

**WELCOME AND  
INTRODUCTION TO  
PATIENT-CENTERED  
RESEARCH TRAINING FOR  
CHWS IN TIMES OF COVID**

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# Original Work (2015-2019)

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# Welcome and Introduction

- ❖ **Thanks** to hosts, sponsors, local regional coordinators and collaborator Venus Gines, Dia de la Mujer Latina.



# CHWs in action:



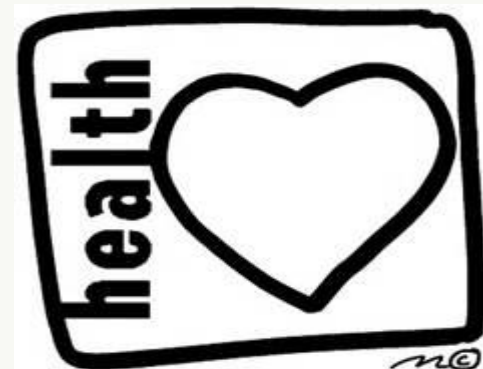
# APHA Definition:

"A **Community Health Worker (CHW)** is a frontline public health worker who is a **trusted member** of and/or has an unusually **close understanding** of the community served. This trusting relationship enables the CHW 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. A CHW also builds individual and community capacity by **increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency** through a range of activities such as outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support and advocacy."

American Public Health Association- Special Interest Group: CHWs

# Impact of CHWs in Health

- ❖ It **has been documented** that as members of the care delivery team, CHWs have been critical in:
  - Securing access to health care
  - Coordinating timely access to primary care
  - Behavioral health and preventive services
  - Helping individuals manage chronic conditions





# Contributions from CHWs

- ❖ CHWs bring the **knowledge of their life experience** of being part of a certain community, advocating for people living with a specific disease or condition or their caregivers.
- ❖ CHWs' experience can assist and **complement the researcher's scientific knowledge** in research and clinical studies.
- ❖ CHWs can expand on their skills with adequate **research-related training** like the one today.
- ❖ Research skills in **times of covid** (during and after) becomes more relevant.



# Now, specifics topics in curriculum:



1. Conducting research in times of COVID-for CHWs
2. What is research? patient centered outcomes research?
3. What does it mean to conduct research in an ethical way, protecting the rights of research participants?
4. How to ensure all research participants have equal chances, without bias?
5. What are the different ways to collect research data; how can CHWs collect data for research studies?
6. What is the process of informing the participants about their rights and risks associated with a study or contact tracing?