Fact-sheet: Community Health Workers (CHWs), Gaps in Research

CHW Research

Research is focused primarily on:
- Minority groups in the United States such as African-Americans, Hispanics, and Asian-Americans
- Women
- Urban areas
- Chronic health conditions and other diseases such as diabetes, CHF, and HIV

Next Steps

More research needs to be done to understand CHWs’ role of improving health for vulnerable communities, identified by the Affordable Care Act as:
- Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- Individuals with Mental Health or Substance Abuse Disorders
- Individuals with HIV/AIDS
- Pregnant Women
- Children
- Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
- Rural Populations
- Victims of Abuse or Trauma

More research needs to be on financing models for CHW’s and how to best incorporate them into the health care field.

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