Community Health Workers

SOC: 21-1094 • Career Profile Report

■ Key Facts

\$51,030Median Salary

65,100 Employment

+11.0%Growth Rate

■ Requirements & Salary Range

Education: High school diploma

■ Automation Risk Assessment

Low Risk - 6.0% probability of being automated in the next 10-20 years.

This job is relatively safe from automation due to its creative, social, or complex problem-solving requirements.

■■ Work-Life Balance

8.0/10 - Excellent work-life balance

■ Personality Fit (RIASEC)

Higher scores indicate better personality fit for this career type.

Realistic	4.0/10	Investigative	5.8/10
Artistic	7.0/10	Social	9.2/10
Enterprising	5.0/10	Conventional	5.8/10

■ Top Skills Required

Communication skills, Cultural sensitivity, Instructional skills, Interpersonal skills, Problem-solving skills

√ Strengths

- High Demand
- Flexible Work
- · Continuous Learning

Challenges

- Burnout Risk
- Rapid Technological Change

■ What They Do

Community Health Workers typically perform the following tasks: • Maintain updated client records with plans, notes, appropriate forms, or related information. • Advise clients or community groups on issues related to improving general health, such as diet or exercise. • Identify or contact members of high-risk or otherwise targeted groups, such as members of minority populations, low-income populations, or pregnant women. • Contact clients in person, by phone, or in writing to ensure they have completed required or recommended actions. • Distribute flyers, brochures, or other informational or educational documents to inform members of a targeted community. • Refer community members to needed health services. • Attend community meetings or health fairs to understand community issues or build relationships with community members. • Perform basic diagnostic procedures, such as blood pressure screening, breast cancer screening, or communicable disease screening. • Advise clients or community groups on issues related to diagnostic screenings, such as breast cancer screening, pap smears, glaucoma tests, or diabetes screenings. • Advise clients or community groups on issues related to risk or prevention of conditions, such as lead poisoning, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), prenatal substance abuse, or domestic violence. • Administer immunizations or other basic preventive treatments. • Identify the particular health care needs of individuals in a community or target area. • Advise clients or community groups on issues related to self-care, such as diabetes management. • Conduct home visits for pregnant women, newborn infants, or other high-risk individuals to monitor their progress or assess their needs. • Transport or accompany clients to scheduled health appointments or referral sites. • Advocate for individual or community health needs with government agencies or health service providers. • Report incidences of child or elder abuse, neglect, or threats of harm to authorities, as required. • Teach classes or otherwise disseminate medical or dental health information to school groups, community groups, or targeted families or individuals, in a manner consistent with cultural norms. • Advise clients or community groups on issues related to sanitation or hygiene, such as flossing or hand washing. • Collect information from individuals to compile vital statistics about the general health of community members.

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