## Advancing Equity: Community Health Workers' Role in Enhancing Breast Cancer Screenings and Linkage to Care

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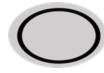
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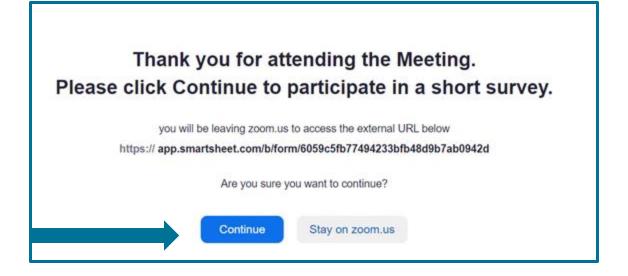
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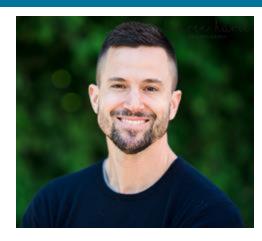
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# What is an NTTAP's role to support Health Center Excellence

- Provide population-specific T/TA on HRSA-defined objectives
- Support health center capacity to provide interdisciplinary, culturally competent care
- Consultation and support in developing CBO and public housing partnerships
- Connect your HC to our National Training Experts for specialty TTA on aging, unhoused populations, IPV and human trafficking, workforce retention, LQBTQ+
- Participation in national efforts to provide T/TA around SDOH, chronic disease mgt
- Support emergency preparedness and response efforts for health center populations
- Tracking trends and changes in health center training needs
- Support the incorporation of the Health Center Excellence Framework and the Health Center 2035 initiatives



### **Community Health Center Program**

- HRSA funds over 1,500 health centers (HC) & and look-alike (LAL) organizations
- These HC and LALs operate more than 17,890 service delivery sites in communities across the country and serve more than 30.5 million people, or 1 in 11 people nationwide.
- 108 HCs are funded as PHPC and serve over 850,000 patients.
- Residents of public housing are living with higher rates of:



Chronic Disease



Social Isolation



Disability or a Caregiver



Aging



Environmental risks



Complex medical and social needs



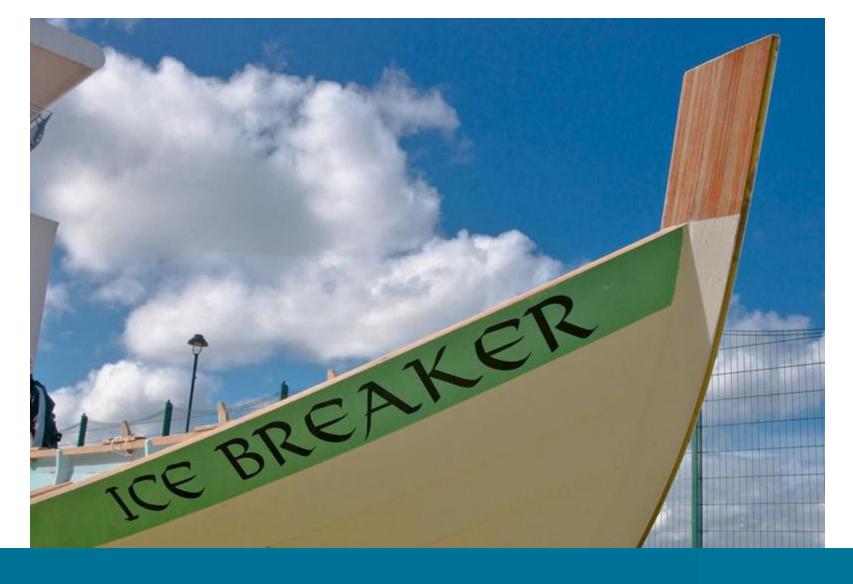
# Agenda: Advancing Equity: Community Health Workers' Role in Enhancing Breast Cancer Screenings and Linkage to Care March 5, 2024 -

5 min	Introduction/Welcome
15 min -	Landscape/Research Matt Beierschmitt, MPP
30 min	Role of CHWs / Collaborations & Community Engagement Community Health of South Florida, Inc.
10 min	Questions/Wrap-up





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What is one resource you may have to share regarding Community Health Workers?





