

Community Health Worker Registered Apprenticeship Testimonial – Unity Point Family Medicine East, Des Moines

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From your perspective, what was it like to participate in the comprehensive CHW training and be part of a training cohort of CHWs?

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There was so much to learn, not only from the amazing instructor but also from the other CHWs in the class. I walked away with a wealth of knowledge on how to do my job better as a CHW!

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How did what you learned impact your evolution and growth as a CHW?

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Every aspect of the training helps me to do my job better and be more comfortable in my CHW role. I learned about cultural humility and health equity and many more topics. I often reflect on my training to help me in my job.

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What does having the national CHW Credential from the US Department of Labor mean to you as a CHW?

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Earning the CHW credential and completing the training program, gives me recognition for all the hard work I do to help our patients. I feel more confident in what I do, after going through the training program. I also feel more valued by my organization. I love my job, and I am proud of the work I do.

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