http://www.chwcentral.org/community-health-worker-training-and-certification-programs-united-states-findings-national-survey)

This paper analyzes trends and various approaches to professional development in U.S. community health worker training and certification programs using a national survey of these training programs. Three trends were identified from the national survey results and data collection: (1) schooling at the community college level—provides career advancement opportunities; (2) on-the-job training—...

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Author(s): Bita Arbab Kash, Marlynn Lee May, Ming Tai-Seale

1. [Role and Effectiveness of Community Health Workers among Underserved US Populations](http://www.chwcentral.org/role-and-effectiveness-community-health-workers-among-underserved-us-populations)

This paper focuses on the role and documented effectiveness of CHWs in terms of quality, health care services, cost health services, as well as health behaviors and knowledge about the health care system among underserved populations in the United States. Sixty-five peer reviewed articles and publications were analyzed and compiled as data for this study, many of which indicate that CHW...

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Author(s): Hibo H. Noor

1. [Integrating Community Health Workers Within Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Implementation](http://www.chwcentral.org/integrating-community-health-workers-within-patient-protection-and-affordable-care-act)

With the introduction of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’s (PPACA), a unique opportunity to integrate community health worker models into health care delivery exists. This article discusses several different strategies for integrating CHW models within PPACA implementation through facilitated enrollment strategies, patient-centered medical homes, coordination and expansion of...

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Author(s): Nadia Islam, PhD, Smiti Kapadia Nadkarni, MPH, Deborah Zahn, MPH, Megan Skillman, BA, Simona C. Kwon, DrPH, and Chau Trinh-Shevrin, DrPH

1. [Patient-Centered Community Health Worker Intervention to Improve Posthospital Outcomes: A Randomized Clinical Trial](http://www.chwcentral.org/patient-centered-community-health-worker-intervention-improve-posthospital-outcomes-randomized-0)

Socioeconomic and behavioral factors can negatively influence posthospital outcomes among patients of low socioeconomic status (SES). Traditional hospital personnel often lack the time, skills, and community linkages required to address these factors. During hospital admission, CHWs worked with patients to create individualized action plans for achieving patients’ stated goals for recovery....

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Author(s): Shreya Kangovi, MD, MS; Nandita Mitra, PhD; David Grande, MD, MPA; Mary L. White; Sharon McCollum; Jeffrey Sellman, BA; Richard P. Shannon, MD; Judith A. Long, MD

1. [Patient-Centered Community Health Worker Intervention to Improve Posthospital Outcomes A Randomized Clinical Trial](http://www.chwcentral.org/patient-centered-community-health-worker-intervention-improve-posthospital-outcomes-randomized)

Objective:  To determine whether a tailored community health worker (CHW) intervention would improve posthospital outcomes among low-SES patients.

Results:  Using intention-to-treat analysis, we found that intervention patients were more likely to obtain timely posthospital primary care, to report high-quality discharge communication, and to show greater improvements in mental health...

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Author(s): Shreya Kangovi; Nandita Mitra; David Grande; Mary L. White; Sharon McCollum; Jeffrey Sellman; Richard P. Shannon; Judith A. Long

1. [An Action Guide on Community Health Workers (CHWs): Guidance for the CHW Workforce](http://www.chwcentral.org/action-guide-community-health-workers-chws-guidance-chw-workforce)

This guide may be helpful to members, or prospective members, of the CHW workforce in a variety of ways. It summarizes evidence-based best practices that CHWs should seek to adopt or reinforce in their work with patients and families. It delineates possible quality indicators for high-quality CHW programs. This guide also provides background on key state policy matters related to the training...

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1. [An Action Guide on Community Health Workers (CHWs): Guidance for Organizations Working With CHWs](http://www.chwcentral.org/action-guide-community-health-workers-chws-guidance-organizations-working-chws)

This guide provides information that may be helpful in various ways for organizations considering the employment of CHWs. It summarizes evidence-based best practices that organizations may wish to adopt or reinforce. It delineates possible quality indicators for high-quality CHW programs that may be used in discussions with payers. It provides background on key state policy matters related to...

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1. [Opportunities for Community Health Workers in the Era of Health Reform](http://www.chwcentral.org/opportunities-community-health-workers-era-health-reform)

Health reform has created a watershed moment for community health workers (CHWs). Both coverage expansions and a new focus on creating value in health care offer new opportunities for CHWs. This paper assesses existing impediments to and enablers of the expansion of CHW employment. It catalogues how the ACA and other health reform efforts affect prospects for sustainable employment for CHWs....

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Author(s): Randall R. Bovbjerg, Lauren Eyster, Barbara A. Ormond, Theresa Anderson, Elizabeth Richardson

1. [The Evolution, Expansion, and Effectiveness of Community Health Workers](http://www.chwcentral.org/evolution-expansion-and-effectiveness-community-health-workers)

In the past decade, the community health worker (CHW) profession in the United States has increased its visibility, but its potential contributions remain underappreciated and more permanent financing is elusive. This paper describes the current state of knowledge about how and where CHWs can contribute effectively, where barriers inhibit efficient deployment of CHWs, and what business models...

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1. [Integrating Community Health Workers into a Reformed Health Care System](http://www.chwcentral.org/integrating-community-health-workers-reformed-health-care-system-0)

Community health workers (CHWs) can help to achieve the goals of the Affordable Care Act—better health, better care, and lower costs. CHWs are typically laypeople whose close connections with a community enable them to win trust and improve health and health services for those they serve. However, challenges with financing structures, workforce training, and service organization can hinder the...

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Author(s): Randall R. Bovbjerg, Lauren Eyster, Barbara A. Ormond, Theresa Anderson, Elizabeth Richardson

1. [Protocol for the Northern Manhattan Diabetes Community Outreach Project. A randomised trial of a community health worker intervention to improve diabetes care in Hispanic adults](http://www.chwcentral.org/protocol-northern-manhattan-diabetes-community-outreach-project-randomised-trial-community-health)

Hispanics in the USA are affected by the diabetes epidemic disproportionately, and they consistently have lower access to care, poorer control of the disease and higher risk of complications. This study evaluates whether a community health worker (CHW) intervention may improve clinically relevant markers of diabetes care in adult underserved Hispanics. The Northern Manhattan Diabetes Community...

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Author(s): Palmas W, Teresi JA, Findley S, Mejia M, Batista M, Kong J, Silver S, Luchsinger JA, Carrasquillo O.

1. [The Care Span: Medicaid savings resulted when community health workers matched those with needs to home and community care.](http://www.chwcentral.org/care-span-medicaid-savings-resulted-when-community-health-workers-matched-those-needs-home-and)

The Affordable Care Act of 2010 builds on earlier efforts to expand home and community-based alternatives to institutional long-term care. Identifying people living in the community who have unmet long-term care needs and who may be at risk for entering nursing homes may be crucial to these efforts. The Arkansas Community Connector Program used specially trained community health workers to...

