



Virginia CHW News & Updates

VIRGINIA CHW WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CERTIFICATION LEGACY PERIOD ENDS JANUARY 1, 2022

CHWs may submit their legacy applications for certification to the Virginia Certification Board. Information regarding submissions can be found at this [VCB LINK](#).

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Virginia Adults with Full Medicaid Now Eligible for Dental Benefits!

According to the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), Virginia's Medicaid agency, the number one service requested by adult Medicaid members was dental services. **Beginning July 1st, adults with full Medicaid benefits are now eligible for comprehensive dental benefits.**

Covered dental services for adults enrolled in Medicaid will include: • Cleanings and preventive care • X-Rays and exams Fillings • Dentures • Root canals • Gum-related treatment Oral surgeries • And



more!

To learn more about this new benefit, click this [link](#) for an informational flyer.

ImmunizeVA Offering COVID-19 Vaccine Training



ImmunizeVA is offering a free 2-part training on **July 12th and 13th** that will review the basics of the COVID-19 Vaccine, provide answers to FAQs, and cover communication techniques and strategies to successfully engage in conversations about the vaccine with community members. This training is interactive and will include activities to practice each communication skill reviewed. **Please note that spaces are limited, so if you are interested in attending, register today at the link below.**

Who should attend this training?

This training is intended for **Virginia-based community members, lay health workers/community health workers, and other individuals involved in community outreach** or interacting with individuals considering getting vaccinated in Virginia. There is **no cost** to attend this training.

Please note you must attend BOTH sessions/parts of the training.

Learning Objectives Part 1 (Monday, July 12th from 12 - 1:30 PM)

- Provide basic information about the COVID-19 virus.
- Have a basic understanding of how the three current authorized COVID-19 vaccines were developed and work.
- Identify and respond to FAQs and misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Learning Objectives Part 2 (Tuesday, July 13th from 12 - 1:30 PM)

- Apply core communication skills related to vaccine education and promotion in discussions with community members.
- Identify resources and referral processes to support individuals in accessing the COVID-19 vaccine in Virginia.

Management and the Role of CHWs Accessible Through Council Website

IPHI, in collaboration with the Virginia Diabetes Council and the Virginia Department of Health, produced a three-part series on diabetes and the role of CHWs in diabetes prevention and management. The webinars also explore other issues that impact persons with diabetes and how CHWs mitigate these issues. To access the three webinars for viewing through YouTube, click this [link](#).

Register Now for UNITY Conference 2021 and Annual Meeting

The National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW) encourages CHW and ally members to register for UNITY Conference 2021 on July 28-29. This conference is a virtual event. The theme is 'Bringing Hope & Care to Communities.' Join NACHW in bringing CHWs and its allies together to connect and elevate the CHW workforce. Attendees are also encouraged to learn and shape how NACHW works on behalf CHWs and the communities they serve.

[Go to the Registration Page](#)