

NEWSLETTER

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Unify. Equip. Empower.



Welcome to the first issue of QC Connect Quarterly! Our mission at QC Community Connect Coalition is to unify, equip, and empower Community Health Workers to serve Mecklenburg County communities by unifying the workforce across organizations in a collaborative forum. The creation of this newsletter aims to serve as a great resource for our community to unify and connect with other CHWs, equip CHWs with knowledge to better serve Mecklenburg County, and empower all CHWs to keep striving for greatness!



“Listen to the small things, because that’s where the story will be.” – CHW, Baltimore, MD

2023 Meeting Schedule

February 7th @ 11 AM - 12:15pm

April 4th @ 11 AM - 12:15pm

June 6th @ 11 AM - 12:15pm

August 1st @ 11 AM - 12:15pm

October 3rd @ 11 AM - 12:15pm

December 5th @ 11 AM - 12:15pm

Locations TBD

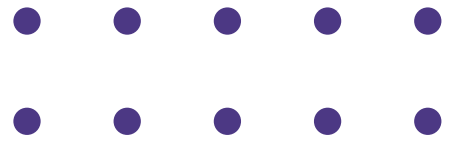
Lets Connect!

Our LinkedIn is now LIVE!

LinkedIn is the world’s largest professional network on the internet. LinkedIn can be used in a plethora of ways such as finding a job, connecting and strengthening professional relationships, and learning skills to help you succeed in your career. Queen City Community Connect Coalition will utilize LinkedIn to demonstrate and showcase CHWs contribution in Mecklenburg County by recognizing the stories, experiences, and greatness of our CHWs! Give us a follow, and be on the lookout for special events demonstrating how CHWs can better utilize LinkedIn to build their professional skillset, capacity, and connect with other CHWs!



[Follow us on LinkedIn here!](#)



QUEEN CITY CONNECT QUARTERLY

2023 Fall Biannual Forum

Mecklenburg County's Community Health Worker Initiative will host its second network meeting convening all partners in the CHW ecosystem, with the purpose to:

1. Understand how state and local partners are strengthening the CHW workforce
2. Review and approve the Mecklenburg County CHWI Comprehensive Action Plan
3. Learn how Mecklenburg County CHWs engage with their communities to improve health equity.

Lunch will be provided. register [here!](#)



Training & Opportunities

Looking for some opportunities to expand your knowledge and skillset? Check below!

- [Free Health Literacy Training](#)
- [Free Asthma Care for CHWs Training](#)
- [The Essential Role of the Community Health Workers in Addressing the Opioid Epidemic](#)
- [Advanced Level CHW Certification](#)



Accomplishments!

By: Brittany Weatherall

Volunteer Recap

I am excited to share a heartwarming recap of our recent volunteer event, where our coalition came together to make a meaningful impact at the 9th Annual Back to School Community Health Fair in partnership with C.W. Williams Community Health Center.

With immense enthusiasm and a shared vision for the community well-being, the Queen City Community Connect Coalition came together to support local students by distributing book bags brimming with school supplies. The event was about more than just supplies, it was also a celebration of unity as our coalition members engaged with the community to build bridges of trust and connection.

I am immensely proud and am sure we all share the same sentiments to be part of a movement that believes in giving back to the community we hold dear. Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and supported us to make this event a success. Let's continue to unite, empower, and equip our CHWs as we create lasting positive impacts on the health and well-being of our community.



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Resources

Interested in expanding your knowledge as a CHW? Take a look at the Community Health Worker Learning Collaborative Webinar Series hosted by MAHEC!

[Community Health Worker Learning Collaborative Webinar Series](#)

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Be encouraged; even when it seems no one is watching your hard work, someone is. Your ‘shine’ is not unnoticed.”
— CHW, Fort Myers, FL



CHW Spotlight

In each edition of our newsletter, we will recognize the incredible efforts of our CHWs who are at the forefront of creating positive change in our communities.

Tasha Davis

In this quarter's spotlight, we are thrilled to feature Tasha Davis, whose dedication and passion have made a lasting impact. Tasha enjoys helping underserved communities and is currently working at Novant Healthcare while striving towards becoming a CHWI II!

Tasha has overcome many obstacles and is passionate about Breast Cancer, as she most recently rung the bell at NH Cancer Institute!

Interested in learning more about the stories of our CHWs? Click [here!](#)

Got something to share?

Interested in contributing to the QC Connect Quarterly?

- Highlight your programs/services at your organization for a future meeting/newsletter edition!
- Highlight any organizational events or opportunities that expand the CHW workforce!
- Highlight your team and/or team member for doing extraordinary work in Mecklenburg County!

Publishing Criteria: Must pertain to the CHW workforce and contribute to QC Community Connect Coalition common agenda and values.

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