

NEWSLETTER

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Unify. Equip. Empower.



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.



“We can really truly affect individuals, but we can also affect communities and systems.” – CHW, Charlotte, NC

2024

Meeting Schedule

February 6th @ 11 AM - 12:30 PM

April 2th @ 11 AM - 12:30 PM

June 4th @ 11 AM - 12:30 PM

August 6th @ 11 AM - 12:30 PM

October 1st @ 11 AM - 12:30 PM

December 3rd @ 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Locations TBD

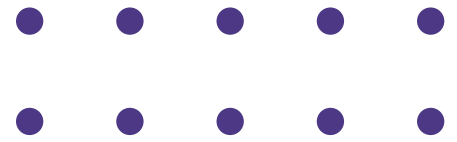
Check out Our Webinars!

We are excited to announce the launch of our new “Webinars” section on our website! This resource is designed to provide ongoing education.

We are currently featuring “CHW N’ Action,” a three-part webinar series in partnership with Mecklenburg County Public Health, South Piedmont AHEC, and the Center for Community Alignment. Explore the previous recordings where experts share knowledge on a variety of topics specifically tailored to CHWs.

Stay tuned and connected as there is more to come!

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Call to Action: Elevate your CHW Skills!

By: Brittany Weatherall

Take your leadership and professionalism to the next level by actively pursuing opportunities to enhance and sharpen your skills in alignment with the [C3 Project's Core CHW Roles](#). By investing in your development, you can more effectively bridge gaps in care, advocate for community needs, and promote health and wellness.

Lead with dedication and continue to make a profound impact. Take the initiative today to participate in training programs, attend workshops, and seek out resources that will empower you to better serve Mecklenburg County communities.



Training & Opportunities

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

- [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural Responsiveness for CHWs](#)
- [Documentation in Client Record Training for CHWs](#)
- [Overview of Medicaid Managed Care Program for CHWS](#)



NCCHWA CHW Advocacy Day

By: Brittany Weatherall

Advocating for a Healthier NC

Community Health Workers (CHWs) from across the state gathered for North Carolina Community Health Worker Association's (NCCHWA) CHW Advocacy Day, a dedicated event to advocate for the CHW profession. Members from Queen City Community Connect Coalition and CHWs from various regions in the state raised their voices, shared their stories, and highlighted the critical role of CHWs in our communities.

A key focus was advocating for House Bill 1026, which aims to allocate funds for CHW training, certification, and the mobilization of the workforce. CHWs met with their state representatives and further strengthened their skills in effectively communicating the importance of their roles by garnering support.

With over 80 CHWs in attendance, the event was filled with passion and commitment, particularly from those representing Mecklenburg County. By advocating for this crucial legislation, we took significant steps towards improving the health and well-being of North Carolina communities.

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NCCHWA Regional Meetings

The North Carolina Community Health Worker Association (NCCHWA) is hosting special sessions in all [NC Medicaid Regions](#) for CHWs looking to connect, share, and learn from fellow CHWs in their region. Region 3 will convene on June 17th, from 11-2PM at the Goodwill Opportunity Center.

[Interest Form](#)

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**“It’s not about how much money you make, it’s the impact that you make in the community you serve”
— CHW, Charlotte, NC**



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.

Luly Mendez

In this quarter's spotlight, we are thrilled to feature Luly Mendez. Luly Mendez is a dedicated CHW at Atrium Health that has been a steadfast volunteer and community resource at Hidden Valley Elementary School for over 5 years.

During this time, she has served community residents by bridging communication gaps and fostering social connections. She also links apartment residents with non-profit and government agencies, service programs, and other essential community resources.

Read more about Luly’s story, 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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