



the dental plan for
HUSKY Health

Oral Health Education for CHW's & the Community





Our mission is to enable all HUSKY Health Members to achieve and maintain good oral health. We work to ensure all members have equitable access to oral health services.



"We Care About Your Dental Health"

HUSKY Dental Community Health Workers at Work



- **Local Outreach** where members live, work, get services to build awareness of HUSKY Health Dental.
- **Partnering with Community-Based Organizations** to train on oral health literacy and to champion oral health in their programs.
- **Developing Referral Pathways** to Oral Health Navigation. With our partners, With Social Workers, and CHWs.



Kate and Paulina training Family Visitors with OEC



Sandra and the Tooth Fairy in New Haven



Paulina at Boys and Girls Club in Waterbury



Kortni and Sandra at Vernon School Event



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Oral Health Training Academy of CT

Launched 9/24. Next course...for CHWS.



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**The Social Worker's Role
in Oral Health**

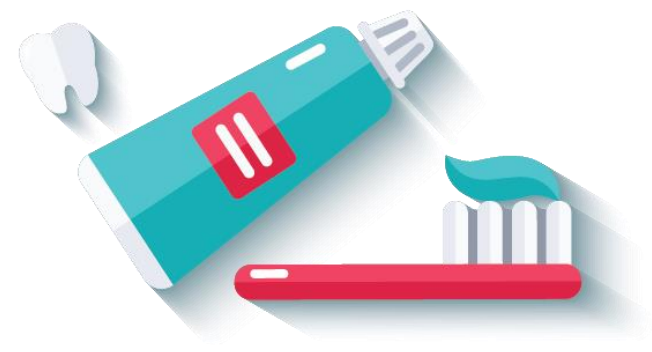
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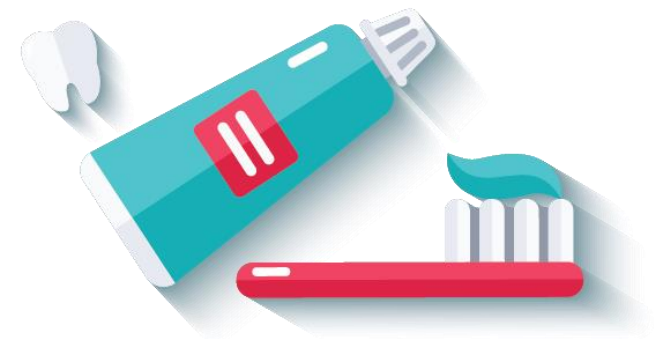
If you were developing a training course on oral health for CHWs what would you teach?



Some ideas

1. **The Mouth Over Time** - the benefits of and risks to good oral health over the lifespan.
2. **Oral Health Literacy and Terminology** – basic home hygiene methods, what to expect at the Dentist, and define commonly used terms.
3. **Oral Health Red Flags** – what to look for on home visits when it comes to oral health – what to assess on home visits to pinpoint where there could be more assistance with oral health needs.
4. **The Connection** of oral health to systemic medical and behavioral health conditions.
5. **Barriers** that clients may encounter in navigating oral health services - and how to overcome them.
6. **Resources** i.e. phone lines, informational flyers and online info.

What oral health literacy knowledge & skills might you seamlessly integrate in to your work?



Some ideas

Teaching community members on.....

- How to properly brush, floss, and good dental care.
- Tips/Tricks for good oral health routines for kids and adults.
- How to alleviate anxiety or fear of the dentist.

Knowing how to support community members by.....

- Conducting a quick oral health screening.
- Connecting them to the HUSKY Dental support network.
- With tools and resources – especially those who may be experiencing fear and trauma around dental providers and services.

What's Next?

Next Steps for CTDHP:

- *Collecting More CHW Input*
- *Build Training and Exercises*
- *Launch – June 2025*



To Find Out More Go to [CTDHP.org](https://www.ctdhp.org)

- *Sign up to be a Community Partner*
- *Request Trainings and Materials*
- *Refer Members to Oral Health Navigation*

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