

**Center for Occupational
& Environmental Health
at Hunter College**

The Hunter College Center for Occupational & Environmental Health (COEH) offers a variety of programs that promote urban community and workplace health. We work with community-based organizations, schools, libraries, labor unions, private employers and municipal and state agencies to promote better understanding, access to information and improved skills in addressing public health environmental and workplace concerns.

COEH programs include:

- Community Health Worker Project
- Community Asthma Management Project
- Environmental Worker Training Program
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- Hazardous Materials Management
- Hazardous Materials Emergency Response

**The Community Health Worker
Network of NYC**

The Community Health Worker Network of NYC is a professional association of Community Health Workers (CHWs). CHWs are trusted members of the community they serve and function as frontline healthcare and social service professionals. They work with the underserved to remove barriers to healthcare access. CHWs come from the community in which they work and share ethnicity, culture, language and life experiences.

The Network's mission is to provide a forum for networking opportunities, the sharing of resources, and the expansion of the community health worker field. The Network promotes dialogue among CHWs so that they may develop a collective voice to inform policy issues relevant to their practice.

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Training & Advocacy for Community Health Workers in New York City

*Community Health Worker
Project
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*Strengthening the CHW field
in New York City through
advocacy and professional
development*

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What is the Community Health Worker Project at Hunter College?

The Community Health Worker Project at Hunter College seeks to improve the health and well-being of residents of New York City's most burdened and underserved neighborhoods by strengthening and developing the Community Health Worker field in New York City.

Community Health Workers (CHWs), also known as outreach workers, promotoras, peer educators and health advisors, are uniquely poised to address barriers to health care access for New York City's most vulnerable communities.

CHWs need comprehensive training, program and peer support, and integration into the health care delivery system to achieve the full potential of the services they offer.

Community Health Workers must be of the people they serve.

They must

Live with them...

Work with them...

Rejoice with them...

Suffer with them...

Grieve with them...

And decide with them.

World Health Organization

Project Goals

Labor-Market Analysis of CHW Field

- Survey current & potential employers of CHWs
- Identify facilitators & barriers to CHW employment
- Promote expansion of CHW field in New York City

CHW Program Resource Directory

- Produce directory of CHW programs in New York City
- Maintain current data base of CHW programs

Credit-bearing CHW Training Program at the City University of New York (CUNY)

- Develop academic-community partnership
- Pilot introductory CHW course at CUNY

CHW Advocacy

- Promote development of CHW leadership
- Support the activities of the Community Health Worker Network of NYC

www.chwnetwork.org

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