



State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

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Chair, State CHW Advisory Committee**

Spanish Interpretation Call in: 318-433-2149; PIN: 505 436 138 #

August 18, 2025

Welcome and Roll Call

Opening Remarks

Kimberly Hiner, MPH, Chair

Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2025

CHW Certification Update

Certification Update: Sept. 1, 2019 – Aug. 18, 2025

# current certifications	1524
# certifications renewed	1087
# total CHWs ever certified	2285

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Update

Accreditation Update: Jan. 1, 2020 – Aug. 18, 2025

Accreditation of CHW Certification Training Programs

# accreditations issued:	30
# accreditation renewals:	14
# active applications in review process (under review and applicant receiving assistance): *	3

* The applicant is actively working on their application.

Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs

1. Access to Wholistic and Productive Living, Inc. (001-2020-G)
2. Access to Wholistic and Productive Living, Inc. (014-2022-G)
3. Asian American Center of Frederick in partnership with Hagerstown Community College
4. Baltimore City Community College
5. CASA, Inc.
6. College of Southern Maryland
7. Community College of Baltimore County
8. Dr. Masica Jordan, LLC (Emphasis: Peer Recovery)
9. Fenote Training Academy LLC

Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs

10. Healthcare Pathways LLC
11. Heritage Care Inc.
12. Holy Cross Health
13. Howard Community College
14. Institute for Public Health Innovation (IPHI)
15. Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center
16. Maryland Area Health Education Center Program
17. Montgomery College
18. Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services
19. Mosaic Group, Inc.

Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs

20. Mosaic Group, Inc. (Peer Recovery Health Navigator Training)
21. Prince George's Community College
22. Rebirth, Inc.
23. Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc.
24. Sisters Together and Reaching, Inc.
25. Spring Forward
26. The Healthy Church
27. The Jude House
28. Theeseeds, LLC
29. Voices of Hope, Inc. (Emphasis: Peer Recovery)
30. Washington County Commission on Aging, Inc.

Accreditation of CHW Training Programs Webinar

- Effort to support the CHW workforce
- Previous accreditation webinars in 2022
- Majority of training programs accredited in 2025 supported by 2103 Disparities grant

- October 7, 2025; 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- Outreach: CHW employers

CHW Specialty Training Modules

Background

- [CHW Specialty Training Modules Webpage](#)
- Funded by the 2103 CDC Disparities Grant
- Developed by the Maryland Area Health Education Center
 - Informed by subject matter experts including CHWs
- Purpose is to provide professional development opportunities to increase knowledge of CHWs in specialty areas to better serve their communities.
- All modules are available in English and Spanish

Background

- Offered to CHW training entities at no cost
- Designed to be editable and customizable
- CHW training entities may use the modules whole or in part
- CHWs trained with the materials in these modules may use those training hours towards the 20 hours of professional development required to renew a CHW certificate.

