



## Utah Broad-Based Community Health Worker Coalition (CHWC)-CHW Definition

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A community health worker is a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has an unusually close understanding of the community served.

This trusting relationship enables the worker to serve as a connector between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery.

A community health worker is not necessarily a clinical professional but receives training to build individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities such as outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support and advocacy.

#### **Other names for CHWs:**

Community connector  
Community health advocate  
Community outreach worker  
Family health advocate  
HIV peer counselor  
Lay health advisor  
Maternal child health worker  
Parent support partner  
Patient advocate  
Patient educator  
Patient health navigator  
Peer support specialist  
Peer educator  
Promotore(a)  
Recovery coach  
Wellness coach