



ASPIN's Opioid Workforce Expansion Program-Paraprofessional (AOWEP)

Behavioral Health Education and Training Program

Program Goals

Indiana is in the midst of an opioid crisis, Emergency room visits for non-fatal drug overdoses in Indiana increased by nearly 60 percent in a recent five-year period, during which time deadly overdoses rose by an average 3.5 percent each year.

The ASPIN Opioid Workforce Expansion Program-Paraprofessional (AOWEP) will expand the core CHW training to address the Opioid crisis in 10 Indiana rural counties: Huntington, Kosciusko, Marshall, Marion, Putnam, Sullivan, Decatur, Henry, Jefferson, and Howard.

Goal 1: Enhance the existing Indiana Certified Community Health Worker Paraprofessional Certificate Program by developing a New Opioid Prevention Treatment Recovery concentration for the Certified Community Health Worker Program.

Goal 2: Partner with Community Mental Health Centers, the Indiana Sheriffs Association, the Gateway to Work Program and other organizations to enhance community recruitment efficiency and increase hiring entity relationships for CHWs.



Benefits to Participants

- Job growth for CCHWs nationwide is expected to be higher than average from 2014 to 2024. (*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*)
- CCHW positions are expected to grow 15% faster than the average occupation. (*Indiana Department of Workforce Development*)
- CCHW jobs are entry level positions that can provide you with a stepping stone into the healthcare field.
- These certifications allow you to gain real life experience while you are attending school.
- Some colleges accept these certifications as college credit.
- CCHW help change peoples lives for the better every day!

Qualifications:

Applicants must be :

- 18 years or older
- A current resident of Indiana
- A High School or GED Graduate

About ASPIN

ASPIN, a 501(C) 3 not for profit network, operates four major service lines: behavioral health services, professional training and workforce development, grants management, and health improvement. The mission of ASPIN is to provide innovative educational programs, resource management, program development, and network management in collaboration with all healthcare entities to address health disparities and whole health management.



Certification Components

Session One	Session Two	Session Three
1. Introduction to the Online Community Health Worker Course	7. Communication Skills for CHWs	13. An Overview of Motivational Interviewing
2. Core Community Health Worker Skills	8. Practices That Promote Health and Wellness	14. Coaching Consumers for Positive Health Outcomes
3. Ethics and the CHW	9. Physical Health/Chronic Disease Overview	15. Tobacco Treatment Methods
4. Diversity and Cultural Competency in the Workplace	10. Behavioral Health Overview	16. CHWs and Group Facilitation Skills
5. Conflict Management for CHWs	11. Substance Use Disorders	17. Advocacy, Collaboration and Teamwork
6. Technology and the CHW	12. Integrated Care Model	18. COVID-19 and the Role of CHWs 19. Securing Employment as a CHW

1. The Opioid Epidemic	5. Working with Referrals	9. The Scope of Work for CCHWs
2. Opioid Treatment Options	6. Role of Peer Support	10. Home Visits
3. Addictions Overview: Co-Occurring Disorders and Recovery	7. The Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)	11. The Career Ladder
4. The CCHW Role in MAT & Naloxone	8. Keeping Patients in Treatment	12. Wrap Up: and Test Prep

Helping to Address the Indiana Opioid Crisis Through Education and Training:

I. Community Health Worker (CHW): 40 hours of online course/testing, Digital Self-study manual provided, All online with support from ASPIN instructors

II. Opioid Basics for CHWs: 16 hours of online course/testing, All online with support from ASPIN instructors, Zoom/Skype facilitated study groups

III. Field Placement-3 Options

Option One: The student completes an 8-hour in-person field placement with a Community Mental Health Center. OR

Option Two: The student completes the 8 module on line virtual field placement with videos of counseling activities, virtual facility tours, telehealth practice exercises, and a review of administration procedures. OR

Option Three: The student’s supervisor can attest that the student has work experience in behavioral health and completes the program checklist form for field placement credit.

IV. Jail Field Placement– 3 Options

As above except four hours at an Indiana County Jail that deals with Justice Involved Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD).

Application Information

For specific information regarding the training or application process, please visit:

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