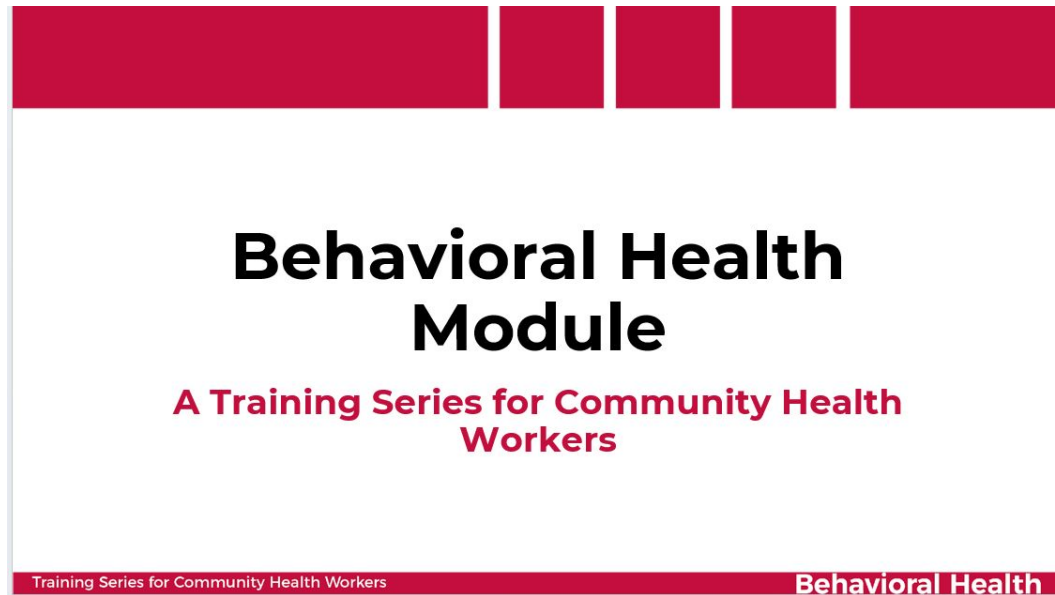
Module Structure

- Cover page
- Table of Contents
- Powerpoint presentation
- Facilitator Guide
- Student Guide
- Activities
- Handouts
- Knowledge Assessment

Specialty Training Modules

- [Behavioral Health](#)
- [Chronic Disease-Asthma](#)
- [Infectious Disease](#)
- [Maternal and Child Health](#)
- [Older Adults and Aging](#)

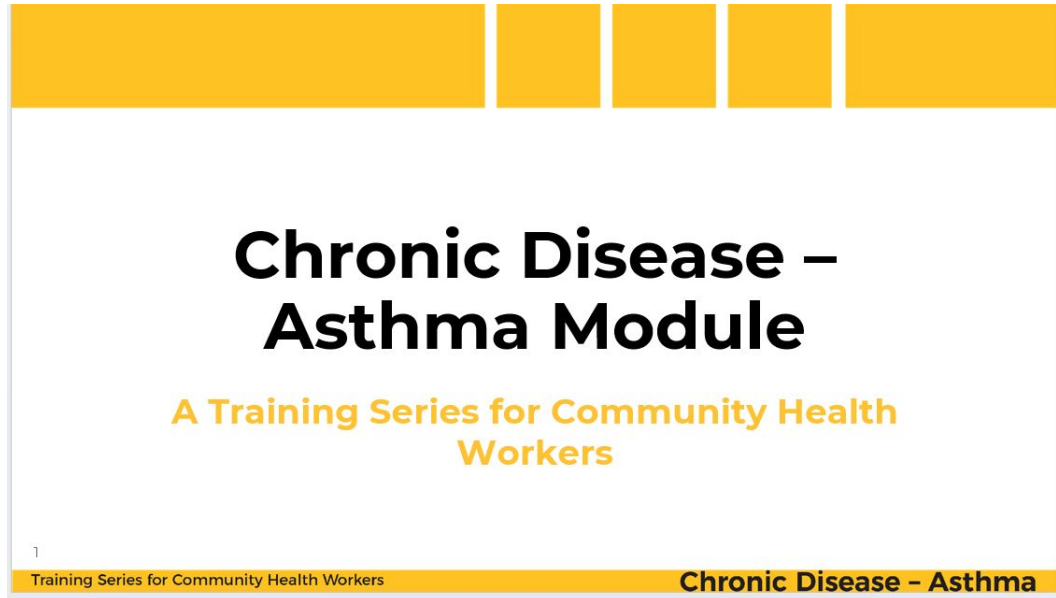
Behavioral Health Specialty Module Contents



- Section 1: Introduction and Behavioral Health Basics
- Section 2: Overview of Behavioral Health
- Section 3: Healthcare System Navigation
- Section 4: Self-Management
- Section 5: Review and Conclusion