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Author(s): Felix HC, Mays GP, Stewart MK, Cottoms N, Olson M.

1. [The Mexican-American Trial of Community Health workers (MATCH): design and baseline characteristics of a randomized controlled trial testing a culturally tailored community diabetes self-management intervention.](http://www.chwcentral.org/mexican-american-trial-community-health-workers-match-design-and-baseline-characteristics-randomized)

Community Health Workers (CHWs) have been recommended to reduce diabetes disparities, but few robust trials of this approach have been conducted. Limitations of prior studies include: unspecified a priori outcomes; lack of blinded outcome assessments; high participant attrition rates; and lack of attention to intervention fidelity. These limitations reflect challenges in balancing methodologic...

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Author(s): Rothschild SK, Martin MA, Swider SM, Lynas CT, Avery EF, Janssen I, Powell LH.

1. [Program planners' perspectives of promotora roles, recruitment, and selection.](http://www.chwcentral.org/program-planners-perspectives-promotora-roles-recruitment-and-selection)

Program planners work with promotoras (the Spanish term for female community health workers) to reduce health disparities among underserved populations. Based on the Role-Outcomes Linkage Evaluation Model for Community Health Workers (ROLES) conceptual model, we explored how program planners conceptualized the promotora role and the approaches and strategies they used to recruit, select, and...

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Author(s): Koskan AM, Hilfinger Messias DK, Friedman DB, Brandt HM, Walsemann KM.

1. [Training of community health workers to deliver cancer patient navigation to rural African American seniors.](http://www.chwcentral.org/training-community-health-workers-deliver-cancer-patient-navigation-rural-african-american-seniors)

Rural-dwelling African American (AA) seniors with cancer may experience significant challenges that can lead to disparities in cancer-related outcomes and overall quality of life. There is a need for sustainable, culturally appropriate support for these seniors and their support persons within the communities they live in. Prior research has shown that cancer patient navigation (CPN) delivered...

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Author(s): Klimmek RK, Noyes E, Edington-Saunders K, Logue C, Jones R, Wenzel J.

1. [Designing a community-based lay health advisor training curriculum to address cancer health disparities.](http://www.chwcentral.org/designing-community-based-lay-health-advisor-training-curriculum-address-cancer-health-disparities)

Racial and ethnic minorities have disproportionately higher cancer incidence and mortality than their White counterparts. In response to this inequity in cancer prevention and care, community-based lay health advisors (LHAs) may be suited to deliver effective, culturally relevant, quality cancer education, prevention/screening, and early detection services for underserved populations....

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Author(s): Gwede CK, Ashley AA, McGinnis K, Montiel-Ishino FA, Standifer M, Baldwin J, Williams C, Sneed KB, Wathington D, Dash-Pitts L, Green BL.

1. [Understanding barriers to and facilitators of diabetes control and prevention in the New York City Bangladeshi community: a mixed-methods approach.](http://www.chwcentral.org/understanding-barriers-and-facilitators-diabetes-control-and-prevention-new-york-city-bangladeshi)

This report presents results from the formative stage of a community health worker intervention designed to improve diabetes management among Bangladeshi patients in New York City. Trained community health workers conducted focus groups and surveys with Bangladeshi individuals recruited from community locations. Results indicated that participants faced numerous barriers to care, had high...

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Author(s): Islam NS, Tandon D, Mukherji R, Tanner M, Ghosh K, Alam G, Haq M, Rey MJ, Trinh-Shevrin C.

1. [Evaluating the training of Filipino American community health advisors to disseminate colorectal cancer screening.](http://www.chwcentral.org/evaluating-training-filipino-american-community-health-advisors-disseminate-colorectal-cancer)

Community health advisor-led interventions are associated with improved health promotion behaviors, such as cancer screening, but the process of training community health advisors is rarely described and evaluated. We trained 91 Filipino Americans from 19 organizations to conduct small-group sessions with members of their organizations to promote colorectal cancer screening. Community health...

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Author(s): Maxwell AE, Danao LL, Cayetano RT, Crespi CM, Bastani R.

1. [Community Health Worker Hepatitis B Education for Cambodian American Men and Women](http://www.chwcentral.org/community-health-worker-hepatitis-b-education-cambodian-american-men-and-women)

Cambodian Americans have high rates of chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and liver cancer. There is very limited information about the utility of community health worker (CHW) approaches to cancer education for Asian American men. We have previously reported our positive findings from a trial of CHW education about HBV for Cambodian Americans who had never been tested for HBV. This...

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Author(s): Taylor VM, Burke NJ, Sos C, Do HH, Liu Q, Yasui Y.

1. [Evaluation of a community health worker pilot intervention to improve diabetes management in Bangladeshi immigrants with type 2 diabetes in New York City.](http://www.chwcentral.org/evaluation-community-health-worker-pilot-intervention-improve-diabetes-management-bangladeshi)

The purpose of this study is to explore the impact and feasibility of a pilot Community Health Worker (CHW) intervention to improve diabetes management among Bangladeshi-American individuals with type 2 diabetes living in New York City. Improvements were seen in diabetes knowledge, exercise and diet to control diabetes, frequency of checking feet, medication compliance, and self-efficacy of...

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Author(s): Islam NS, Wyatt LC, Patel SD, Shapiro E, Tandon SD, Mukherji BR, Tanner M, Rey MJ, Trinh-Shevrin C.

1. [Transforming the delivery of care in the post-health reform era: what role will community health workers play?](http://www.chwcentral.org/transforming-delivery-care-post-health-reform-era-what-role-will-community-health-workers-play)

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) affords opportunities to sustain the role of community health workers (CHWs). Among myriad strategies encouraged by PPACA are prevention and care coordination, particularly for chronic diseases, chief drivers of increased health care costs. Prevention and care coordination are functions that have been performed by CHWs for decades,...

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Author(s): Martinez J, Ro M, Villa NW, Powell W, Knickman JR.

1. [The role of community health workers (CHWs) in health promotion research: ethical challenges and practical solutions.](http://www.chwcentral.org/role-community-health-workers-chws-health-promotion-research-ethical-challenges-and-practical)

This article aims to describe the role of community health workers (CHWs) in health promotion research and address the challenges and ethical concerns associated with this research approach. Findings reveal a number of challenges that investigators and project managers encounter when working with CHWs on research projects involving the community. These include characteristics inherent to CHWs...

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Author(s): Terpstra J, Coleman KJ, Simon G, Nebeker C.

1. [Knowledge and Behavioral Effects in Cardiovascular Health: Community Health Worker Health Disparities Initiative, 2007–2010](http://www.chwcentral.org/knowledge-and-behavioral-effects-cardiovascular-health-community-health-worker-health-disparities)

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, and disparities in cardiovascular health exist among African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics, and Filipinos. The Community Health Worker Health Disparities Initiative of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) includes culturally tailored curricula taught by community health workers (CHWs) to...

