

Atlantic Center for Occupational Health and Safety Training

Community Health Workers: Building Cultural Bridges to Address Environmental Public Health



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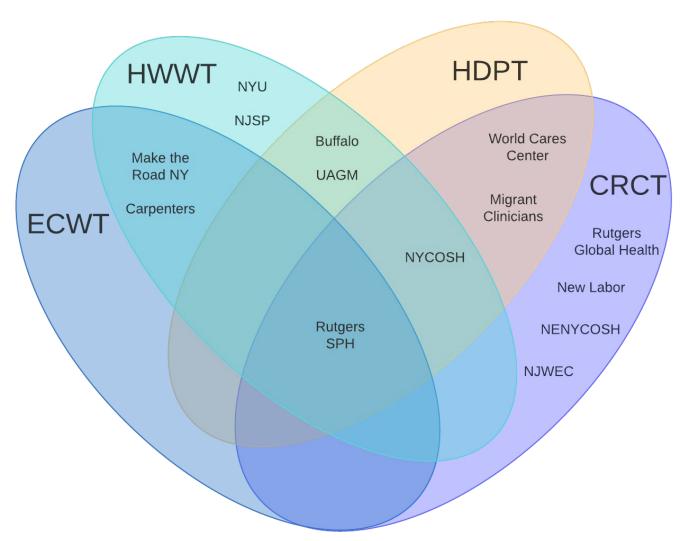
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Academic Partners

Rutgers SPH
New York University
University at Buffalo
Universidad Ana G. Mendez
Rutgers Global Health Institute

Labor/Community Partners

Make the Road NY
Migrant Clinicians Network
NENYCOSH
New Labor
NJWEC
NYC Carpenters
NYCOSH
World Cares Center

State Agency Partner

NJ State Police



ECWT Program Aims

- Address long-term unemployment and underemployment in NYC
- Reduce health disparities experienced by disadvantaged communities, especially low-income people of color and immigrant workers
- Train individuals from low-income areas for environmental careers
- Place at least 80% in meaningful and well-paying jobs as unionized apprentices or community health workers



ECWT Program, 2020-21

	Carpenters	MRNY	TOTAL
Recruited	244	142	386
Screened, Tryout/Interviews	147	64	211
Enrolled	91	45	136
Graduated	67	36	103
Employed	51	19	70



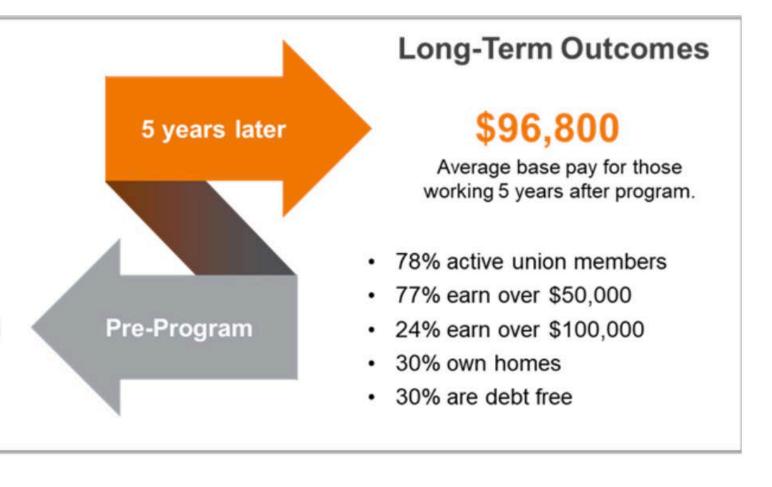
ECWT Impact

Pre-Program

\$14,500

Average income for applicants who were working.

- 94% minority
- 50% unemployed
- 25% receiving SNAP, TANF, UI
- · 13% living in public housing
- 5% living in shelter or transitional housing



Data from a financial survey of Carpenters graduates from 1995 to 2018 conducted in fall of 2019

Preparing Community Health Workers to Address Occupational and Environmental Public Health Issues in Underserved Populations





Our Participants

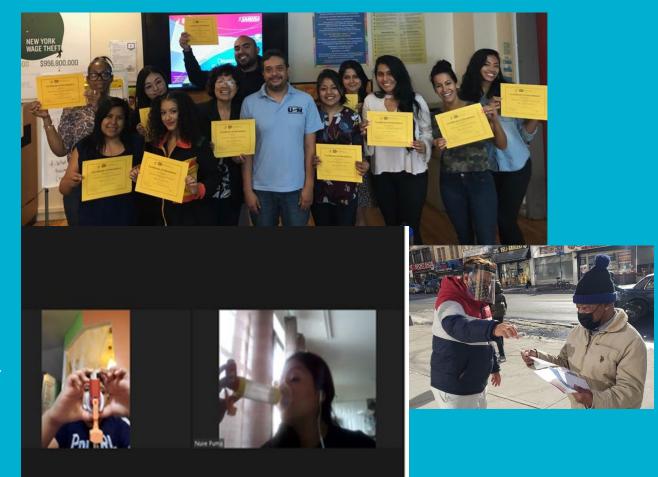






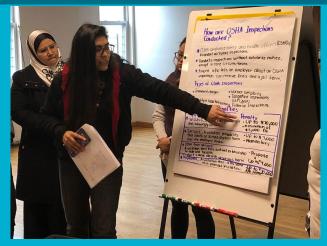
Occupational Health and Safety and Environmental Public Health in Our Curriculum

- Community Driven Research
- OSHA-10 for General Industry
- Infectious Disease in the Workplace
- Disaster Response and Resiliency
- Opioids in the Workplace
- HAZWOPER
- Working with Workers
- Asthma 101
- Introduction to Public Health
- Community organizing and advocacy



CHWs' Impact on OHS and EPH













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