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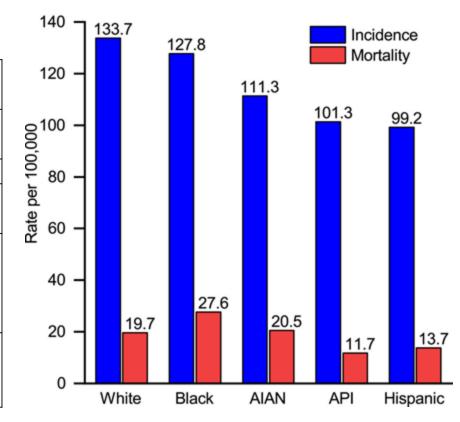


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### The Landscape of Breast Cancer Disparities

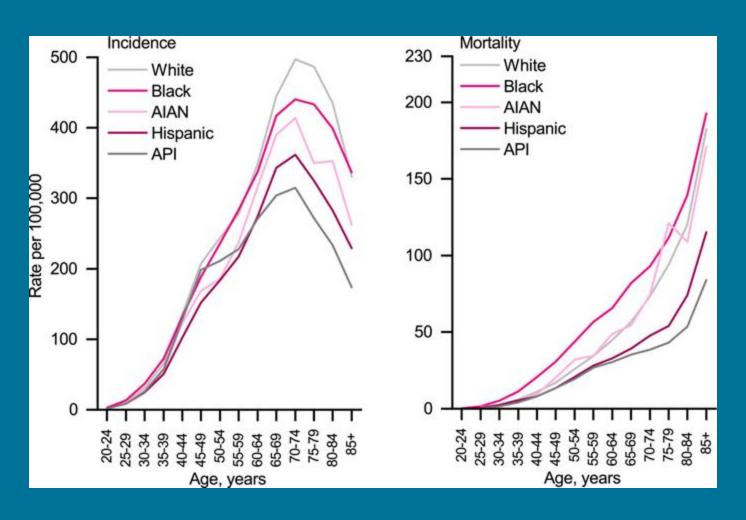
UDS Data	Accessible FQHCs	Other FQHCs
	(n=483)	(n=887)
% of FQHC orgs that reported female patients in the age group received a mammogram	100%	99.1
% of FQHC billing for on-site mammograms	84.7%	84.0%
% where patient mammograms met the 2022 BRFSS rate of mammograms (76.5%)	3.1%	3.2%
Mean number of mammograms for women in the age group	2114 (96.2) 95% CI: (1467, 1845) Range: 6-17770	1292 (43.3) 95% CI: (939, 1109) Range: 0-10764
Mean proportion of patients of appropriate age with recorded mammogram	.4854 (.1645) 95% CI: (.4707, .5001)	.4658 (.1697) 95% CI: (.4546, .4770)







### **Understanding the Landscape of Breast Cancer Disparities**



### Latinx: Understanding the Landscape of Breast Cancer Disparities







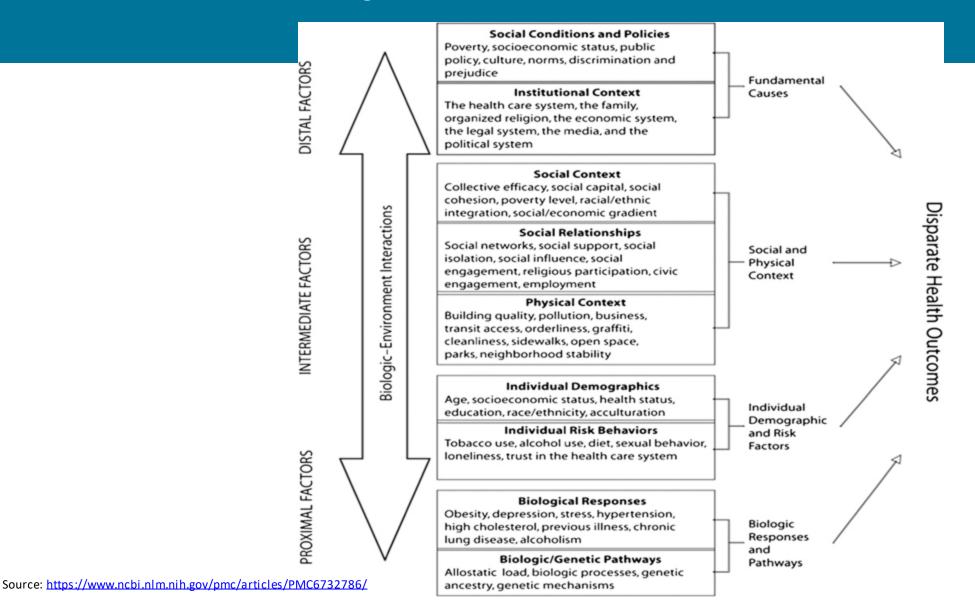
### **Breast Cancer Disparities in Residents of Public Housing**







### SDOH: Understanding the Landscape of Breast Cancer Disparities





### The Case for Community Health Workers (CHWs)





### **Cont...The Case for Community Health Workers (CHWs)**









Role of the Community
Health Workers In Bridging
Gaps/Collaborations &
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## HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

From a humble beginning in two trailers in 1971 near US Hwy 1 and 216th street, CHI began with a commitment to community-oriented primary care for all residents of South Miami Dade. That same commitment is evident today.





