

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER (CHW)?

- A CHW is a community resident selected, trained and integrated as a health advocate within the targeted community.
- The CHW empowers individuals to access community resources through education, outreach, home visits and referrals.
- The CHW is a trusted individual in the community, because she is already a well-known, respected resident of the selected community.



WHO CAN BE SERVED?

A trained, CHW targets the **southern part of Wooster**, south of the Wooster Community Hospital to U.S. Route 30.

If you are working in an agency or office with families in this area, the CHW can help them identify and achieve specific health and social goals as well as connect them to needed services. Please refer families who may need support and encouragement accessing:

- health and social services
- pre and post natal services
- dental care
- lead poisoning information
- updated child immunizations
- Healthy Start/Healthy Families enrollment
- transportation
- housing
- employment
- domestic violence support
- education
- communication skills
- nutrition education
- smoking cessation programs,
- assistance with immediate and long term concerns



The Community Health Worker provides valuable services for families, such as:

- ❖ **Linking families to health and community resources**
- ❖ **Health education**
- ❖ **Individual and family advocacy**
- ❖ **Role modeling**
- ❖ **Outreach and home visiting**
- ❖ **Assistance with paperwork completion, transportation, keeping appointments, etc.**

HOW DO I CONTACT THE CHW FOR WOOSTER?

Judy Harland is the Community Health Worker for the southern Wooster area. Her office is at the Salvation Army and her contact information follows:

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Ms. Harland is excited to work with residents in her community and is already partnering with Help Me Grow, Wayne County Health Department, Wayne County Job and Family Services and other organizations to provide added support to families.

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Information for Agencies

**Mission:
To eliminate health and social
disparities through the
support of community health
workers**



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