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SHIP QUARTERLY MEETING



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Meet the Team



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Welcome and Team
Introductions

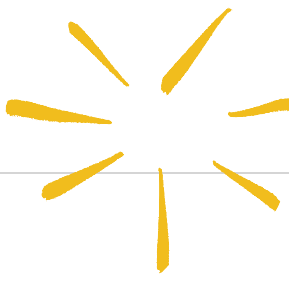
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Jen Parsons and Indi Islam
The Community Health Worker Association

Action Plans Update:
Feedback Still Welcome

Maternal & Infant Health:
Action Plan Review

Questions & Open
Discussion

SHIP Website Update: Ongoing Basic Needs Resources

We’re excited to introduce a new section on our website dedicated to Ongoing Basic Needs Resources.

This page offers up-to-date information and links for essential services including local food pantries, mobile services, and housing support services. This resource hub is designed to connect our community with reliable, accessible support—whenever it’s needed.

You can visit the SHIP Website at www.delawareship.org



Food Pantries



New Castle County

- [UAW Local 1183 Food Pantry](#)
 - The pantry provides essential food and emergency support to a diverse community facing ongoing economic challenges.



Kent County

- [Catholic Charities - Food Cooperative Program](#)
 - Offers help through monthly Food Cooperatives and Emergency Food Pantries. These



Sussex County

- [Christian Storehouse Emergency Food Pantry](#)
 - Serves the 19966 Millsboro area in Sussex County, DE. They are open to clients Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week of the year,

Mobile Vans



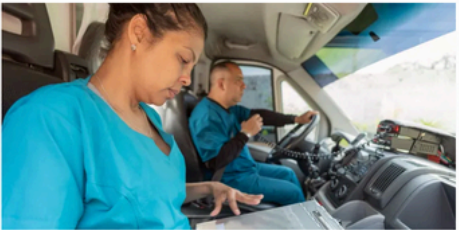
New Castle County

- [Health for All](#)
 - Through mobile services and outreach across Delaware, HEALTH for All promotes healthy living choices and wellness while



Kent County

- [Westside Family Healthcare Rural Health Outreach](#)
 - A mobile health outreach team delivers primary care services to migrant and seasonal



Sussex County

- [Beebe Healthcare Community Mobile Health Clinic](#)
 - With a focus on addressing both complex behavioral and physical health needs, as well as social

Housing



New Castle County

- [Delaware State Housing Authority - Supportive Housing Programs](#)
 - DSHA's supportive housing programs allow developers to combine innovative housing



Kent County

- [Kent County Community Development Housing Repair Program](#)
 - The community housing repair program provides funds for repairs and renovations that will



Sussex County

- [Sussex County Crisis Housing Services, Inc.](#)
 - An emergency shelter for homeless adults primarily in Sussex county, but accepts

Communication Platforms: Help Us Keep Your Info Up to Date

We're asking all coalition members to check either the [Google Drive](#) or [Microsoft Teams](#) to ensure your contact information is up to date.

- Look for the file titled “Coalition Members”
- Please verify that your organization name and email address are correct
- Email us to make any corrections at info@delawareship.org

Please Note: You do not need to join both Google Drive and Teams – they contain the same information. Choose the platform that works best for you. Click the links above or use the icons to join.



Google Drive

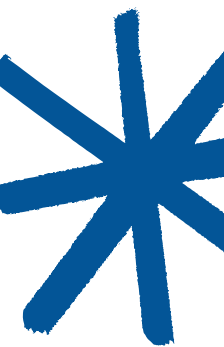


“At a Glance” Project Preview



Coming this Fall!

We are looking to spotlight coalition members working in each priority health outcome area (chronic disease, avoidable injury, mental health, premature death, and maternal and infant health) and speak to the current landscape in each area.





LEGISLATIVE UPDATES CHECK-IN

Let's open the floor for any legislative updates from the coalition. Please feel free to share any recent developments, proposed bills, or advocacy efforts your organization is involved in.



ONE HEALTH MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION





Welcome Our Guest Speakers



Jen Parsons and Indi Islam
The Community Health Worker Association



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CHW Ambassador Presentation

Empowering Community Health Through Collaboration



Our Goals as CHW Ambassadors

Increase Awareness

Many people don't know what CHWs do or how they support our communities

Share the Impact

CHWs reduce healthcare costs, increasing access to preventive care and reducing costly readmissions and ED visits



Build a Movement

CHW Ambassadors spread awareness, advocate for health equity, and drive systemic change

CHWs Are Essential

CHWs serve essential roles, in healthcare, bridging the gaps between healthcare systems and the community



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What is a CHW?