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Author(s): Margarita Hurtado et al.

1. [Exploring the role of community health workers in providing cancer navigation: perceptions of African American older adults.](http://www.chwcentral.org/exploring-role-community-health-workers-providing-cancer-navigation-perceptions-african-american)

Cancer outcomes are unequally distributed across racial and ethnic groups, with minorities experiencing worse outcomes, particularly in overall survival. Several groups have recommended employing community health workers (CHWs) to help eliminate disparities. By identifying and addressing barriers to adherence to cancer screening or treatment recommendations and working with patients to...

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Author(s): Wenzel J, Jones R, Klimmek R, Szanton S, Krumm S.

1. [A Wellness Course for Community Health Workers in Alaska: "wellness lives in the heart of the community".](http://www.chwcentral.org/wellness-course-community-health-workers-alaska-wellness-lives-heart-community)

This study aims to develop, implement, and evaluate a culturally respectful Wellness Course with and for Alaska's village-based Community Health Workers (CHWs) to support community health promotion and disease prevention.This article describes Wellness Course development, implementation, and evaluation. Five 5-day Wellness Courses were provided for 55 CHWs from communities throughout Alaska. ...

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Author(s): Cueva M, Hicks T, Kuhnley R, Cueva K.

1. [Innovative primary care delivery in rural Alaska: a review of patient encounters seen by community health aides.](http://www.chwcentral.org/innovative-primary-care-delivery-rural-alaska-review-patient-encounters-seen-community-health-aide-0)

For more than 50 years, Community Health Aides and Community Health Practitioners (CHA/Ps) have resided in and provided care for the residents of their villages. This study is a systematic description of the clinical practice of primary care health workers in rural Alaska communities. This is the first evaluation of the scope of health problems seen by these lay health workers in their remote...

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Ethical principles of community-based participatory research (CBPR)--specifically, community engagement, mutual learning, action-reflection, and commitment to sustainability--are particularly relevant in cancer disparities research because vulnerable populations are often construed to be powerless, supposedly benefiting from programs over which they have no control. The long history of...

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Author(s): Smith SA, Blumenthal DS.

1. [Quality Improvement in Diabetes Care Using Community Health Workers](http://www.chwcentral.org/quality-improvement-diabetes-care-using-community-health-workers)

Community health centers take care of patients who are at high risk for adverse medical outcomes because of poverty, linguistic isolation, poor education, and poor health habits. Because of their population focus, health centers are positioned to implement systems-level changes affecting many patients. This article discusses the quality improvement initiatives at Holyoke Health Center with the...

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Author(s): Jon Liebman and Dawn Heffernan

1. [Teaching how, not what: the contributions of community health workers to diabetes self-management.](http://www.chwcentral.org/teaching-how-not-what-contributions-community-health-workers-diabetes-self-management)

The purpose of this study is to describe ways in which community health workers (CHWs) are used in various clinic and community settings to support diabetes self-management (DSM). The assistance CHWs reported providing was most often in form of encouragement/motivation. During interviews, patients shared that CHWs were helpful in demonstrating how to incorporate DSM into their daily lives....

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Author(s): Davis KL, O'Toole ML, Brownson CA, Llanos P, Fisher EB.

1. [Measuring return on investment of outreach by community health workers.](http://www.chwcentral.org/measuring-return-investment-outreach-community-health-workers)

Community health workers (CHWs) are effective in improving access to health care, promoting client knowledge and behavior change, and contributing to improved health status of individuals. However, few outreach programs have evaluated the financial impact of CHWs on health care systems and policies. A longitudinal repeated measures design was used to assess the return on investment (ROI) of...

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Author(s): Whitley EM, Everhart RM, Wright RA.

1. [Do community health worker interventions improve rates of screening mammography in the United States? A systematic review.](http://www.chwcentral.org/do-community-health-worker-interventions-improve-rates-screening-mammography-united-states)

Community health workers (CHW) are lay individuals who are trained to serve as liaisons between members of their communities and health care providers and services. A systematic review was conducted to synthesize evidence from all prospective controlled studies on effectiveness of CHW programs in improving screening mammography rates. Participation in a CHW intervention was associated with a...

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Author(s): Wells KJ, Luque JS, Miladinovic B, Vargas N, Asvat Y, Roetzheim RG, Kumar A.

1. [Comprehensive asthma management for underserved children.](http://www.chwcentral.org/comprehensive-asthma-management-underserved-children)

In response to the 'asthma epidemic', local organisations in San Francisco formed the Yes We Can Urban Asthma Partnership, which uses a comprehensive medical/social model for paediatric asthma care. The Yes We Can Urban Asthma Partnership reaches out to high-risk children in different clinical settings: urgent visits, the hospital, a comprehensive specialty asthma clinic, and through an...

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Author(s): Thyne SM, Marmor AK, Madden N, Herrick G.

1. [Promotoras as Mental Health Practitioners in Primary Care: A Multi-Method Study of an Intervention to Address Contextual Sources of Depression](http://www.chwcentral.org/promotoras-mental-health-practitioners-primary-care-multi-method-study-intervention-address)

We assessed the role of promotoras—briefly trained community health workers—in depression care at community health centers. The intervention focused on four contextual sources of depression in underserved, low-income communities: underemployment, inadequate housing, food insecurity, and violence. After a structured training program, primary care practitioners (PCPs) and promotoras...

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Author(s): Howard Waitzkin, Christina Getrich, Shirley Heying, Laura Rodríguez, Anita Parmar, Cathleen Willging, Joel Yager, and Richard Santos

1. [Effectiveness of a community health worker intervention among African American and Latino adults with type 2 diabetes: a randomized controlled trial.](http://www.chwcentral.org/effectiveness-community-health-worker-intervention-among-african-american-and-latino-adults-type-2)

This research tested the effectiveness of a culturally tailored, behavioral theory-based community health worker intervention for improving glycemic control. Using an empowerment-based approach, community health workers provided participants with diabetes self-management education and regular home visits, and accompanied them to a clinic visit during the 6-month intervention period. This study...

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Author(s): Spencer MS, Rosland AM, Kieffer EC, Sinco BR, Valerio M, Palmisano G, Anderson M, Guzman JR, Heisler M.

1. [Adapting the popular opinion leader intervention for Latino young migrant men who have sex with men.](http://www.chwcentral.org/adapting-popular-opinion-leader-intervention-latino-young-migrant-men-who-have-sex-men)

Young Latino migrant men who have sex with men are at high risk for HIV infection. The Popular Opinion Leader intervention, shown to be effective with White gay men, was adapted by the Farmworker Justice Fund, Inc., for this Latino migrant population. This project, called the Young Latino Promotores, was implemented over a 2-year period by community-based organizations in Vista, California,...

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Author(s): Somerville GG, Diaz S, Davis S, Coleman KD, Taveras S.

