



COMMUNITIES ORGANIZING TO PROMOTE EQUITY

Bourbon County

CHW PARTNER
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COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

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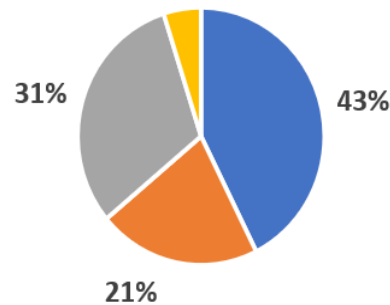
COPE creates collaborative partnerships in 20 counties across the state of Kansas to support communities with innovating and implementing locally tailored strategies to address social determinants of health and empower individuals and communities to work towards achieving health equity.

COPE is funded through a two-year grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment made possible by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's national initiative to address COVID-19 health disparities in high-risk and underserved communities.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships are a major deliverable for the COPE project. We rely on community health workers (CHWs) and the Local Health Equity Action Team (LHEAT) to grow and develop them.

Purpose of Partnerships Established (N=27)



■ Referral ■ Event ■ Relationship ■ Other

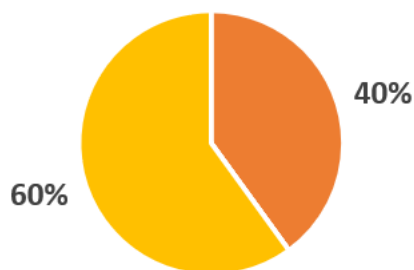
Most Common Types of Partners

- Schools
- Shelters
- Faith Based Orgs
- Health Related Orgs

EVENTS

CHWs and LHEATs are charged with creating and partnering on events and approaches to address social determinants of health.

Type of Events (N=11)



■ Vaccination ■ Home test Distribution ■ Communications ■ Other

Local Health Equity Action Team (LHEAT)

LHEAT Lead: Rachel Carpenter



LHEAT Composition: 3 CHWs, 9 Org Reps,
5 Community Residents

Topics Addressed

- Housing
- Food Access
- Dignity Initiatives
- Credit Repair
- Homeless Outreach





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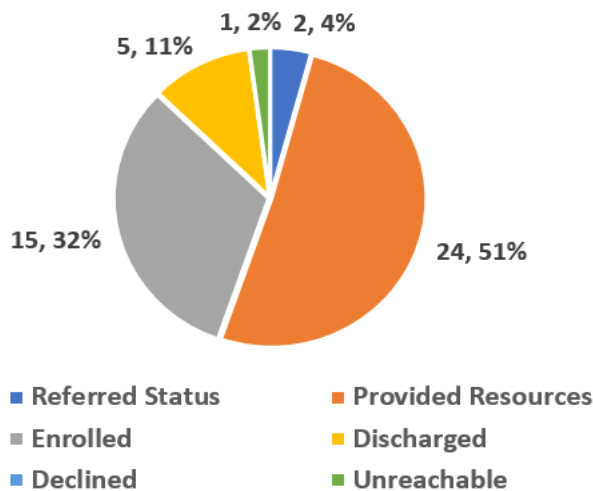
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CLIENTS

CHWs receive client referrals from a number of sources: events, clients themselves and partners. CHWs work with clients 1-on-1 to address up to their top 3 needs.

CHW Client Status (N=47)



Top 5 Client-Identified Needs



Food & Household
Items



Housing



Medical Needs



Medication Adherence



Health Literacy

Since January, CHWs have spent **483.5 hours** working with clients.

CHW Client Story

56-year-old male met with CHWs looking for help with SEKCAP and Section 8 housing. Client was approved for a 1-bedroom section 8 voucher. Client is disabled and has difficulty walking upstairs, so a ground level apartment was a necessity. CHWs worked with client to complete multiple housing applications. CHWs provided client with food from the pantry multiple times, as well as provided transportation to client to view possible rental properties. Due to client having a past rental judgement against him, it was difficult finding him a place that would accept him. Client struggled with paying rental property application fees, so CHWs connected him with Compassionate Ministries who assisted with those fees. Perseverance paid off and client was finally able to find housing. Client also states that he now has adequate food and is doing very well.

LHEAT Highlight

LHEAT and United Health financially partnered with First United Methodist Church (FUMC) to buy a new freezer for their program Feeding Families in His Name. This program provides a free hot meal to community members every Wednesday night. There has been an average of 400 meals given out and since partnership with the LHEAT that number increased to 500 meals. Our Bourbon County Community Health Worker, Lisa Robertson, has partnered with this program to do a homeless outreach. She takes the hot meals to individuals who are experiencing homelessness and may not have transportation to get to the church. While dropping off the meals she is able to check in on these individuals and assess their needs and refer them to the COPE program. We look forward to continue to partner with FUMC on other initiatives!