Approximate training time: 6.5 hours

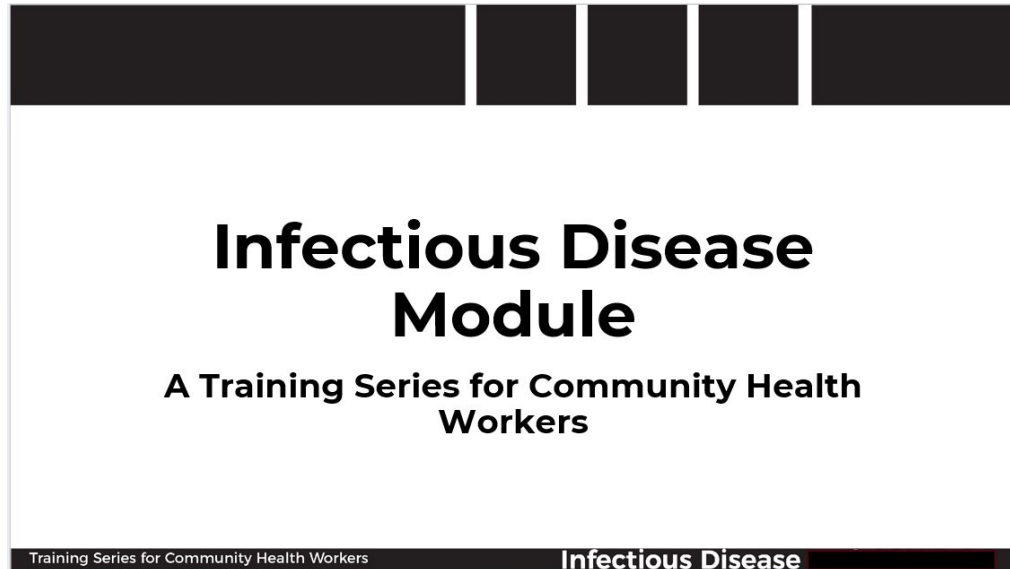
Chronic Disease-Asthma Specialty Module Contents



- Section 1: Introduction and Chronic Disease Basics
- Section 2: Overview of Chronic Disease Asthma
- Section 3: Health Care System Navigation
- Section 4: Self-Management
- Section 5: Review and Conclusion

Approximate training time:
7.0 hours

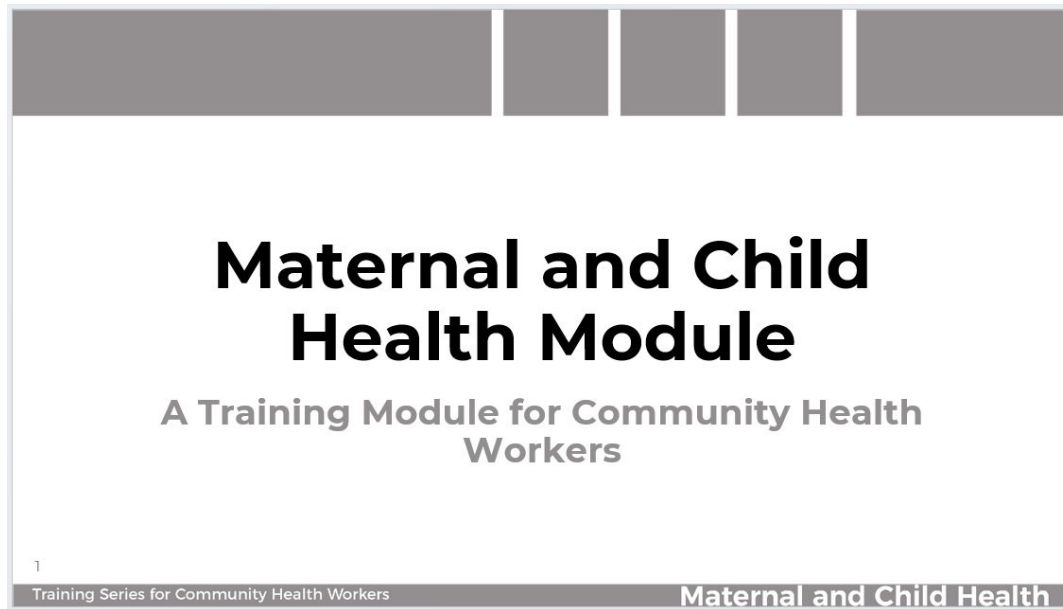
Infectious Disease Specialty Module Contents