1. [Providing health care to low-income women: a matter of trust.](http://www.chwcentral.org/providing-health-care-low-income-women-matter-trust)

Trust is an important indicator of quality in patient-provider relationships and predicts adherence to certain protective health behaviours. It has been relatively unexplored among low-income or minority women. We explored health care experiences that influence patient trust among low-income women in the USA with respect to professionals and lay health workers (LHWs). Factors related to...

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Author(s): Sheppard VB, Zambrana RE, O'Malley AS.

1. [Effects of a culturally grounded community-based diabetes prevention program for obese Latino adolescents.](http://www.chwcentral.org/effects-culturally-grounded-community-based-diabetes-prevention-program-obese-latino-adolescents)

The purpose of this study was to test the feasibility and preliminary effects of a culturally grounded, community-based diabetes prevention program among obese Latino adolescents. Fifteen obese Latino adolescents completed a 12-week intervention that included weekly lifestyle education classes delivered by bilingual/bicultural promotoras and three, 60-minute physical activity sessions per week...

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Author(s): Shaibi GQ, Konopken Y, Hoppin E, Keller CS, Ortega R, Castro FG.

1. [African American Community Breast Health Education: A Pilot Project.](http://www.chwcentral.org/african-american-community-breast-health-education-pilot-project)

This paper reports the results of a project designed to examine the effectiveness of a Train the Trainer breast health education and screening program for African American, elderly and underserved women residing in the greater Nashville area. The project aimed to identify a cadre of women from the community willing to serve as leader advocates and peer breast health educators. Data collected...

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Pasa la Voz (spread the word) is a human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention methodology inspired by respondent-driven sampling (RDS) that uses social networks to access hard-to-reach populations. As field testing showed the approach to be efficacious among at-risk women in West Texas and Southern New Mexico, we set out to evaluate the methodology in a Mexican context. A local community...

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Author(s): Ramos RL, Ferreira-Pinto JB, Rusch ML, Ramos ME.

1. [Church-Based Breast Cancer Screening Education: Impact of Two Approaches on Latinas Enrolled in Public and Private Health Insurance Plans](http://www.chwcentral.org/church-based-breast-cancer-screening-education-impact-two-approaches-latinas-enrolled-public-and)

The Tepeyac Project is a church-based health promotion project that was conducted from 1999 through 2005 to increase breast cancer screening rates among Latinas in Colorado. Previous reports evaluated the project among Medicare and Medicaid enrollees in the state. In this report, we evaluate the program among enrollees in the state's five major insurance plans. Rates increased modestly over...

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Author(s): Angela Sauaia, Sung-joon Min, Tim Byers, David Lack, Cecilia Apodaca, Diego Osuna, Angela Stowe, Gretchen F McGinnis, and Lisa M Latts

1. [Lay Health Advisor Interventions Among Hispanics/Latinos:](http://www.chwcentral.org/lay-health-advisor-interventions-among-hispanicslatinos)

With an expanding Hispanic/Latino community in the United States, practitioners and researchers working to promote health and prevent disease have relied on lay health advisor (LHA) models to address a variety of health issues. The primary goal of this systematic review was to explore how LHA approaches have been used and evaluated within Hispanic/Latino communities in the U.S. Given the long...

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Author(s): Scott D. Rhodes, Kristie Long Foley, PhD, MPH, Carlos S. Zometa, Fred R. Bloom

1. [Peer-led diabetes education programs in high-risk Mexican Americans improve glycemic control compared with standard approaches: a Project Dulce promotora randomized trial.](http://www.chwcentral.org/peer-led-diabetes-education-programs-high-risk-mexican-americans-improve-glycemic-control-compared)

This research was designed to evaluate the effect of a culturally sensitive diabetes self-management education program that uses a low-cost, peer-educator format (Project Dulce) on glucose control and metabolic parameters in low-income Mexican Americans with type 2 diabetes. This randomized trial, using the Project Dulce model of culturally sensitive, peer-led education, demonstrates...

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Author(s): Philis-Tsimikas A, Fortmann A, Lleva-Ocana L, Walker C, Gallo LC.

1. [Nike-Footed Health Workers deal with the problems of adolescent pregnancy.](http://www.chwcentral.org/nike-footed-health-workers-deal-problems-adolescent-pregnancy)

Working principally to prevent repeat teen pregnancy, improve birth outcomes to teen mothers, and build adolescent parenting skills, the Nike (sneaker)-Footed Health Worker Project (NFHW) draws trainees from the target population of parenting adolescents. The Nike-Footed Health Worker Project is designed to allow adolescent mothers to complete high school while they are simultaneously trained...

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Author(s): S S Perino

1. [The impact of community health worker training and programs in NYC.](http://www.chwcentral.org/impact-community-health-worker-training-and-programs-nyc)

The Northern Manhattan Community Voices Collaborative is committed to improving health care in Harlem, Washington Heights, Inwood, and low-income communities in New York City, large parts of which are home to many immigrants to the U.S. The collaborative developed a program to train and integrate community health workers (CHWs) into ongoing programs at partner community organizations. We...

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Author(s): Perez M, Findley SE, Mejia M, Martinez J.

1. [Evaluating the efficacy of lay health advisors for increasing risk-appropriate Pap test screening: a randomized controlled trial among Ohio Appalachian women.](http://www.chwcentral.org/evaluating-efficacy-lay-health-advisors-increasing-risk-appropriate-pap-test-screening-randomized)

Cervical cancer is a significant health disparity among women in Ohio Appalachia. The goal of this study was to evaluate the efficacy of a lay health advisor (LHA) intervention for improving Papanicolaou (Pap) testing rates, to reduce cervical cancer, among women in need of screening. Women from 14 Ohio Appalachian clinics in need of a Pap test were randomized to receive either usual care or...

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Author(s): Paskett ED, McLaughlin JM, Lehman AM, Katz ML, Tatum CM, Oliveri JM.

1. [Detroit's East Side Village Health Worker Partnership: community-based lay health advisor intervention in an urban area.](http://www.chwcentral.org/detroits-east-side-village-health-worker-partnership-community-based-lay-health-advisor-intervention)

In recent years, there have been few reports in the literature of interventions using a lay health advisor approach in an urban area. Consequently, little is known about how implementation of this type of community health worker model, which has been used extensively in rural areas, may differ in an urban area. This article describes the implementation of the East Side Village Health Worker...

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1. [Customizing survey instruments and data collection to reach Hispanic/Latino adults in border communities in Texas.](http://www.chwcentral.org/customizing-survey-instruments-and-data-collection-reach-hispaniclatino-adults-border-communities)

This research sought to modify an instrument and to use it to collect information on smoking knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors among Hispanics/Latinos, and to adapt survey methods to obtain high participation levels. Promotoras (outreach workers) conducted face-to-face interviews. Strategic, targeted, carefully designed methods and surveys can achieve high reach and response rates...

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Author(s): O'Hegarty M, Pederson LL, Thorne SL, Caraballo RS, Evans B, Athey L, McMichael J.

