SIU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Community Health Worker Program

What is a Community Health Worker (CHW)?

A Community Health Worker is a trusted public health worker who understands the needs of the community they serve.

CHWs act as a bridge between the community and health care or human services. They help people take an active role in improving their health. CHWs also provide care and support while building strong relationships in the community.



What services do CHWs offer?

- Sharing health information that is easy to understand.
- Offering informal counseling, education and social support.
- Speaking up for individuals and communities.
- · Providing direct care and support.
- Helping individuals and communities build skills and knowledge.
- Making sure patients receive the services they need.