Outreach & Education

Approaches to connect with underserved populations and conduct health promotion and disease prevention education

Coaching & Social Support

Individual support, motivation, encouragement to support self-management of health

Care Coordination

Coordinate care through making referrals, providing follow-up, addressing barriers, and documenting

Advocacy

Advocate for the needs and perspectives of communities; connect to resources and advocate for basic needs; conduct policy advocacy

We're not just treating

ILLNESS

we're building

HEALTHIER
COMMUNITIES

- CHWAD Initiative, 2025



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Benefits of CHWs

- ✓ **CHWs are cost effective: For every dollar invested in CHW programs, there is a proven return on investment (ROI) ranging from \$1.80 to \$2.47**
- ✓ **CHWs have been shown to reduce ED visits, hospital readmissions, and nursing home placements**
- ✓ **CHWs improve chronic disease management**
- ✓ **CHWs make vital conditions to preventive care and screenings**
- ✓ **CHWs improve self-reported health and well-being, decreasing the number of poor mental and physical health days**

WHO DO CHWS IMPACT?

Real-Life Examples



Helping seniors manage medications and chronic conditions



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Providing new mothers with prenatal care resources



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Assisting families with food, housing, and healthcare



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Where do CHWs work?



CHWs are Highly Skilled

Core Competency Training

CHWs complete extensive training on nationally recognized core skills and roles

Relationship - Builders

CHWs are experts at connecting with those in their community and building trusting relationships through cultural & linguistic humility



Knowledge Base

CHWs are knowledgeable about social drivers of health, chronic disease, and navigating care systems

Certification

Formal CHW Certification ensure CHWs across the state demonstrate shared skills and knowledge (coming Fall 2025)



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CHW Training Opportunities

Division of Public Health

<https://chwadelaware.org/dph-chw-training-schedule/>

Free Core Competency Training hosted by Delaware's Division of Public Health

CHW Core

<https://www.chwcore.org/>

Free Core Competency Training hosted by Public Health Management Corporation

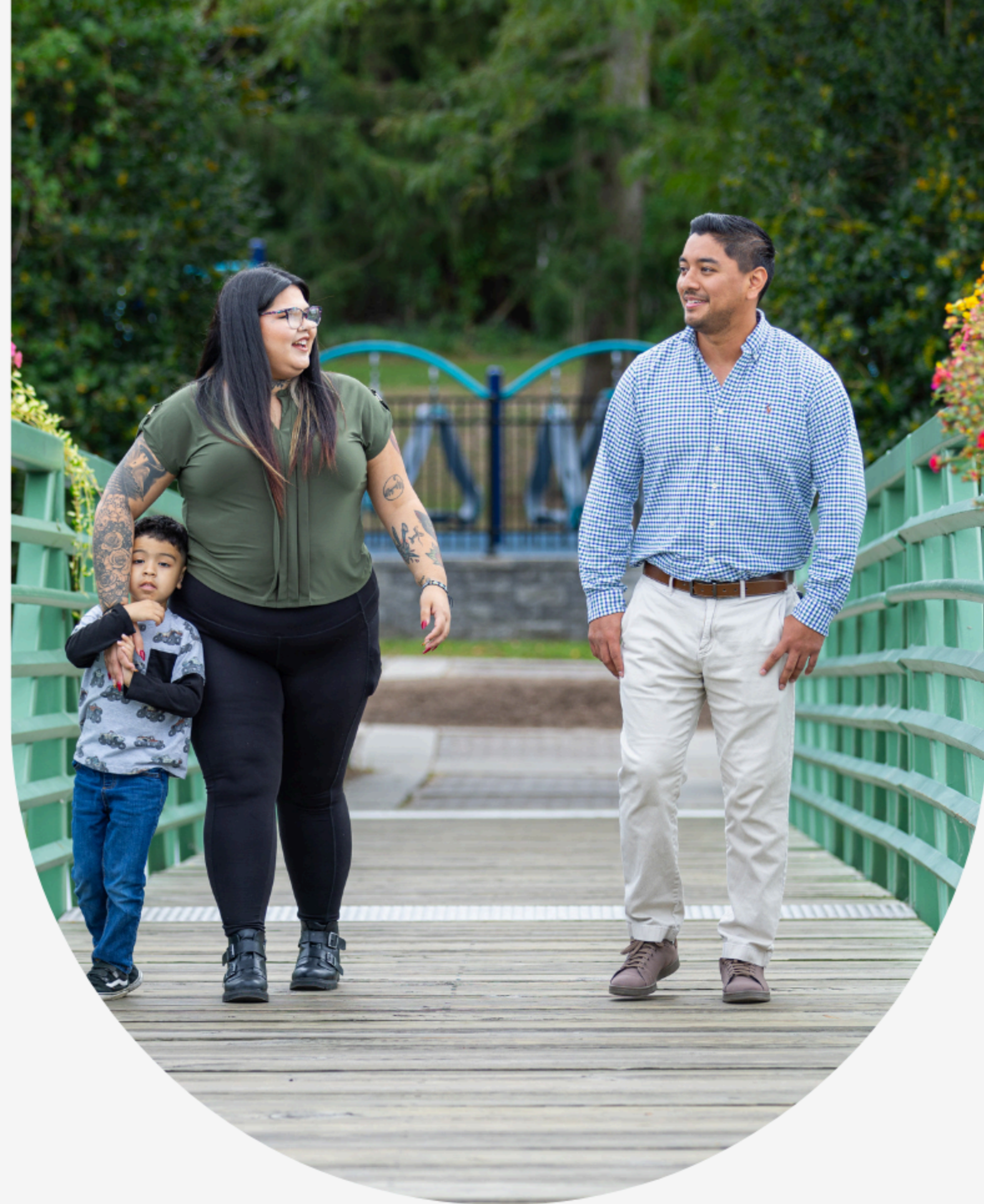
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<https://www.delawarechw.com/>