1. [Role development of community health workers: an examination of selection and training processes in the intervention literature.](http://www.chwcentral.org/role-development-community-health-workers-examination-selection-and-training-processes-interventio-0)

Research evaluating community health worker (CHW) programs inherently involves these natural community leaders in the research process, and often represents community-based participatory research (CBPR). Interpreting the results of CHW intervention studies and replicating their findings requires knowledge of how CHWs are selected and trained. There was inconsistent reporting of selection and...

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Author(s): O'Brien MJ, Squires AP, Bixby RA, Larson SC.

1. [Community health worker intervention to decrease cervical cancer disparities in Hispanic women.](http://www.chwcentral.org/community-health-worker-intervention-decrease-cervical-cancer-disparities-hispanic-women-0)

U.S. Hispanic women suffer a disproportionate burden of cervical cancer, with incidence and mortality rates almost twice that of whites. Community health workers, or promotoras, are considered a potential strategy for eliminating such racial and ethnic health disparities. The current study is a randomized trial of a promotora-led educational intervention focused on cervical cancer in a local...

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1. [Promotores as researchers: expanding the promotor role in community-based research.](http://www.chwcentral.org/promotores-researchers-expanding-promotor-role-community-based-research)

The community health worker, known as promotor in the Hispanic community, is an accepted member of the public health team whose core role is that of bridging target communities with health services. However, the promotor's role in research has not been considered a core function of their work. This article will present the promotor in the additional role of researcher, as conceived by the...

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This article assesses the value of using telecommunications with Promotoras (paraprofessional outreach workers) and an expert medical team of registered nurses (RNs) and endocrinologists in an at-risk type 2 diabetic Hispanic population recruited for a telemedicine feasibility project from a free clinic. A Promotoras is the primary educator and the point of communication to patient or medical...

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Author(s): Mayes PA, Silvers A, Prendergast JJ.

1. [Tobacco cessation services through community health workers for Spanish-speaking populations.](http://www.chwcentral.org/tobacco-cessation-services-through-community-health-workers-spanish-speaking-populations)

Partnerships were established with the University of Arizona's Healthcare Partnership to train promotores--Spanish-speaking community health workers--as tobacco cessation counselors. Tobacco Free El Paso certified promotores to help identify tobacco users and offer tobacco cessation counseling services. Participants who completed Técnicas Básicas, Treatment Specialist, and Déjate de ese Vicio...

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This study assessed the ability of a community health worker asthma intervention to change home asthma triggers. A total of 56 children and 47 adults with asthma were enrolled. Every home visit was associated with a 0.32 reduction in home trigger score (p < 0.01) for children and a 0.41 reduction (p < 0.01) for adults. This intervention shows promise as a way to reduce asthma triggers in...

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1. [Child passenger safety for inner-city Latinos: new approaches from the community.](http://www.chwcentral.org/child-passenger-safety-inner-city-latinos-new-approaches-community)

Motor vehicle crashes injuries, the leading cause of death for Latino children in the United States, can be reduced by the correct use of child safety seats. This study evaluated the ability of a community health worker education program to improve proper child safety seat usage in urban low income Latino families. At a series of check events, proper child safety seat usage in families who had...

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1. [People Improving the Community's Health: community health workers as agents of change.](http://www.chwcentral.org/people-improving-communitys-health-community-health-workers-agents-change)

People Improving the Community's Health (PITCH) uses teams of community health workers to provide targeted outreach, to enroll those eligible in health coverage plans, to provide information and linkages to health and social support services, and to engage community members in community improvement activities. The initiative is based on the assumption that communities must work on the...

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This research developed and evaluated a lay health worker curriculum intended to educate Hispanic farmworker women on cervical cancer, human papillomavirus (HPV), and the HPV vaccine. We pilot tested the curriculum in 2010 with 7 volunteer promotoras for readability, attractiveness, content, comprehension, cultural appropriateness, persuasion, structure and organization of lessons, balance...

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Author(s): Luque JS, Mason M, Reyes-Garcia C, Hinojosa A, Meade CD.

1. [Educating Hispanic women about breast cancer prevention: evaluation of a home-based promotora-led intervention.](http://www.chwcentral.org/educating-hispanic-women-about-breast-cancer-prevention-evaluation-home-based-promotora-led)

Trained community health promoters (i.e., promotoras) conducted home-based group educational interventions (home health parties) to educate Hispanic women from the Lower Yakima Valley of Washington state about breast cancer and mammography screening. Changes in general cancer knowledge, breast cancer screening practices, and intentions to be screened among participants from baseline to follow-...

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1. [Encouraging Vietnamese-American women to obtain Pap tests through lay health worker outreach and media education.](http://www.chwcentral.org/encouraging-vietnamese-american-women-obtain-pap-tests-through-lay-health-worker-outreach-and-media)

Five times more Vietnamese-American women develop cervical cancer than white women. Few studies have examined whether community-based participatory research can effectively address Asian immigrants' health problems. This article reports the preliminary evaluation of 1 such project. At post-intervention, significantly more LHWO+ME women understood that human papillomavirus and smoking cause...

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This study assessed the effectiveness of enhanced tracking and follow-up services provided by community health workers in promoting medical follow-up of persons whose elevated blood pressures were detected during blood pressure measurement at urban community sites. The primary outcome measure was completion of a medical follow-up visit within 90 days of referral. Results showed enhanced...

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1. [The impact of lay health advisors on cardiovascular health promotion: using a community-based participatory approach.](http://www.chwcentral.org/impact-lay-health-advisors-cardiovascular-health-promotion-using-community-based-participatory)

Overweight and obesity, lack of exercise, and exposure to tobacco smoke are clearly identified behavioral risk factors for cardiovascular disease. These problems disproportionately affect some communities. To address these problems within one community of underserved Latinos, participatory research methods were used to design an outreach program. Latina lay health advisors (LHAs) from the...

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Highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) has transformed HIV infection into a manageable chronic illness, yet AIDS mortality among ethnic minorities persists in the USA. HAART nonadherence is associated with increased HIV viral load, low CD4 cell count and racial disparities in HIV outcomes. While there is no universal consensus on how to improve medical adherence in HIV-positive...

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Weight gain in young women suggests that childbearing may be an important contributor to the development of obesity in women. Depressive symptoms can interfere with resumption of normal activity levels following childbirth or with the initiation of or adherence to physical activity programs essential for losing pregnancy weight. Depression symptoms may function directly to promote weight gain...

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1. [Community health workers and medicaid managed care in New Mexico.](http://www.chwcentral.org/community-health-workers-and-medicaid-managed-care-new-mexico)

We describe the impact of community health workers (CHWs) providing community-based support services to enrollees who are high consumers of health resources in a Medicaid managed care system. The CHWs provided patients education, advocacy and social support for a period up to 6 months. For all measures, there was a significant reduction in both numbers of claims and payments after the...