- Section 1: Introduction to Infectious Disease
- Section 2: Examples of Infectious Diseases
- Section 3: Vaccines Learning Objectives
- Section 4: Raising Community Awareness About Vaccines

Approximate training time:
3.2 hours

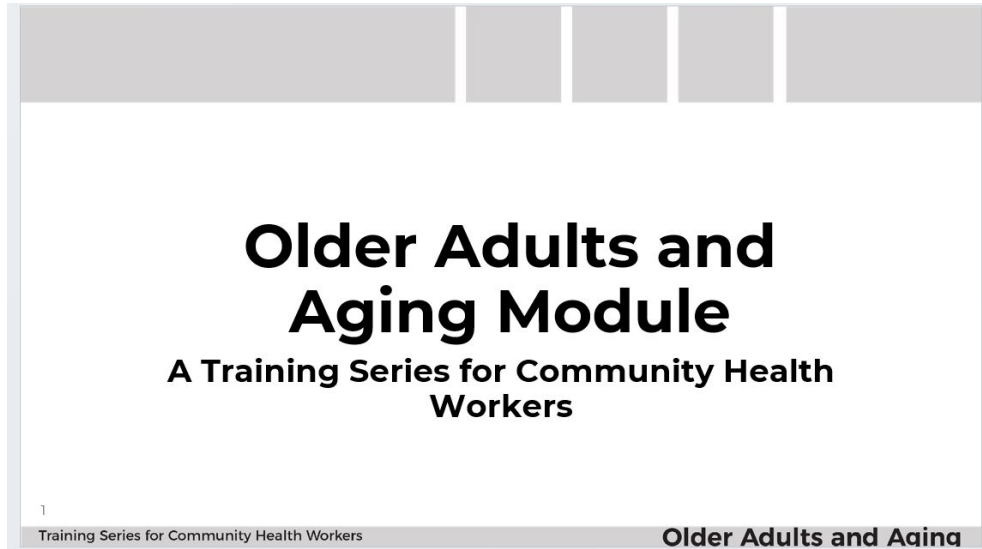
Maternal and Child Health Specialty Module Contents



Approximate training time:
6.3 hours

- Section 1: Introduction and Maternal and Child Health Basics
- Section 2: Pregnancy and Maternal Self-Care
- Section 3: Maternal Postpartum Care
- Section 4: Infant Health Care
- Section 5: Review and Conclusion

Older Adults and Aging Specialty Module Contents



- Section 1: Introduction and Overview
- Section 2: Health Care for Older Adults
- Section 3: Aging and Discrimination
- Section 4: The Five Ms of Aging
- Section 5: Housing and Resources

Approximate training time:
4.3 hours

Requesting CHW Specialty Modules

- [Community Health Worker Specialty Training Modules Request Form](#)
 - Contact information of the requestor
 - Select specialty modules in English
 - Select specialty modules in Spanish
 - Does the organization train community health workers?
 - Optional question: How do you anticipate using these modules?
- Modules are emailed as zip file attachments.
- OPHI may request optional feedback via a survey.

2103 Disparities Grant and Community Health Worker Projects

CDC 2103 Disparities Grant

- \$21 million
- 06/01/2021- 08/31/2025
- 3 Strategies- one to increase the capacity of the Community Health Worker Workforce in Maryland
- Grants awarded to:
 - Support programs to become accredited CHW Training Programs or update existing programs
 - Reduce barriers to students attending accredited CHW training programs
 - Develop and package CHW Specialty Trainings

CDC 2103 Disparities Grant: Support 19 programs to become accredited CHW Training Programs or update existing programs

- 7 organizations received grants that supported them in the process of becoming accredited CHW Training Programs
- 1 organization received a grant to support 6 organizations in 6 jurisdictions determined to be “high need” to become accredited CHW Training Programs
- Accredited CHW Training Programs
 - 4 accredited training programs received grants to add COVID modules
 - 2 accreditation training programs received grants to update or enhance their curricula

CDC 2103 Disparities Grant: Reduce barriers for 133 students attending accredited CHW training programs

- 2 Accredited CHW training programs received grants to provide training at no cost for 7 students identified as “under-served/under-resourced”
- 10 Accredited CHW training programs received grants to reduce barriers for 126 students identified as “under-served/under-resourced” (tuition, textbooks, transportation, laptops, digital literacy training, job training, etc.)

