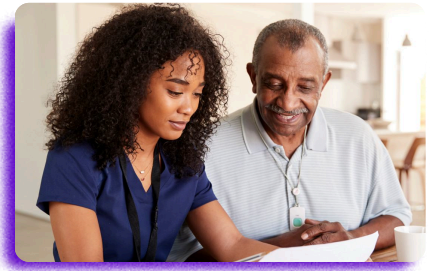


Partner with CHW State Associations to Impact Community Health



Why partner with State Associations

- **Trusted conveners** — Mentor and unite CHWs
- **Intermediaries** — Connect communities and systems
- **Knowledge keepers** — Uphold standards and best practices
- **Technical assistance hubs** — Support training and policy
- **Sustainability advocates** — Advance equity as top need
- **Mobilization networks** — Proven capacity for statewide deployment and rapid response

How to partner with State Associations

Establish and customize the scale of partnerships by:

- Advocating for CHW recognition and compensation in legislation
- Supporting growth and sustainability of CHW workforce
- Connecting with other organizations with similar missions to build capacity
- Partnering locally to develop long-term targeted funding models to support sustainable CHW financing — leveraging digital technology and/or hubs

Resources: 1. [Insights on CHW Network Partnerships, Expertise and Support Needs for Sustainability](#)
2. [Recommendations and Resources for Public Health Departments Contracting with Community-Based Organizations \(CBOs\) and Community Health Worker Networks](#) 3. [CHW Network Leader Recommendations for Public Health Departments](#)
4. [NACHW Networks and Training Programs](#)

Spotlight on Louisiana Community Health Outreach Network (LACHON)

Founded in **2010** by community health workers and allies, the **Louisiana Community Health Outreach Network (LACHON)** was established to create a statewide space for CHWs to support one another and strengthen the profession. Over the past 15 years, **LACHON**, under the leadership of **Executive Director Catherine Gray Haywood** — a CHW and co-founder of the **National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW)** — has led critical **emergency response efforts** during Louisiana's natural disasters and advanced **CHW workforce studies and Medicaid reimbursement development**. Haywood's research on **CHW integration in Medicaid managed care and community-based organizations** continues to inform national policy and practice.

The [Strengthening Public Health with Community Health Workers](#) report (2025) published by [National Association of CHWs \(NACHW\)](#), [NationSwell](#), [Atlas Clarity](#), and [Sanofi](#), highlights how CHWs strengthen public health through trust, capacity-building, navigation of health and social services, and cross-sector partnership. In 2026, CHW Network and Association leaders reviewed the report and offered recommendations in a focus group.



This one-pager is part of series requested by CHW leaders targeting multiple audiences.