

Texas Community Health Worker Study

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The UTHSCH-SPH research team conducted a targeted literature assessment, multiple interviews (state and national), eight focus workshops within Texas (two in Spanish), an online survey of CHW employers and potential employers, and consulted with the Promotor(a) or Community Health Worker Training and Certification Advisory Committee.

Access the report online at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mch/chw/progrule.aspx>

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