# Community Health Worker Training Program

HealthChoices PCMH Learning Network – Learning Session Lehigh Capital PA March 26, 2024

### **Regional AHEC Centers**

Seven regional AHEC Centers provide "boots on the ground" across Pennsylvania. The centers work closely with regional partners, implement the programs and services provided by Pennsylvania AHEC, and understand the needs and culture of the counties and communities in their area.



## **Course Requirements**

- High School/GED
- U.S. citizen
- Ability to understand and speak English •
- Clearances (not required but recommended) Background check Fingerprinting Child abuse •



## **Course Curriculum**

- 75-hour training program
- Lecture-based material
  - Interactive learning activities such as group discussions, small groups, and case studies
- Each course can have additional modules:\*
  - Mental Health First Aid Training
  - Mandated Reporter
  - Contact Tracing
  - CPR/First Aid

### 22 content modules:

- Communication
- Boundaries
- Personal Safety
- Health Literacy
- Chronic Disease
- Substance Use Disorder
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Care Coordination
- Cultural Importance

\* Additional modules depend on the region class is offered.

## **Course Delivery**

### **FLEXIBLE**

- Formation Options
  - In-person
  - Virtual
  - Hybrid
- Classes are live synchronous
  - some may have asynchronous work
- AHEC sites may change the timing and days of classes
- 75 hours, 2 days a week, 3 hours is typical = 13 week



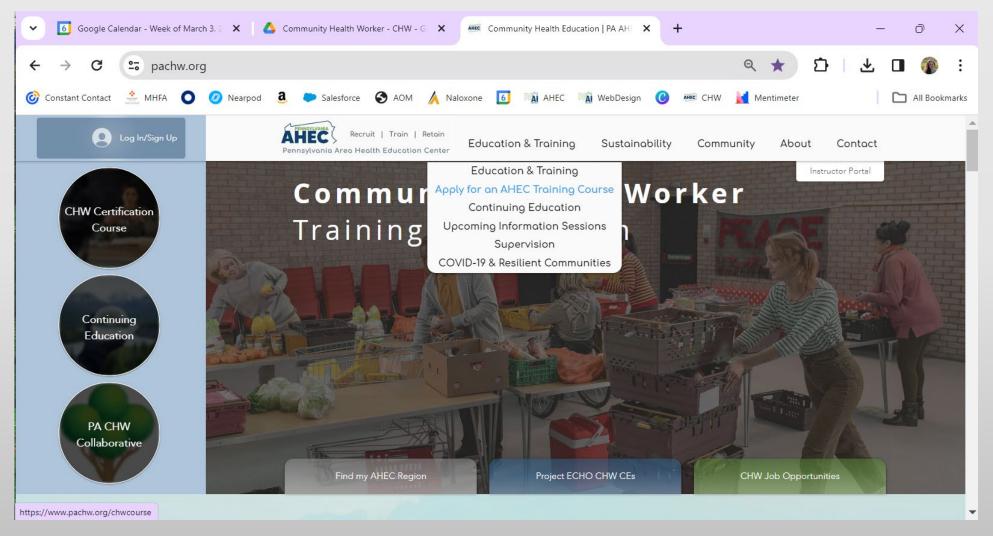
### Funding

### Grant funding is available

- For **<u>new</u>** healthcare individuals
- For individuals who work in healthcare- ask about what may be available

Course Fee without funding - \$1500

### Registration



### https://www.pachw.org/

### PCB-Application Overview

Our Community Health Worker Training Program is accredited through the Pennsylvania Certification Board



Certification can only be obtained AFTER the completion of the 75 hour training program

Individuals will need at least 1 calendar year OR 2000 hours (full-time/part-time) working as a CHW to be eligible for Certification

Once certified- CHWs are required to complete continuing education credits

## PA AHEC ECHO Series

#### PA AHEC CHW Continuing Education Series

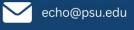
The PA Area Health Education Center's new Training Center for Health Equity and Project ECHO at Penn State College of Medicine, are offering a montly series of free CE for CHWs

Series Schedule Sessions will take place from 9-10 am

January 17July 17February 21August 21March 20September 18April 17October 16May 15November 20

Register at:

https://redcap.link/CHW2024







#### Project ECHO at Penn State College of Medicine



#### Pennsylvania AHEC CHW Continuing Education Series FREE CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

The PA Area Health Education Center's new Training Center for Health Equity, and Project ECHO at Penn State College of Medicine, are offering a monthly series of free continuing education for Community Health Workers (CHWs).

This monthly series will launch on January 17, 2024, from 9-10 a.m. This ECHO series seeks to train CHWs in an effort to strengthen Pennsylvania's public health infrastructure and improve community health outcomes.

#### Register for this series at: https://redcap.link/CHW2024



Contact us.

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2024	Sep. 18, 2024
2024	Oct. 16, 2024
, 2024	Nov. 20, 2024

Participants will receive a continuing education certificate following the completion of each session.

Flip to learn more about the Project eCHO continuing education approach







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#### www.paahec.org



### COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SUPERVIS SERIES



#### Meetings occur on the second Thursday of each month from 10am - 11am.



### JOIN US

PA AHEC is excited to continue this series with a three part training in Spring 2024. These sessions are aimed at CHW supervisors who are new or experienced in addition to CHWs who would like to move into a supervisory role.

## **CHW Supervisor Series**

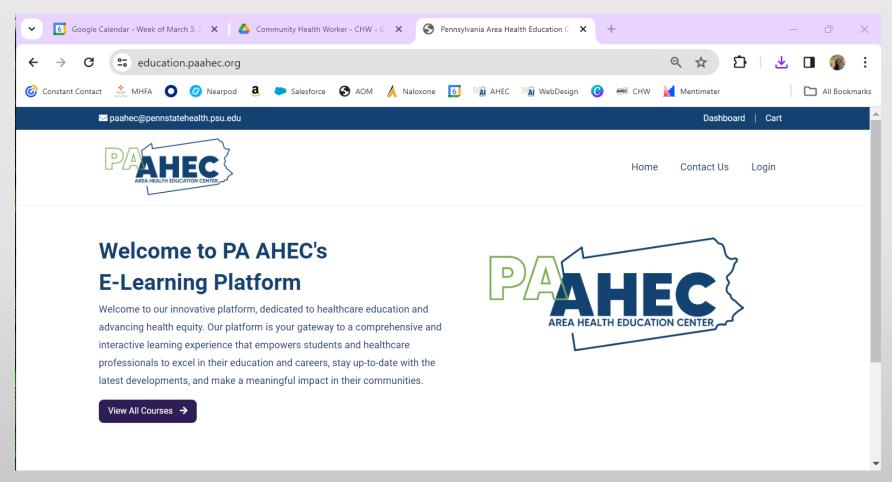


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## PA CHW Conference

## **PA AHEC Ongoing Education**



### https://education.paahec.org/

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# Questions