# Community Health Workers



# Project Vida Health Center (PVHC)/ Wellness and Prevention

## **PVHC**

- *Mission:* Foster fully integrated primary and preventive care that is culturally and personally welcoming, evidence based, and patient empowering.
- Vision: Healthy individuals and families who nurture themselves and others.

#### **Wellness and Prevention**

- Mission: Our mission is to advocate for equity, access to integrated health and social services, and empower individuals and communities to adopt a culture of prevention, transformational change and well-being.
- Vision: Communities committed to their well-being

# **CHW Workforce**

#### Recruitment

- Already certified
- Skills and abilities tailored to the program

#### Integration

- Clinic
- Psychiatry Residency Program
- School efforts
- PV Community Center
- Community efforts and partners

#### Onboarding

- New Employee Orientation
- 2-3 month Program Onboarding

#### Training

- Monthly staff development for roles and competencies
- E.g. scope of work and practice, motivational interviewing, advocacy, leadership, community movement, assessments

# **Transferability of CHW roles**

Transferability

- Assessment of needs is done with all of our clients
- General workflow for addressing the needs to all of the different populations

## **CHW Workflow**

- General workflow shared can be replicated and adapted to any population.
- Referrals are urgent and time sensitive

# **Community Connections**

- Use UniteUS
- Local El Paso Health Information eXchange (PHIX)

# **Future Growth**

## **Promising Practices**

- Expansion of Federally Qualified Health Center required enabling services
- Respond to diverse populations and current needs
- Focus on prevention
- CHW leadership
- Cost on investment CHW part of every clinic that is opened
- Bring other fundings related to prevention and social services

## Support services for staff

- Training on experiences that affect one's wellbeing
- Therapy expedited
- One to one

## Training to serve clients

- Case Management meetings identify challenging cases and develop new procedures
- Mandated reporting
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)