

The National CHW Training Center: 2017 in Review

TRAINING

In 2017, the National CHW Training Center delivered training to **1103** individuals (not un-duplicated counts).

- 399 trained in-person & 704 completed courses online
- 81 received state certifications (CHW and instructor) and 1022 earned CEU credits
- 1021 were CHWs & 82 were CHW Instructors

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

The NCHWTC added 64.5 hours of CEU courses to its training library.

- Healthy Homes & Asthma (Online) – 3 hours
- Lay Leader Training for Chronic Disease Self-Management Program – 24 hours
- Lay Leader Cross-Training Chronic Disease Self-Management Program to Diabetes Self-Management Program – 7 hours
- Cancer Survivorship for Instructors – 8 hours
- Cancer Survivorship for CHWs – 8 hours
- CHW Certification Course Knowledge Base Competency: Tobacco Cessation – 7.5 hours
- Family Health History – 6 hours
- Field Assignment for Training CHW Instructors to Deliver Cancer Education & Navigation – 1 hour

ABSTRACTS & PRESENTATIONS

NCHWTC team members had fifteen abstracts accepted for presentation at five conferences:

- CPRIT Innovation in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference – November 2017 in Austin, TX
- American Public Health Association Annual Meeting – November 2017 in Atlanta, GA
- Community Health Worker Unity Conference – August 2017 in Dallas, TX
- National Rural Health Association Health Equity Conference – May 2017 in San Diego, CA
- Communities Joined in Action Conference – February 2017 in San Antonio, TX

Other Accomplishments

- NCHWTC established partnership with Brazos Valley Workforce Solutions to certify CHWs locally.
- NCHWTC invited to present to Project ECHO collaborative at the University of New Mexico (online) and DFW CHW Association (in person).
- Blanca Macareno and Marivel Sanchez led a workshop for CHWs and Instructors at the Texas Gulf Coast CHW/Promotora Association Annual Conference in Houston, TX in June.
- Katharine Nimmons joined the Dallas Fort Worth Community Health Worker Association Board of Directors in July.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- Cancer Survivorship
 - Funder: Texas Department of State Health Services
 - Summary: NCHWTC instructors developed two new 8-hour CEUs on Cancer Survivorship, expanding on topics covered in existing CEU modules. CEUs for CHWs and instructors are available in English and Spanish, in-person and online.
- Cancer Genomics
 - Funder: Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas
 - Summary: This project adapts a curriculum on Cancer Family History for CHWs, preparing CHWs to promote family health history and genetic screening as tools for cancer prevention. The NCHWTC will help deliver the CEUs in English and Spanish, in-person and online.
- ACTION (Access to Cancer Treatment Information, Outreach, and Navigation) for CHWs
 - Funder: Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas
 - Summary: The project disseminated cancer education and navigation training for CHWs in person and online. Additionally, NCHWTC offered technical assistance to partner organizations and an affiliation model allow project resources to reach a broader audience.
- Healthy South Texas Initiative
 - Funder: Texas Legislature
 - Summary: The Healthy South Texas Initiative focuses on diabetes, asthma, infectious diseases, and wellness in 27 counties. The NCHWTC led the CHW Task Force within HST, coordinating CHW Workshops in McAllen, Victoria, and Corpus Christi this year.
- Working on Wellness
 - Funder: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - Summary: The WOW project focuses on reducing obesity through improving access to healthy food retail and opportunities for physical activity in Hidalgo County. NCHWTC team members led community-based education and outreach activities, develop curricula, and support coalitions to improve policy, systems, and environmental determinants of wellness.
- Tobacco Cessation
 - Funder: Texas Department of State Health Services
 - Summary: NCHWTC instructors have promoted CEUs on Tobacco Cessation for CHWs in-person and online, in English and in Spanish. Additionally, the team adapted and implemented a new 160-hour certification course for CHWs with a Tobacco Cessation focus.
- UTRGV Collaboration
 - Funder: United Health Foundation, through University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 - Summary: NCHWTC continued to offer technical assistance to UTRGV and South Texas College for CHW training, certification, and engagement in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties. Additionally, NCHWTC instructors coordinated an in-person training on Oral Health for CHWs in February, the first of its kind in Texas. The team adapted and certified a CEU curriculum, and then partnered with the National Rural Health Association to implement the training.