RURAL PUBLIC HEALTH
WORKFORCE TRAINING NETWORK

Outside the Box, Inside the Community

Innovating Rural Health Care in Every Corner

An in-person conference highlighting innovative, community-centered approaches to rural health care. This event centers the work of Community Health Workers (CHWs) and invites CHWs, health professionals, and community partners for panels, interactive discussions, resource sharing, and professional development focused on improving rural health access and outcomes.

In-Person Conference | Free to Attend | 5 CHW CEUs Available

Who Should Attend

This event is open to anyone who is living, working, planning to work, or serving organizations in the Outer Cape Cod and Islands, Berkshire County, and Franklin County regions, including:

- Those committed to improving rural health access and outcomes
- Community Health Workers (CHWs)
- Care managers, navigators, social workers, behavioral health providers
- Public health professionals, nonprofit and community partners, educators, and local leaders
- Medical assistants, Home Health Workers, CNAs, Recovery Coaches, and other front-facing healthcare

What Participants Will Gain

- Practical strategies to reduce barriers to care and address social drivers of health
- Tools and ideas that can be applied immediately
- Connection and collaboration across rural communities
- Wellness-focused time for the caregiving workforce

Event Details

Date: Friday, March 13, 2026

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club, 2907 Main Street, Brewster, MA 02631

Cost: No cost to attend

Scan this QR Code for Registration Information

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Event Schedule

7:30-8:15am . . . . . Optional Yoga/Reiki/Movement

8:00-9:00am . . . . . Arrival/Check in, Breakfast, and Mingle

9:15-10:15am . . . . . Opening and Plenary Speaker - CHWs in Unexpected Space

10:30 – 11:45am . . . . . CHW Working Meeting: Peer-to-Peer Conversations

12:00-1:15pm . . . . . Lunch & CHW Graduation

1:30-2:15 pm . . . . . **Breakout Sessions**

Afternoon Breakout 1 - Intersection Between Worker and Community Identities

Afternoon Breakout 2 - Student Panel: Community Health Work in Unexpected Places

2:30 – 3:00pm . . . . . Final Closing and Goodbyes

3:15 – 3:45 pm . . . . . Optional Narcan Training

Call for Resource Partners

Community-based organizations, health centers, and public programs serving rural residents are invited to participate in the Resource Showcase.

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