

## About Community Health Workers (CHWs)

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 link/liaison/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery. A CHWs also builds 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.

### CHWs have many different job titles! Some of them are:

- Community health advisors
- Promotores(as)
- Outreach workers
- Navigators
- Peer health educators
- Community health representatives
- Lay health workers

## What is the Louisiana Community Health Outreach Network (LACHON)?

LACHON is an association for community health and outreach workers. Our mission is to support community health workers while advocating for improvements in community health. We do this by:

1. Convening community health workers to share resources and offer peer support
2. Offering professional development opportunities
3. Increasing recognition for the community health worker profession locally, nationally, and internationally.

## Who can join LACHON?

Anyone who works as a paid or volunteer CHW may join LACHON. Other professionals who support CHWs may also join.

## Is there a cost to join?

Yes, like most associations, LACHON asks members to invest in the organization. Dues are \$5 per month or \$60 per year.\*

\*LACHON wants to make sure that everyone who wants to be a member can participate! A scholarship may be available for CHWs. Please contact us to discuss options.

## Why should I join LACHON?

- LACHON is a hub for information about job opportunities
- We offer ongoing training opportunities and seminars
- You can gain leadership experience by joining the board and/or committees
- You can share information and learn about community events through our email distribution list and monthly meetings
- Monthly meetings allow you to talk with other CHWs about professional challenges and network to learn about resources for your clients

## How do I join?

Simply fill out this form and return it to us with your membership dues.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Job title (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Catherine Haywood  
@ Women With A Vision  
2030 Oretha Castle Haley  
New Orleans, LA 70113

**Please make check out to Women With A Vision. Include LACHON on the subject line. Please do not send cash.**

## **Frequently asked questions:**

### **Q: What is the Louisiana Community Health Outreach Network (LACHON)?**

A: LACHON is an association for community health and outreach workers.

### **Q: What exactly is a community health worker (CHW)?**

A: CHWs have lots of different job titles! They are workers and volunteers who provide important services such as community outreach and health education. They also help people get access to health and social services.

### **Q: Why should I join LACHON?**

A: Being a CHW is challenging! LACHON makes your job easier by giving you a chance to meet other CHWs, get ongoing training, attend events, learn about community resources, and hear about job opportunities.

### **Q: Who can join LACHON?**

A: Anyone who is a CHW or supports CHW work is welcome to join LACHON.

### **Q: Is there a cost to join?**

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### **Q: How to join LACHON?**

A: Go to [www.lachon.org](http://www.lachon.org) to become a member.



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