CDC 2103 Disparities Grant: Develop and Package 5 CHW Specialty Trainings

- 1 organization awarded funds to develop CHW Specialty Training Resources and Materials in 5 areas below
 - Behavioral Health
 - Chronic Disease Management- Asthma
 - Infectious Disease
 - Maternal & Child Health
 - Older Adults & Aging
- 1 organization awarded funds to design and package CHW Specialty Training Curricula



Congenital Syphilis in Maryland

Infectious Disease Prevention and Health Services Bureau

August 2025

Mission and Vision

MISSION

The mission of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHPA) is to protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of all Marylanders.

STRATEGY

PHPA seeks to achieve its mission through: 1) investing in sustainable community-based prevention and intervention efforts through collaborations with strategic public and private partners; 2) focusing on health equity by focusing on priority populations; and 3) strengthening the public health workforce.

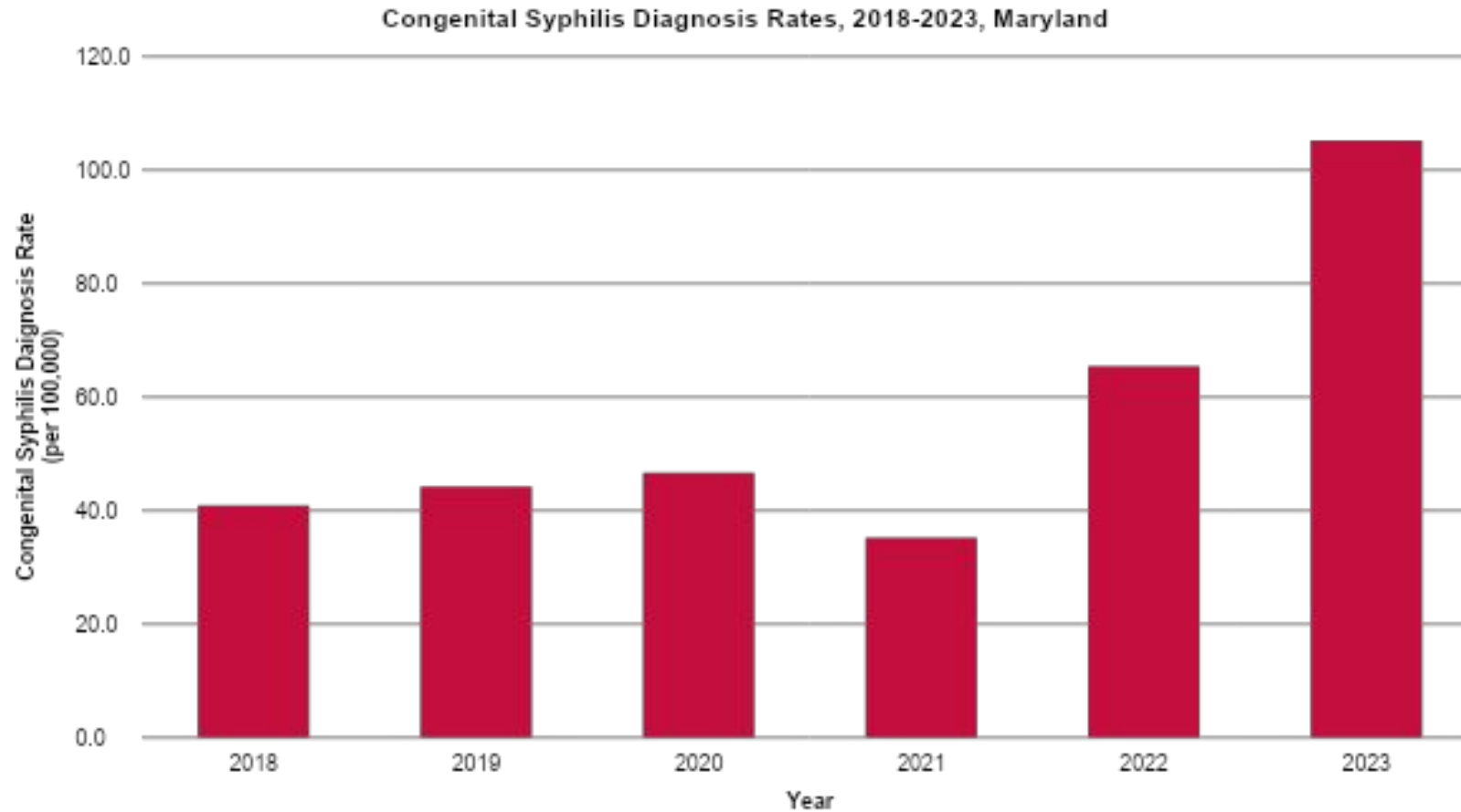
VISION

The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration envisions a future in which all Marylanders have equitable opportunities to live, thrive, and be healthy.

Congenital Syphilis

- Syphilis infections can be transmitted to unborn babies if a pregnant person is not treated at least 30 days prior to delivery
- Trends in congenital syphilis in Maryland have drastically increased over the last few years reaching a total of 69 congenital syphilis diagnoses in 2023
- In 2023, Maryland ranked 19 nationally in congenital syphilis diagnosis rates at 105.2 per 100,000

Trends in Congenital Syphilis Diagnoses in Maryland



Data Reported through July 26, 2024

Source:

[https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OIDPCS/CSTIP/CSTIPDocuments/Maryland-Annual-STI-Epidemiological-Profile-2023%20\(1\).pdf](https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OIDPCS/CSTIP/CSTIPDocuments/Maryland-Annual-STI-Epidemiological-Profile-2023%20(1).pdf)

