

Evidence-Based or Informed Practice Resources

There are a number of different places you can learn about evidence-based or informed interventions for CHW program planning. Below is a list you can use when co-designing the specific interventions and resulting impact with your CHW program team and partners.

Rural Health Information Hub – Community Health Workers Toolkit

<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/toolkits/community-health-workers>

The audience for this resource are rural organizations, including healthcare providers, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, businesses, networks, and community-based organizations, however it can be adapted for other settings. It is a comprehensive resource that includes information about promising models, a clearinghouse of CHW programs, and other information to support implementation and evaluation of your program.

County Health Rankings and Road Maps

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

A program of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, with funding from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, this resource specifically focus on what works to improve community health. The website provides access to population health data that is updated annually and used by most public health entities across the country to track local community health trends. It also has a compendium of evidence-informed policies and actions that can make a difference locally. The “Take Action to Improve Health” section of the website also provides information about how to use data to take action and engage community members and community partners.

The Community Guide

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

This resource is a collection of evidence-based findings of the Community Preventive Services Task Force aimed at helping users select interventions to improve health and prevent disease.

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CDC Community Guide to Preventing Chronic Disease

<https://www.cdc.gov/NCCDPHP/dch/pdf/health-equity-guide/Practitioners-Guide-section1.pdf>

This publication is a resource for advancing health equity in your local community. It outlines a public health approach that healthcare providers and practices can support as well as case studies of programs that have made an impact.

AHRQ EPC Evidence-Based Reports

<https://www.ahrq.gov/research/findings/evidence-based-reports/index.html>

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) offers a database of reports with comprehensive science-based information on costly medical conditions and technologies and strategies to impact them. It is most useful to search by condition. No specific CHW interventions came up when we entered “CHW” or “Community Health Worker” into the search field.

Cochrane

<https://www.cochrane.org/evidence>

Cochrane is an international network and non-profit that compiles scientific information to support health decision making. The goal is to improve health outcomes by providing high-quality information. It does include information about CHW and community-based interventions.

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