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There is a desperate need to address diet-related chronic diseases in Mexican-origin women, particularly for those in border region colonias (Mexican settlements) and other new destination communities in rural and non-rural areas of the U.S. Understanding the food choices of mothers, who lead food and health activities in their families, provides one way to improve health outcomes in Mexican-...

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1. [Cancer Screening for Underserved Women: The Breast and Cervical Cancer Intervention Study](http://www.chwcentral.org/cancer-screening-underserved-women-breast-and-cervical-cancer-intervention-study)

BACCIS targeted ∼25,000 multiethnic, underserved women in eight neighborhoods and the public health clinics that served them. An outreach intervention using lay health worker peers and clinic provider inreach intervention to improve breast and cervical cancer screening were evaluated in a quasi-experimental, controlled trial with pretest and posttest household surveys. Analyses of community...

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Author(s): Robert A. Hiatt, Rena J. Pasick, Susan Stewart, Joan Bloom, Patricia Davis, Philip Gardiner and Judith Luce

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The specific ways in which community health worker (CHW) programs affect participants' healthcare behaviors and interactions with their healthcare providers, as well as mechanisms by which CHW programs influence these outcomes, are poorly understood. A qualitative descriptive study of participants in a successful CHW diabetes self-management program was designed to examine: (1) what gaps in...

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1. [The Healthy Connections project: a community-based participatory research project involving women at risk for diabetes and hypertension.](http://www.chwcentral.org/healthy-connections-project-community-based-participatory-research-project-involving-women-risk)

The Healthy Connections (HC) project was a community health worker (CHW) intervention that built upon existing social networks to encourage African American and Latina women to obtain screening for type 2 diabetes and hypertension.

This community-based participatory research (CBPR) project involved identifying and training CHWs, known as HC Advocates (HCAs). The HCAs provided screening...

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1. [Randomized controlled trial of the effects of nurse case manager and community health worker interventions on risk factors for diabetes-related complications in urban African Americans.](http://www.chwcentral.org/randomized-controlled-trial-effects-nurse-case-manager-and-community-health-worker-interventions)

African Americans suffer disproportionately from diabetes complications, but little research has focused on how to improve diabetic control in this population. There are also few or no data on a combined primary care and community-based intervention approach. This study randomly assigned 186 urban African Americans with type 2 diabetes  to 1 of 4 parallel arms: (1) usual care only; (2) usual...

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Author(s): Gary TL, Bone LR, Hill MN, Levine DM, McGuire M, Saudek C, Brancati FL.

1. [The effects of a nurse case manager and a community health worker team on diabetic control, emergency department visits, and hospitalizations among urban African Americans with type 2 diabetes mellitus: a randomized controlled trial.](http://www.chwcentral.org/effects-nurse-case-manager-and-community-health-worker-team-diabetic-control-emergency-department)

Although African American adults bear a disproportionate burden from diabetes mellitus (DM), few randomized controlled trials have tested culturally appropriate interventions to improve DM care. This study randomly assigned 542 African Americans with type 2 DM enrolled in an urban managed care organization to either an intensive or minimal intervention group. The intensive intervention group...

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The purpose of this work was to improve asthma-related health outcomes in an ethnically and geographically disparate population of economically disadvantaged school-aged children by using a team-based approach using continuous quality improvement and community health workers. Cross-sectional data showed clinic-wide improvements in the documentation of asthma severity, review of action plans,...

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1. [Counseled women's perspectives on their interactions with lay health advisors: a feasibility study.](http://www.chwcentral.org/counseled-womens-perspectives-their-interactions-lay-health-advisors-feasibility-study)

Although the use of lay health advisors (LHAs) has become a popular intervention in public health promotion projects, few programs have conducted evaluations demonstrating program impact by interviewing people actually counseled by LHAs. This study used semistructured, in-person interviews with 29 older, black women to elicit their perceptions of their interactions with the North Carolina...

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1. [Developing community health worker diabetes training.](http://www.chwcentral.org/developing-community-health-worker-diabetes-training)

This study designed, implemented and evaluated a 48-hour training program for community health workers (CHWs) deployed to diabetes care teams in community health centers (CHCs). The curriculum included core knowledge/skills with diabetes content to assist CHWs in developing patient self-management goals. The qualitative evaluation included pre/post-knowledge outcomes and encounter data from...

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1. [Engaging diverse underserved communities to bridge the mammography divide](http://www.chwcentral.org/engaging-diverse-underserved-communities-bridge-mammography-divide)

Breast cancer screening continues to be underutilized by the population in general, but is particularly underutilized by traditionally underserved minority populations. Two of the most at risk female minority groups are American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and Latinas. American Indian women have the poorest recorded 5-year cancer survival rates of any ethnic group while breast cancer is the...

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1. [A path analysis of a randomized promotora de salud cardiovascular disease-prevention trial among at-risk Hispanic adults](http://www.chwcentral.org/path-analysis-randomized-promotora-de-salud-cardiovascular-disease-prevention-trial-among-risk)

This study assessed effectiveness of an educational community intervention taught by promotoras de salud in reducing cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk among Hispanics using a structural equation modeling (SEM) approach. Model development was guided by a social ecological framework proposing CVD risk reduction through improvement of protective health behaviors, health beliefs, contextual and...

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1. [Lessons learned from a community-academic initiative: the development of a core competency-based training for community-academic initiative community health workers.](http://www.chwcentral.org/lessons-learned-community-academic-initiative-development-core-competency-based-training-community)

Despite the importance of community health workers (CHWs) in strategies to reduce health disparities and the call to enhance their roles in research, little information exists on how to prepare CHWs involved in community-academic initiatives (CAIs). Therefore, the New York University Prevention Research Center piloted a CAI-CHW training program. Results demonstrated that a core competency-...

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1. [Recognizing the diverse roles of community health workers in the elimination of health disparities: from paid staff to volunteers.](http://www.chwcentral.org/recognizing-diverse-roles-community-health-workers-elimination-health-disparities-paid-staff)

The community health worker (CHW) model has been successfully used to promote health and reduce adverse health outcomes in underserved communities. Although there is a general consensus that involvement of natural helpers from the targeted communities is a promising approach in the elimination of health disparities, there is less agreement on their responsibilities, scope of work, and...

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1. [Applying the community health worker model to diabetes management: using mixed methods to assess implementation and effectiveness.](http://www.chwcentral.org/applying-community-health-worker-model-diabetes-management-using-mixed-methods-assess-implementation)

The community health worker (CHW) model is a popular method for reaching vulnerable populations with diabetes. This study assessed implementation and effectiveness of the model within diabetes programs. Five CHW roles were identified: educator, case manager, role model, program facilitator, and advocate. Roles, responsibilities and training varied greatly across programs. Selected outcomes...

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Asthma affects 25-30% of children living in certain disadvantaged Chicago neighborhoods, a rate twice the national prevalence (13%). Children living in poor, minority communities tend to rely heavily on the emergency department (ED) for asthma care and are unlikely to be properly medicated or educated on asthma self-management. A pilot project implemented and evaluated a community health...

