Individual Membership Opportunities

2022
The National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW) was founded in April 2019 after several years of planning and organizing by Community Health Workers (CHWs) and allies across the United States. NACHW is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership driven organization with a mission to unify CHWs across geography, ethnicity, sector and experience to support communities to achieve health, equity and social justice.

Community Health Worker is an umbrella term and includes community health representatives, promotores, peers and other workforce members who are frontline public health professionals that share life experience, trust, compassion, cultural and value alignment with the communities where they live and serve.

Our values - self-determination and self-empowerment of our workforce; integrity of character; dignity and respect for every human being, social justice and equity to ensure fair treatment, access, opportunity and outcomes for all individuals and communities - guide our work. They are north stars we will use to support our members, foster partnerships, advocate nationally, develop strategic objectives, and assess our impact.

NACHW is led by an Executive Director who is also a CHW, and enjoys governance from a national Board of Directors of predominately CHWs and allies with decades of research and practice expertise in CHW training and workforce development, community organizing and engagement, intervention design, equity and social justice advocacy, research and policy leadership.

NACHW is proud to have members in all 50 states, with growing membership in territories and tribal nations as well.

Our members work across sectors, geographies and cultures to coordinate medical, behavioral health and social need services, build community capacity, conduct research and evaluation and advocate for health equity.
NACHW MEMBERSHIP

NACHW Members recognize the unique history, experience and impact of Community Health Workers, promotores de Salud and Community Health Representatives. They share common values and a vision to support communities in achieving health equity and social justice. Members partner with NACHW to achieve our Strategic Objectives.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Individual CHW Members are frontline public health workers who are trusted members of and/or have an unusually close understanding of the community served. This trusting relationship enables CHWs to serve as a liaison/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery.

Individual Ally Members include medical and behavioral health providers, public health professionals, educators, advocates, administrators, researchers, and others who support the CHW workforce but who do not identify as CHWs themselves.

“...I have been on a few virtual webinars with you and plan to attend more. I appreciate the work you do, the education and advocacy you provide on behalf of CHWs. The professional and national recognition of this field is inspiring and will continue to make great impacts in communities everywhere as you already know. I plan to continue and get more involved with demonstrating the work and value CHW bring to the community.”

- Ohio Certified Community Health Worker and NACHW Member

ANNUAL MEETING & 2022 UNITY CONFERENCE

In July 2021, NACHW more than tripled the attendance and sponsorship of our 2nd Annual Members Meeting and 2021 Unity conference. With more than 800 attendees, over 30 workshops and 70 CHW and ally speakers and panelists, events like this bring our movement together to celebrate, learn and lead. In 2022 NACHW will host our 3rd Annual members meeting and Unity conference. Please visit our news webpage for updates and opportunities.
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Get connected with relevant learning and advocacy opportunities when you complete your Membership Profile!

Access your New Member Toolkit to gain access to NACHW tools and resources and communicate your membership with others.

Receive exclusive content and opportunities through our members-only newsletter.

Join any of our five NACHW national members-only learning collaboratives to network, learn, develop leadership skills, and advance the CHW profession.

Log in and search our member directory to connect with fellow members in your state or area of expertise.

Search and download over 900 curated CHW state-level policy documents in our new CHW Document Resource Center.

Access a curated list of COVID-19 resources.

Attend webinars to access professional development and training

Attend our 3rd Annual Members Meeting and hear national updates from the Executive Director, NACHW staff, and the Board of Directors.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Use our Connect page to share events and resources, ask questions and submit partnership ideas!

Like our Social Media pages (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn).