

Building New Educational Models: Community Health workers

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Community health workers are lay members of communities who work either for pay or as volunteers in association with the local health care system in both urban and rural environments and **usually share ethnicity, language, socioeconomic status and life experiences with the community members they serve...** (roles)

Can we create and validate an agenda of educational opportunities for CHWs as part of an interdisciplinary team to provide health care and prevention?

Can CHWs help close the gap for meeting challenges of health care delivery? (in many of its facets (i.e. medical, nursing, dental))

Can CHWs Support the Interdisciplinary Health Care Team with their Roles/Functions?



*Quality.

Core Roles and Competencies of Community Health Advisors, NCHAS, Chapter 2. Wiggins in Rosenthal et al.

Can Comprehensive Policy Approaches Advance the CHW Field?

<p>Occupational Regulation: Credentialing by CHWs for CHWs</p>	<p>Financing: Sustaining full spectrum of CHW roles and settings</p>
<p>Workforce Development: CHW-led , employer/funder - supported education and capacity building</p> <p>See college key considerations chw-nec.org</p>	<p>Evaluation and Research: Core metrics and common agenda</p> <p>See CHW research agenda http://bit.ly/b0ZAub</p>