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In the Screening Older Minority Women project, the authors applied a community capacity-enhancement approach to promoting breast and cervical cancer screening among older women of color. Members of informal support networks were recruited for this health promotion intervention to empower Latina and African American women to engage in positive health behaviors. The authors describe the phases...

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1. [Cost-effectiveness analysis of a community health worker intervention for low-income Hispanic adults with diabetes.](http://www.chwcentral.org/cost-effectiveness-analysis-community-health-worker-intervention-low-income-hispanic-adults-diabetes)

The objective of this study was to estimate the long-term cost-effectiveness of a lifestyle modification program led by community health workers (CHWs) for low-income Hispanic adults with type 2 diabetes. The report forecasted disease outcomes, quality-adjusted life years (QALYs) gained, and lifetime costs associated with attaining different hemoglobin A1c (A1c) levels. The incremental cost-...

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Postpartum depression is a serious and common psychiatric illness. Mothers living in poverty are more likely to be depressed and have greater barriers to accessing treatment than the general population. Mental health utilization is particularly limited for women with postpartum depression and low-income, minority women. As part of an academic-community partnership, focus groups were utilized...

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1. [A Promotores de Salud Intervention to Reduce Cardiovascular Disease Risk in a High-Risk Hispanic Border Population, 2005-2008](http://www.chwcentral.org/promotores-de-salud-intervention-reduce-cardiovascular-disease-risk-high-risk-hispanic-border)

The high prevalence of cardiovascular disease (CVD) in the Hispanic population of the United States, together with low rates of health insurance coverage, suggest a potential cardiovascular health crisis. The objective of Project HEART (Health Education Awareness Research Team) was to promote behavior changes to decrease CVD risk factors in a high-risk Hispanic border population. Project HEART...

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Author(s): Héctor G. Balcázar, Hendrik de Heer, Lee Rosenthal, Melissa Aguirre; Leticia Flores, Flor A. Puentes, Victor M. Cardenas, Maria O. Duarte, Melchor Ortiz,Leslie O. Schulz

1. [Effects of a Promotor-Based Intervention to Promote Physical Activity: Familias Sanas y Activas](http://www.chwcentral.org/effects-promotor-based-intervention-promote-physical-activity-familias-sanas-y-activas)

Latinos are the largest and fastest growing minority group in the United States and are among the most overweight. As in other populations, obesity contributes to several of the leading causes of illness and death. This study tested a train-the-trainer, promotor-based physical activity (PA) intervention to improve fitness and health indicators. Thirty unpaid promotores were trained to promote...

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1. [Identifying the core elements of effective community health worker programs: a research agenda.](http://www.chwcentral.org/identifying-core-elements-effective-community-health-worker-programs-research-agenda)

Community health workers (CHWs) are increasingly being incorporated into health programs because they are assumed to effectively deliver health messages in a culturally relevant manner to disenfranchised communities. Nevertheless, the role of CHWs-who they are, what they do, and how they do it-is tremendously varied. This variability presents a number of challenges for conducting research to...

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1. [When promotoras and technology meet: a qualitative analysis of promotoras' use of small media to increase cancer screening among South Texas Latinos](http://www.chwcentral.org/when-promotoras-and-technology-meet-qualitative-analysis-promotoras-use-small-media-increase-cancer)

Computer-based multimedia technologies can be used to tailor health messages, but promotoras (Spanish-speaking community health workers) rarely use these tools. Promotoras delivered health messages about colorectal cancer screening to medically underserved Latinos in South Texas using two small media formats: a "low-tech" format (flipchart and video) and a "high-tech" format consisting of a...

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Despite well-publicized guidelines on the appropriate management of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and type 2 diabetes, implementation of risk-reducing practices remains poor. This paper describes the rationale and design of a randomized controlled clinical trial evaluating the effectiveness of a comprehensive program of CVD risk reduction delivered by nurse practitioner (NP)/community health...

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This study analyzes the profile, perceptions and motivations of Community Health Workers (CHWs) from nongovernmental  
organizations (NGOs) in the border city of US-Mexico and describes the type of community interventions they perform.   
Analysis of focus group discussions lead to the development of four conceptual categories: personal development,  
motivation, perception of...

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1. [Salud Para Su Corazon (Health for Your Heart) Community Health Worker Model: Community and Clinical Approaches for Addressing Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction in Hispanics/Latinos](http://www.chwcentral.org/salud-para-su-corazon-health-your-heart-community-health-worker-model-community-and-clinical)

This article describes 6 Salud Para Su Corazon (SPSC) family of programs that have addressed cardiovascular disease risk reduction in Hispanic communities facilitated by community health workers (CHWs) or Promotores de Salud (PS). A synopsis of the programs illustrates the designs and methodological approaches that combine community-based participatory research for 2 types of settings:...

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Community health workers are ideally suited to the care coordination niche within the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) team, but there are few case studies detailing how to accomplish this integration. This qualitative study documents how community health workers (CHWs) were integrated into a PCMH in South Bronx, New York. Results show that integration was linked to clear definition of...

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1. [Predictors and a Framework for Fostering Community Advocacy as a Community Health Worker Core Function to Eliminate Health Disparities](http://www.chwcentral.org/predictors-and-framework-fostering-community-advocacy-community-health-worker-core-function)

In the United States, CHWs have been recognized as integral to providing patient-centered care and reducing health inequalities among disenfranchised groups. The workforce impact of CHWs is far-reaching in the realms of the prevention  
and control of chronic and infectious disease, the reduction of health care costs, and improved outreach, communication, and adherence, as well as in...

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Author(s): Sabo et al.

1. [Establishing a Professional Profile of Community Health Workers: Results from a National Study of Roles, Activities and Training](http://www.chwcentral.org/establishing-professional-profile-community-health-workers-results-national-study-roles-activities)

This paper presents results from the 2010 National Community Health Worker Advocacy Survey (NCHWAS) in an effort to strengthen a generalized understanding of the CHW profession that can be integrated into ongoing efforts to improve the health care delivery system. Results indicate that regardless of geographical location, work setting, and demographic characteristics, CHWs generally share...

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1. [Provider counseling, health education, and community health workers: the Arizona WISEWOMAN project.](http://www.chwcentral.org/provider-counseling-health-education-and-community-health-workers-arizona-wisewoman-project)

The Arizona Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN) project used provider counseling, health education, and community health workers (CHWs) to target chronic disease risk factors in uninsured, primarily Hispanic women over age 50. All three interventions increased moderate-to-vigorous physical activity but not fruit and vegetable consumption. The...

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Author(s): Staten LK, Gregory-Mercado KY, Ranger-Moore J, Will JC, Giuliano AR, Ford ES, Marshall J.