### **Mission**

To deliver safe, accessible, compassionate and culturally competent quality health care services to the people of South Florida while training the next generation of health care professionals.

### **Vision**

To become the health care provider of choice for the people in South Florida and a teaching center of excellence for health care professionals.



"Patient Care Comes First"





COMMUNITY HEALTH of South Florida, Inc.

### **Best Practices for Implementing CHW programs**

- Community Health Workers bridge the gap between many areas in and out of the healthfield:
  - Healthcare Administrators.
  - Public Health Professionals.
  - Health Care Providers.
  - Communities.
  - Implementing intervention grounded on evidence-based science.



# Highlight the importance of partnerships between healthcare providers, organizations, and communities.

The issues facing communities today are many and complex, and exist at a wide range of scales. But partnerships are increasingly becoming the answer to tackle many of those issues, it requires the application of many minds to address them.

There are many types of partnerships. Community partnerships can be as diverse and varied as the communities in which they're located and the issues they're formed to tackle.

- Strategic Advantage
- Increasing the Network
- Longer Lifetime
- Generate Revenue



# Who are our Partner Agencies?

Florida Farmworker Association	Redlands Christian Migrant Association	Women Infant & Children (WIC)	
Everglades Community Association	Richmond Perrine Optimist Club	Department of Children & Families (DCF)	
Homestead Housing Authority	St. Albans Child Enrichment Center	University of Miami	
Mexican American Council	Carrfour Supportive Housing	Homestead Soup Kitchen	
Miami Dade Police Department	Family Resources Center of South Florida	Miami Dade Homeless Trust	
Florida Community Health Worker Coalition, Inc.	American Heart Association	Frankie Rolle Neighborhood	
The Children's Trust	Branches of Florida City	Homestead City Hall	
Miami Dade College Homestead Campus	Florida International	Thelma Gibson Health Initiative	
South Dade One Voice	University AGAPE	Chapman Partnership	
Community Coalition  Early Learning Coalition	Centro Campesino	National Center for Farmworker Health	
Le Jardin Child Care	MUJER	Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA)	



# Strategies for effective outreach, education, and support provided by CHWs.

### **PERSONABLE**

- Making a personal connection
- Being from the Community
- Having passion and compassion to help underserved populations
- Be ready to learn from the people we serve

### **PROFESSIONALISM**

- Knowing about Community
- Cultivating Positive Relationships
- Networking
- Putting the time and interest
- Understanding the Culture

# Successful Collaborations b/w CHWs, Healthcare Systems, and Community Organizations.

- Agreements
- Monthly Meetings
- Communication
- Immediate Response
- Having Access
- Credibility
- Support



# Addressing cultural, linguistic, and socioeconomic barriers through tailored approaches.

- Respect
  - Spaces
  - Beliefs
  - Practices
- Learning
  - About the culture
  - About yourself

- Flexible
- Open Mind
- Educate
  - Linguistic
  - Culture



# Strategies for engaging and empowering communities in promoting breast cancer awareness and screenings.

Understanding the difference between community outreach and Community engagement

Community Outreach	Community Engagement
Short-Term	Long-Term
Marketing	Relationship building
What can the organization do for the community? (or vice-versa)	What can the organization and community accomplish together?
One group benefits the most	The whole community benefits
Transactional	Connecting
Directional	Cyclical



# Program Background

- Jessie C. Trice, a trailblazer in the Community Health Center Movement. Former Chairperson of National Association of Community Health Center Board of Directors.
- The Jessie Trice Prevention Program is an innovative community-based initiative to educate and screen women for breast and cervical cancers.
- South Florida residents lack access to healthcare, low beat cancers screening rates, limited medical knowledge, and greater exposure to risk factors for breast cancer.
- In collaboration with partner federally qualified health centers, the JTCPP was created to reduce the rate of death from cancer among the low income African American and Hispanic populations.







# Project Goals 2022-2023

SERVICE TYPE	PERIOD 1: 10/1/2022 THROUGH 10/31/2022	PERIOD 2: 11/1/2022 THROUGH 12/31/2022	PERIOD 3: 1/1/2023 THROUGH 3/31/2023	• •	PROGRAM YEAR TOTAL
Outreach Activities	2	1	1	1	5
Residents receiving community-based education	75	150	150	375	750
Women receiving a breast & cervical cancer screening assessment	13	38	38	63	152
Women receiving recommended services	3	5	8	8	24



### Program Implementation

### **People**

 Implemented utilizing Certified Community Health Workers that would go into the community to educate and assess woman of all ages on the importance of prevention on breast and cervical cancers

