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## Fast Facts: Naloxone Community Health Worker/Representative Program

### What is Opioid Use Disorder and Naloxone?

Opioid Use Disorder is a medical condition that may cause an individual to be at risk for a possibly fatal overdose. Naloxone is a life-saving Opioid overdose reversal drug that can be used by anyone. **Save a live. Carry Naloxone.**

The [Arizona Center for Rural Health](#) (AzCRH), in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services, Sonoran Prevention Works, and the Arizona Community Health Workers Association, identified and executed strategies to integrate care and prevent opioid-related deaths by building the capacity of Community Health Workers and Representatives (CHW/Rs)<sup>1</sup>.

### Naloxone Community Health Worker Program Activities

#### The AzCRH Naloxone CHW/R Team:

- Created and presented the Overdose Recognition and Naloxone training for Community Health Workers and Representatives (English & Spanish) and
- Connected CHW/Rs with their local Emergency Medical Services teams.

#### With additional funding from the CDC Data to Action grant, the AzCRH Naloxone CHW/R Team will:

- Host naloxone trainings for AZ Community Health Workers and Representatives
- Encourage collaborations between EMS organizations and their local CHW/Rs and Peer Support Specialists
- Create and update a website with training materials, resources, and training requests

► **Request a training at:** [crh.arizona.edu/programs/naloxone](http://crh.arizona.edu/programs/naloxone)

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<sup>1</sup>A Community Health Worker is “a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has an unusually close understanding of the community served. This trusting relationship enables the worker to serve as a liaison/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery.



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