Apply for financial support for completing DPH's Core Competency Training, Health Literacy training, and apprenticeship opportunities

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

Support CHWs in DE



CHWs

Complete the CHW Registry Survey

Attend CHWA meetings, webinars, and summits

Employers

Integrate CHWs into your care teams

Support your CHWs to become certified

Encourage CHWs to join the CHWA events

Everyone

Join the CHWA

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn

CHW Registry Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Delaware_CHW_Workforce

Join the CHW Association: <https://chwadelaware.org/join-us/>





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Thank you!

**Visit the CHW Association's Website for
more information:**

<https://chwadelaware.org/>

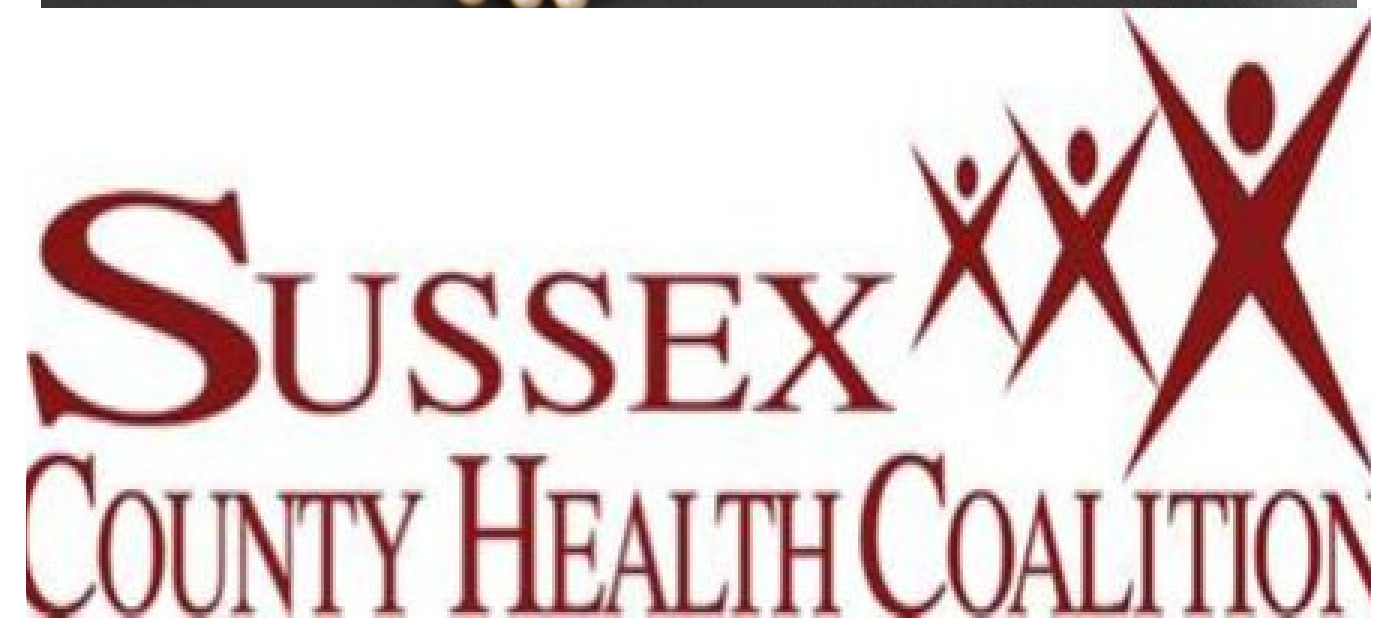
Empowering Community Health Through Collaboration





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ACTION PLAN UPDATES

- **We're still accepting feedback!**
- **Action plans were sent in a previous email, which also indicates which priority health outcome group you were assigned**
 - If you would like to be moved to a different group, please contact us
 - If you would like to review other groups' action plans, they are available in the SHIP Teams and Google Drive
- **Up next: Maternal & Infant Health**
 - We'll begin reviewing the action plan from this group now.

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**THANK YOU
FOR JOINING
TODAY!**

TIME FOR Q&A

