

Provider Guide to Success with CHWs: Asthma Care for Children

Welcome to Success with CHWs, a helpful web-based resource about the community health worker (CHW) role for providers who address childhood asthma, especially among low income patients experiencing barriers to optimal care.

Practical tools for busy health professionals

Featuring research, case studies, webinars, video clips and other tools, this electronic “pocket guide” is designed to help you--busy primary care providers, specialists, home visiting programs, school nurses, and clinic managers--learn about CHW services and their multiple benefits to patients, care systems and communities. Success with CHWs is also intended to build knowledge, readiness and capacity for providers to begin to integrate proven CHW strategies in team-based care. Implementing these evidence-based, culturally-appropriate approaches can contribute to closing the significant gaps in optimal asthma care for children among our state’s racial and ethnic communities as outlined in Minnesota Community Measurement’s 2014 Health Equity of Care report.

CHWs: your partner to bridge barriers, improve care, advance health equity

Working under many different titles and in a variety of settings, Minnesota CHWs are trained and trusted frontline health workers who apply their unique understanding of the experience, language, and/or culture of the populations they serve in order to carry out one or more of the following roles:

- Provide culturally-appropriate health education, information, and outreach in homes, clinics, hospitals, local public health, schools, shelters, local businesses, social service agencies, community centers and other settings
- Serve as a bridge and cultural mediator between individuals, communities, and health and human services as well as build individual and community capacity;
- Assure that people access the services they need
- Deliver direct services, such as informal counseling, social support, care coordination, and health screenings
- Advocate for individual and community needs.

Using this online tool kit

Review this website individually or as a team to learn about CHW strategies and how they can help you effectively address suboptimal outcomes; barriers related to culture, language, literacy, trust, socioeconomic factors and others; and the social determinants of health that impact performance measures, utilization and well-being. You will find information on the CHW role and impacts including scope of practice, education, funding, evidence, models, hiring and supervision and team-based care. Join our CHW Supervisor Roundtable for shared learning, best practices and networking among MN CHW employers. And call on us for guidance and technical assistance. We will continue to update Success with CHWs and welcome your feedback at info@mchwalliance.org!

Are you a consumer seeking information about child asthma?

Please contact your child’s clinic or school nurse. Other reliable resources:

American Lung Association in Minnesota
<http://www.lung.org/associations/states/minnesota/>
651-227-8014

Minnesota Department of Health Asthma Program
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpcd/cdee/asthma/>