



CT AHEC FYI

Connecticut Area Health Education Center Network

Connecting students to careers, professionals to communities and communities to better health.



Community Health Workers

Connecticut's front line in addressing the social determinants of health to improve health equity.

Information for Community Health Workers and CHW Workforce



Supporting Primary Care Workforce Development in Connecticut By:

- ▶Promoting Strong Community/Academic Partnerships
- ▶Creating Pipeline Programs for Pre-Health Professions Students
- ▶Supporting Health Careers Awareness Programming
- ▶Providing Community-Based Training for Health Professions Students
- ▶Supporting Community-Based Health Education and Screenings
- ▶Promoting Strategies to Address Health Disparities

CT AHEC Network Regional Centers:

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CT AHEC Achieves CHW Workforce Development Goals

The CT AHEC Network, with Southwestern CT AHEC as the lead, has worked with numerous partners to promote, train, and develop the State's Community Health Worker (CHW) workforce since 2000.

CHWs work to improve population health by incorporating prevention services and social determinants of health into health care, and are recognized by national and local health leaders as integral members of health care teams.

CT AHEC's efforts to support CHW workforce development received a significant boost when CT AHEC was selected in 2014 to lead the CHW component of Connecticut's State Innovation Model (SIM) test grant awarded by the U.S. Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI).

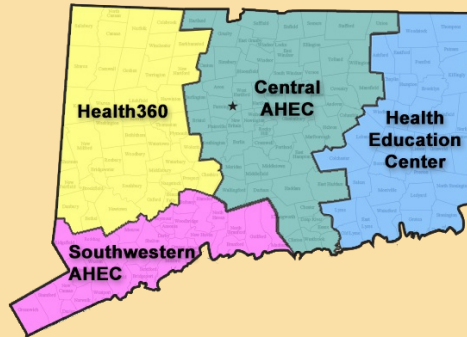
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Southwestern AHEC led the charge in tandem with the [CHW Advisory Committee](#) in developing policies to promote the CHW workforce, including developing the definition for CHWs in Connecticut and the roles and skills guiding their work, developing and implementing the CHW apprenticeship program, and developing recommendations for certification. As a result, in 2019, [Public Act 19-117](#) was signed into law declaring that, as of January 1, 2020, Connecticut will administer a certification program for CHWs. As a concluding accomplishment, Southwestern AHEC developed the chwresourcesct.org web site to provide certification and training information for the CHW workforce and employers.

As the next chapter in Connecticut's CHW workforce development begins in 2020, CT AHEC's decades of work in support of this effort will continue as communities strive to improve health outcomes while reducing the cost of care for chronic disease management.

The statewide Connecticut Area Health Education Center (CT AHEC) Network, based at UConn Health, is implemented through four regional centers which enable the CT AHEC Network to provide high-quality, efficient, effective and flexible services that meet local needs. Thank you for your continued support of the CT AHEC Network.

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