



# Health Justice Now: The Path to Sustainable Financing for Community Health Workers

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022

# Agenda

- Welcome & Housekeeping
- Background
- Panel Discussion
- Q&A

Families USA, a leading national voice for health care consumers, is dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health care and improved health for all. We advance our mission through public policy analysis, advocacy, and collaboration with partners to promote a patient-and community centered health system.

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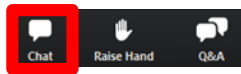
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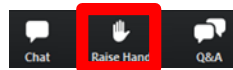
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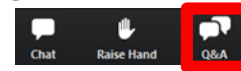
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# Who Are Community Health Workers?

- Community health workers (CHWs) have **long played an essential role** in public health response and mitigating health disparities
- The COVID-19 pandemic **shone a spotlight on CHWs** and their critical role within communities and the health care system
- In March 2021, Congress enacted The American Rescue Plan Act, which **allocated funding for the recruitment, hiring, and training of CHWs**—recognizing CHWs as an essential part of the health care workforce





- Families USA has been hosting a series of listening sessions to hear directly from CHWs and other relevant stakeholders about challenges and successes with supporting and scaling up the workforce



## Panelists



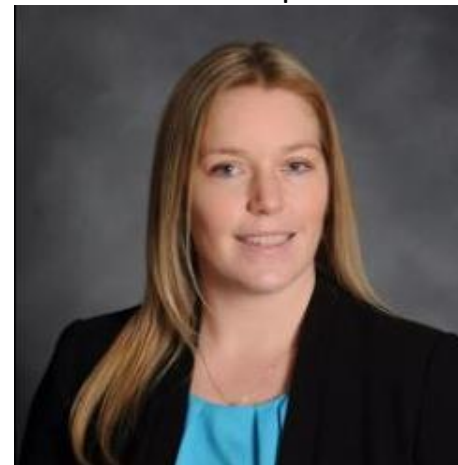
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- [What We Have Learned from Community Health Workers Throughout the Pandemic: Recommendations for Policymakers](#) –Families USA
- [NASHP state map](#) – National Academy for State Health Policy
- [Sustainable Financing of Community Health Worker Employment-](#) National Association of Community Health Workers
- [NACHW CHW Policy Platform-](#) National Association of Community Health Workers
- [APHA Community Health Workers Section-](#) American Public Health Association
- [California Department of Health Care Services CHW Medi-Cal benefit](#)
- [Community Health Worker Resources from Families USA](#)

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