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## MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

# NEWSLETTER

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#### **Mental Health Trends of 2025**

Staying Current on Mental Health Trends: Why It Matters for CHWs

As trusted community connectors, Community Health Workers (CHWs) play a vital role in promoting mental health awareness and support. Staying informed about the most current mental health trends—such as emerging interventions, digital therapy tools, or culturally tailored approaches—ensures CHWs can provide accurate guidance and connect community members to the most effective resources. By understanding these trends, CHWs can identify early warning signs, reduce stigma, and advocate for services that meet the unique needs of their communities. To strengthen community engagement around mental health. CHWs can host informational workshops, facilitate peer support groups, partner with local mental health providers, and leverage social media to share tips and resources. These strategies not only build trust but also empower individuals to take proactive steps toward mental wellness.







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#### Promoting Workplace Mental Health: Tips for CHWs

Maintaining mental health in the workplace is essential for Community Health Workers, who often navigate highstress environments while supporting their communities. Recognizing signs of stress, burnout, or emotional fatigue in themselves and colleagues can help prevent long-term health impacts. CHWs can foster a healthier work environment by practicing self-care, setting professional boundaries, and encouraging open conversations about mental wellness with peers and supervisors. Strategies such as mindfulness exercises, regular breaks, peer support groups, and access to counseling services can help manage stress. Additionally, advocating for organizational policies that support mental health-like flexible schedules, wellness programs, and employee assistance resources-can create a more resilient and supportive workplace for everyone.

### Innovative Tools for CHWs: Leveraging AI, Digital Solutions, and Telehealth

Community Health Workers can greatly enhance their impact and efficiency by embracing innovative technologies such as AI, digital tools, and telehealth. AI-powered platforms can help track patient outcomes, predict health risks, and identify patterns in community health data, enabling CHWs to prioritize interventions more effectively. Digital tools like mobile apps and electronic health records simplify patient tracking, appointment reminders, and health education delivery. Telehealth solutions expand access to care, allowing CHWs to connect clients with remote providers, offer virtual follow-ups, and provide support to populations in hard-to-reach areas. By integrating these technologies into daily workflows, CHWs can save time, reduce administrative burdens, and focus more on direct patient care, while ensuring their communities receive timely, personalized, and effective health support.