



Community Health Ambassador Training Program

The Community Health Ambassador Training Program is designed to engage leaders from diverse communities to help eliminate health disparities in North Carolina. The Community Health Ambassador Training Program was established to **empower** and **equip** local residents to **be involved in the process of improving their health**. The Community Health Ambassador Training Program involves the identification and training of community leaders who are known and trusted by their peers to function as health promoters.

The ideal Community Health Ambassador (CHA) meets the following criteria:

- successfully completes the 22 hr. training course for CHA's;
- has a minimum of 1 year of community service work;
- pairs with an established agency, community-based organization, faith based organization, tribe or health department

The Community Health Ambassador Training Program:

- increases awareness of chronic diseases and the prevention/intervention of complications;
- strengthens the capacity of community-based, faith-based organizations, agencies, and tribes to advocate and intervene for the elimination of chronic diseases in the minority community; and
- builds the patient/provider relationship so that patients seek preventive care and early treatment of chronic diseases

The Community Health Ambassador Training Program is recognized as a "Model Program" that other organizations throughout the State and beyond are seeking to replicate. If your agency, church, or community –based organization is interested Community Health Ambassador training; contact our office at 919.431.1613.