



NEWSLETTER

Happy Holidays!

This year was an incredible year for us! After many meetings and hard work, we finally kicked off the DFW-CHW Association! And thanks to you we are off to a great start! The DFW-CHW Association is here to serve you and provide you with the tools to successfully serve your community.

We would like to conclude the year by thanking each and every one of you for your commitment to the success of the association. We look forward to the many adventures and challenges 2016 has in store for us!

Happy Holidays from the DFW-CHW Board of Directors!

Holiday Safety Tips

Provided by the National Safety Council

- * Use no more than three light sets on any one extension cord. Extension cords should be placed against the wall to avoid tripping hazards, but do not run cords under rugs, around furniture legs or across doorways.
- * If using a natural tree, make sure it is well watered to avoid dry branches from catching fire from the heat of light bulbs
- * A straight or extension ladder should be placed one foot away from the surface it rests against for every four feet of ladder height.
- * Refrigerate or freeze leftovers in covered shallow containers (less than two inches deep) within two hours after cooking. Date the leftovers for future use.
- * Prepare your car for the winter by checking items such as the brakes, spark plugs, battery, and tires. Check your owner's manual for the recommended interval for a tune-up.
- * Never defrost food at room temperature. Thaw it in the refrigerator, in cold water or in the microwave.

Mission:

To unite CHWs and CHW Instructors for professional Development and community outreach.

Vision:

Our vision is put into action through:

- *Advocacy for the CHW profession which is becoming increasingly important in health care*
- *Education opportunities for both CHWs and instructors in various areas of interest*
- *Professional development workshops to enhance professionalism in the workplace*
- *Community Resources to assist CHWs in their outreach and education efforts*
- *Employment Resources for employment opportunities*

Association Committees

As a member of the DFW-CHW Association you have the opportunity to be a part of helping us build the association to meet the needs of the CHWs in our community. You are highly encouraged to be an active member of the association by joining one of our committees.

Marketing - Contact: *Denise A. Hernandez*

Goals:

- To manage communications among members of the association,
- To promote the association and communicate the CHW role to potential employers and partners,
- To manage communications with potential association affiliate members.

Professional Development - Contact: *Martha Maldonado*

Goals: To assist association affiliate members in meeting their professional development goals by:

- Locating and distributing DSHS certified and other continuing education opportunities for CHWS and CHW instructors,
- Developing DSHS and other continuing education opportunities based on member needs or requests.

Community Outreach - *Dallas County: Tamara Venters, Tarrant County: Toya Norton*

Goal: To organize participation in community events and create community outreach opportunities hosted by the association by:

- Building relationships with community organizations in Dallas and Tarrant Counties for potential collaborations on community outreach events.
- Promote community outreach events with members and in the community (includes using social media, website, newsletter, etc.)

Membership - Contact: *Laura DeHoyos*

Goal: To recruit and manage members of the association by:

- Continuously recruiting new members through a variety of methods (social media, website, at events, etc).
- Manage existing membership list and ensure other workgroups have access to the most up-to-date member information.

Fundraising - Contact: *Lori Millner*

Goal: To locate and secure funds from a variety of sources to support the association's goals by:

- Work with the Treasurer to determine association's funding needs on an annual basis.
- Develop and implement at least one fundraising activity each year.
- Identify grant opportunities and write grants that fit within the mission

If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please contact us at dfwchwassociation@gmail.com and include your interests, skills, and experience. We look forward to having you as part of our committees!

Membership Benefits

Individual Members—\$25 yearly fee:

- Opportunities for community service
- Continuing education trainings and information
- Professional development workshops
- A supportive environment that advocates for CHWs
- Access to a network of CHWs across the DFW
- Access to community resources through the association
- Resources for employment opportunities

Partner Organization--\$100 yearly fee:

- Access to DFW---CHW Association members
- Opportunity to share events and information about the organization with association members
- Events and information about organization included in quarterly association newsletter
- Representation from partner organization at every association meeting

Sponsor Organization--benefits vary depending on sponsorship type and level, but may include:

- Logo and name on newsletters & social media
- Resource table at quarterly meetings
- Opportunity to share information about the organization with association members though 5 minutes of podium time at one quarterly meeting
- Feature article on organization in association newsletter
- Recognition at association sponsored community outreach events
- Worksite wellness consultation with association members
- Prominent location of logo and name on newsletters & social media

Types of Sponsors: Event Sponsor, Annual Sponsor, In--Kind Sponsor

If your organization would like to learn more about serving as a sponsor organization please contact Denise Adame at dfwchwassociation@gmail.com

Request a membership application via email at dfwchwassociation@gmail.com

Applications & checks can be mailed to:

DFW-CHW Association
PO Box 232
Arlington, TX 76004



The 2014 Annual Report: Promotor(a) or Community Health Worker (CHW) Training and Certification Advisory Committee is now available.

The report includes information and program status as of December 31, 2014. Click [here](#) to access the report.

The report includes detailed information on the following:

- Advisory Committee membership and activities
- Program data as of December 31, 2014
- Number of certified CHWs and instructors
- Basis of eligibility (training or experience)
- Renewals
- Location
- Training information

Please contact chw@dshs.state.tx.us if you have any questions or call 512-776-6663.

Ring in the New Year with the DFW-CHW Association!



January 7th, 2016
Bob Duncan Center
6:30pm -8:00pm

Register at:

<https://dfwchw-jan.eventbrite.com>



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