CHW Certification Learning & Support Group

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Topics







UPDATE ON CHW CERTIFICATION & LEARNING GROUP/CONNECTICUT HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANT

SURVEY QUESTIONS

FEEDBACK/SUGGESTIONS

Background/Update

CHW Core Competencies Training

> Education pathway

Expressed need for supports

> Navigating barriers

Completing internship

Gaining work experience

Summer of 2022— **Created CHW**

> 7-9 participants

> > Meets weekly

Project #1: Create **CHW Certification** Roadmap & Toolkit President's Grant from Connecticut Health Foundation

Survey (Educational Pathway)

CHW Training

- Training completion data
- Training Vendor

Certification Intentions

Plan to seek Certification?

Progress with Certification

- Meeting requirements
- Documentation

Barriers/Assistance Needed

Additional Activities







In progress:

Roadmap & Toolkit to disseminate

Survey Questions

When did you complete the 90-hour CHW Core Competencies Training? **2**020 **2**021 **2**022 **2**023 ■ Not sure 2. Which organization provided the Core Competencies Training? ☐ Southwestern AHEC, Inc. ☐ The Health Education Center ☐ Gateway Community College ☐ Housatonic Community College

Intentions

| 3. Do | you plan on applying for CHW Certification in Connecticut? |
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| | Yes, definitely |
| | Probably |
| | Maybe |
| | Not sure |
| | No |
| | Other |

Progress

| 4. | Hov | v far along are you with the required 50-hour internship? |
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| | | I have completed the internship |
| | | I am currently in the process of completing the internship |
| | | I don't know how to move forward on finding an internship |
| | | Other (please specify) |
| 5. | W | here do you stand with your 1,000 required hours of work experience, which can be paid or volunteer/unpaid? |
| | | I have completed 1,000 of work experience relevant to CHW work within the last three years |
| | | I am in the process of getting my work experience hours needed for certification |
| | | I think some of the work or volunteer experience I have in the last three years will count, |
| | | but I am not sure |
| | | I have not started getting my work experience hours, but have a plan for doing so |
| | | I still need to get my work experience hours but am not sure how to proceed |
| | | Other (please describe) |

Progress

- 6. Which of the following documents do you have ready to submit with your application?
 - ☐ Certificate of completion from training vendor
 - ☐ Photo
 - ☐ Professional/organization reference letter
 - ☐ Personal/community member reference letter
 - ☐ Verification of experience hours from organization and/or employer

Barriers/Guidance

| Understanding the CHW certification process |
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| Completing the 50-hour internship |
| Identifying which work experiences in the last three years might qualify for CHW work experience |
| Finding volunteer opportunities as a CHW for work experience |
| Finding paid work experience opportunities |
| Learning how to track work experience hours |
| Assistance with completing required forms |
| Assistance with obtaining personal and professional reference letters |
| Assistance with \$100 fee |
| Help with creating an account in the CT e-licensing portal |
| Language assistance |
| Learning about CHW networking opportunities |
| None of the above |
| Other (please specify) |

Comments & Questions