

Louisiana Community Health Workers: Roles, Responsibilities, and Training

Community health workers (CHWs) are:



Frontline
public health
workers



Trusted members
of the community
served



People with a close
understanding of
the community

In 2022, LSU Health and LACHON surveyed CHWs statewide to learn more about the workforce.

CHWs Are Trained In

73% CHW Core Competencies

56% Community Advocacy

52% Health Equity

Top Roles + Responsibilities

74%
Community
Outreach

66%
Advocacy

60%
Care Coordination/
Case Management

59%
Community
Health Education

Over half of CHWs surveyed provide referrals to the following resources:

Food assistance • Housing • Education assistance • Employment
Transportation • Health insurance enrollment • Income assistance
Legal services • Violence prevention • Childcare

Most common health conditions CHWs currently address



COVID-19



Mental Health



Diabetes



Hypertension



HIV/AIDS