A Community Health Worker (CHW) is a nonmedical health worker who has a common community, culture and language with the patients they serve.

This commonality allows CHWs to build trusting relationships with patients to be the link between health care, social services and other community resources.

CHWs serve their patients by offering education, informal counseling, social support and advocacy.

**Patients that benefit the most** from working with a CHW include those who are:

- New to your practice and community.
- Navigating a new life situation.
- Struggling to manage one or more health conditions.
- Requiring social services (housing, transportation, food, job security or childcare).
- Expressing mental health concerns.
- Encountering new health worries or concerns.
- Restricted in their mobility.
- Limited English proficiency.
- Seeking help to improve their health but are not sure how to get started.
- Trying to avoid going to the Emergency Department for routine visits.

For more information, visit www.kdheks.gov/chw.