

YEAR IN REVIEW: 2017

NATIONAL COMMUNITY
HEALTH WORKER TRAINING
CENTER

TRAINING CENTER PROJECTS

Cancer Survivorship

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

The project adapts a curriculum 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

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 allows project resources to reach a broader audience.

Healthy South Texas Initiative

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.

WoW: Working on Wellness

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

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

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.

TRAINING CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

- NCHWTC added 64.5 hours of CEU courses to its training library.
- Established partnership with Brazos Valley Workforce Solutions to certify CHWs locally.
- 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.

ACCEPTED 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

POTENTIAL/PENDING PROJECTS

- In-person CHW Instructor certification in Cameron/Hidalgo County
- Adapting a smoking cessation curriculum for CHWs
- Adding Colorectal Cancer survivorship module online, in English and Spanish
- Potential expanding of CHW CEU workshop covering core competencies.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Implementing Fall Prevention courses and trainings
- CPRIT grant to disseminate EPICO modules and training activities