1. [Community-based participatory development of a community health worker mental health outreach role to extend collaborative care in post-Katrina New Orleans](http://www.chwcentral.org/community-based-participatory-development-community-health-worker-mental-health-outreach-role-extend)

The REACH NOLA Mental Health Infrastructure and Training Project (MHIT) aimed to reduce disparities in access to and quality of services for depression and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in post-Katrina New Orleans by developing a mental health outreach role for community health workers (CHWs) and case managers as a complement to the collaborative care model for depression treatment.This...

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Author(s): Wennerstrom A, Vannoy SD 3rd, Allen CE, Meyers D, O'Toole E, Wells KB, Springgate BF.

1. [Sitting in Different Chairs: Roles of the Community Health Workers in the Poder es Salud/Power for Health Project](http://www.chwcentral.org/sitting-different-chairs-roles-community-health-workers-poder-es-saludpower-health-project)

Evaluations of Community Health Worker programs consistently document improvements in health, yet few articles clearly describe the roles of Community Health Workers (CHWs) from the CHWs’ perspective. This article presents the CHWs’ points of view regarding the various roles they played in a community-based participatory research (CBPR) project, Poder es Salud/Power for Health in Portland,...

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1. [Community Health Workers: Part Of The Solution](http://www.chwcentral.org/community-health-workers-part-solution)

Community health workers are recognized in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act as important members of the health care workforce. The evidence shows that they can help improve health care access and outcomes; strengthen health care teams; and enhance quality of life for people in poor, underserved, and diverse communities. This article traces how two states, Massachusetts and...

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Author(s): E. Lee Rosenthal, J. Nell Brownstein, Carl H. Rush, Gail R. Hirsch, Anne M. Willaert, Jacqueline R. Scott, Lisa R. Holderby and Durrell J. Fox

1. [Community Health Workers - A Local Solution to a Global Problem](http://www.chwcentral.org/community-health-workers-local-solution-global-problem)

This paper urges scaling up the communityhealth workforce in the United States to improve health outcomes, reduce health care costs, and create jobs. The most crucial lesson from global CHW programs is that the community rootedness of CHWs should be retained through careful, representative selection and by ensuring that CHWs spend most of their time in the community. In the United States,...

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1. [Winning Policy Change to Promote Community Health Workers: Lessons From Massachusetts in The Health Reform Era](http://www.chwcentral.org/winning-policy-change-promote-community-health-workers-lessons-massachusetts-health-reform-era)

There is a national movement among community health workers (CHWs) to improve compensation, working conditions, and recognition for the workforce through organizing for policy change.

As some of the key advocates involved, we describe the development in Massachusetts of an authentic collaboration between strong CHW leaders of a growing statewide CHW association and their public health...

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1. [Role Development of Community Health Workers: An Examination of Selection and Training Processes in the Intervention Literature](http://www.chwcentral.org/role-development-community-health-workers-examination-selection-and-training-processes-intervention)

Research evaluating community health worker (CHW) programs inherently involves these natural community leaders in the research process, and often represents community-based participatory research (CBPR). Interpreting the results of CHW intervention studies and replicating their findings requires knowledge of how CHWs are selected and trained. Consistent reporting of CHW selection and training...

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Author(s): Matthew J. O’Brien, Allison P. Squires, Rebecca A. Bixby, and Steven C. Larson

1. [Community Health Workers: Integral Members of the Health Care Work Force](http://www.chwcentral.org/community-health-workers-integral-members-health-care-work-force)

As the US health care system strives to function efficiently, encourage preventive and primary care, improve quality, and overcome nonfinancial barriers to care, the potential exists for community health workers to further these goals. Community health workers can increase access to care and facilitate appropriate use of health resources by providing outreach and cultural linkages between...

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Author(s): Anne Witmer, Sarena D. Seifer, Leonard Finocchio, Jodi Leslie, and Edward H. O'Neil

1. [Community Health Workers and Their Value to Social Work](http://www.chwcentral.org/community-health-workers-and-their-value-social-work)

Community health workers (CHWs) play a vital and unique role in linking diverse and underserved populations to health and social service systems. Despite their effectiveness, as documented by empirical studies across various disciplines including public health, nursing, and biomedicine, the value and potential role of CHWs in the social work practice and research literature has been largely...

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Author(s): Michael S. Spencer, Kathryn E. Gunter, and Gloria Palmisano

1. [Project MATCH: Training for a Promotora Intervention](http://www.chwcentral.org/project-match-training-promotora-intervention)

Adequate training and support are critical for community health workers (promotoras de salud in Spanish) to work effectively. Current literature on promotora training is limited by a focus on promotoras' knowledge and satisfaction immediately after training. The relevance of training to subsequent work performance and the need for ongoing training are rarely addressed. This paper describes the...

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Author(s): Susan M. Swider, Molly Martin, Carmen Lynas, and Steven Rothschild

1. [Preparing Community Health Workers for Their Role as Agents of Social Change: Experience of the Community Capacitation Center](http://www.chwcentral.org/preparing-community-health-workers-their-role-agents-social-change-experience-community-capacitation)

Current efforts to better integrate Community Health Workers (CHWs) into the health and social service systems are promising, but may be less effective if they fail to support the role of CHWs as social change agents. The way CHWs are trained influences the roles they play. In this article, we review the literature on CHW training and summarize lessons learned to date. We describe how the...

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1. [Community health workers "101" for primary care providers and other stakeholders in health care systems.](http://www.chwcentral.org/community-health-workers-101-primary-care-providers-and-other-stakeholders-health-care-systems)

Today's ambulatory care providers face numerous challenges as they try to practice efficient, patient-centered medicine. This article explains how community health workers (CHWs) can be engaged to address many patient- and system-related barriers currently experienced in ambulatory care practices. Community health workers are frontline public health workers who serve as a trusted bridge...

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1. [Community Health Workers Can Be a Public Health Force for Change in the United States: Three Actions for a New Paradigm](http://www.chwcentral.org/community-health-workers-can-be-public-health-force-change-united-states-three-actions-new-paradigm)

Community health workers (CHWs) have gained increased visibility in the United States. We discuss how to strengthen the role of CHWs to enable them to become collaborative leaders in dramatically changing health care from “sickness care” systems to ones that provide comprehensive care for individuals and families and support community and tribal wellness.

We recommend drawing on the...

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1. [From Directly Observed Therapy to Accompagnateurs: Enhancing AIDS Treatment Outcomes in Haiti and in Boston](http://www.chwcentral.org/directly-observed-therapy-accompagnateurs-enhancing-aids-treatment-outcomes-haiti-and-boston)

This article examines Directly Observed Therapy (DOT-HAART) provided by CHWs or accompagnateur to HIV patients in Boston and Haiti. The CHWs provide psychosocial support and link the patients to clinical staff and available resources. The article suggests that the accompagnateur model can be applied to other poverty-stricken populations in resource-poor settings.

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Author(s): Behforouz, H.L., Farmer, P.E., and Mukherjee, J.S.