Persons of Childbearing Potential

- In 2023, there were 819 persons of childbearing potential that were diagnosed with sexually acquired syphilis in Maryland

County of Residence	Persons of Childbearing Potential Living with Diagnosed HIV	
	No.	% of Total
Baltimore City	314	38.3%
Baltimore County	128	15.6%
Prince George's	118	14.4%
Montgomery	63	7.7%
Anne Arundel	48	5.9%
Washington	33	4.0%
Wicomico	26	3.2%
Harford	20	2.4%
Charles	17	2.1%
Howard	14	1.7%

Congenital Syphilis Risks

- Opportunities for early maternal infection identification and maternal and infant treatment are missed in women who:
 - Receive no prenatal care
 - Engage in prenatal care too late for timely testing
 - Receive testing, but are identified too late to be treated
 - Are exposed to syphilis following third trimester screening

General Recommendations

- Encourage routine testing in individuals ages 13 and above
- Communicate the importance of preconception and prenatal care for healthy babies
- Test pregnant persons for HIV, syphilis, hepatitis, and other infectious diseases
- Identify acute HIV infection during pregnancy
- Ensure syphilis infections are adequately treated
- Promote infectious disease testing for all partners
- Ensure access to care and supportive services



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CHW Advisory Committee – Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming CHW Advisory Committee Meetings

Quarterly meetings, 1 PM – 3 PM, held virtually or at MDH:

Next meeting: November 17, 2025

Proposed 2026 meeting dates:

- **February 9** or February 23 (The 3rd Monday is a holiday.)
- May 18
- August 17
- November 16

Discussion

CHW Program Contacts and Links

Maryland CHW Certification Website

<https://pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Home.aspx>

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Adjournment

Thank you for your time today!