### **Methods**

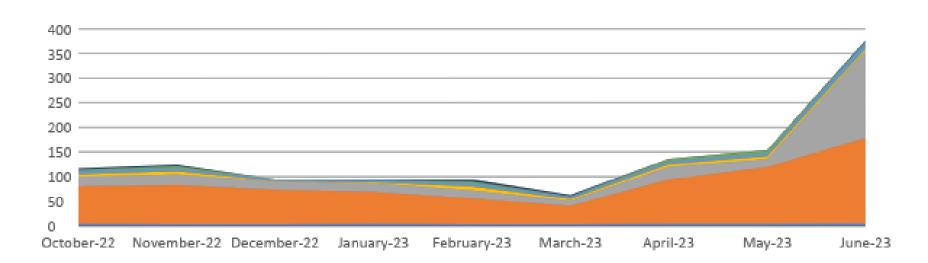
Verbal, touch, and feel of the breast models, pictures, language, and charisma.

Education session were held at school events, parent /teacher events, health fairs, church events, over the phone education session, zoom meetings and in reach opportunities.



### Outcomes: Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program 2022-2023

- Outreach Activities
- Residents receiving Community based educ.
- ■Women receiving breast & cervical Cancer Screening assessment
- Actual number of patients that came to their appointments this month.
- Number of patients that you made an appointment for this month.
- Number of PAPs completed
- ■Number of Mammos Completed





### Race, Ethnicity, and Age

Race & Ethnicity	Cl	41	Total	
	Count	%	Count	%
Asian or Pacific Islander	4	2.4	4	2.4
Black, Hispanic	1	0.6	1	0.6
Black,Non Hispanic	10	5.9	10	5.9
Unknown,Other	2	1.2	2	1.2
White, Hispanic	149	87.6	149	87.6
White,Non Hispanic	4	2.4	4	2.4
Totals:	170	100	170	100

<u>Age</u>	CH	11	Tot	al
	Count	%	Count	%
18 - 25	2	1.2	2	1.2
26 - 35	10	5.9	10	5.9
36 - 55	120	70.6	120	70.6
55 +	38	22.4	38	22.4
Totals:	170	100	170	100



### Pearls

### **Challenges**

- Funding for staff to provide productivity of program, program funding is not a full year, & continuum of care.
- Uniform Data System for Federally Qualified Health Centers; new patients that fail to complete the health screenings becomes CHIs responsibility
- Eligibility for the program services, cost is an issue in term of getting the participants to follow through with services.

#### Lessons

- Importance of creating partnerships with initiative that can have potential audience.
- Creating a relationship with patient.
   Creating a relationship with provider and staff for referral point.
- Continued education for Outreach to keep up with screening requirements for PAPs and Mammograms.
- Being innovative in capturing audience outside of the health center, in zooms, and in-reach.





# QUESTIONS

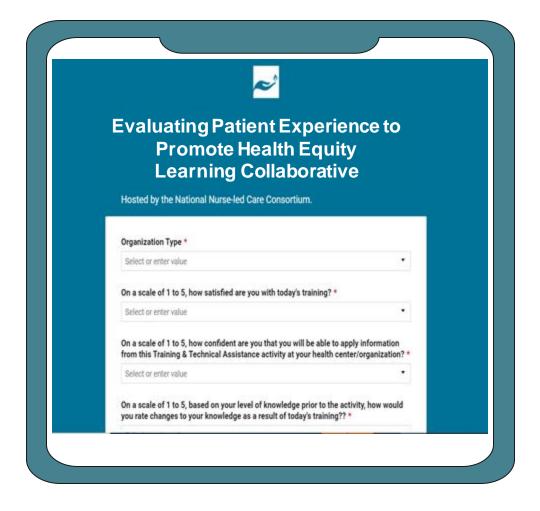


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### **Evaluation Survey**





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### **All Hazards Emergency Preparedness and Response Competencies for Health Center Staff**

To successfully perform their assigned emergency/disaster roles, health center staff must understand how their organization will respond to hazards, including the use of altered management structures and modified operations. The National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC) and the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) created a set of competencies to improve the emergency and disaster preparedness of all health center staff. This publication provides a comprehensive overview of those competencies and sub-competencies, as well as a description of their development process. The competencies are intended to form the foundation of health center staff education and preparedness for all-hazards emergency and disaster response and will allow health centers to direct their limited training time and resources to cover the most essential preparedness aspects.





### **Upcoming Trainings**

- March 14, 2024 @ 9 PM EST
  - Health Center Partnerships to Support Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents
- May 1 & 2, 2024 @ 2PM EST
  - Centering Continuity of Care for the Mother-Child Dyad
  - Registration: https://uso2web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_87Wv5wDPQF-ukUT6iVItcg



### Thank You!

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