

# DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

## Online, Self-Paced Training

Providing culturally appropriate health education and information is one of the most important roles for community health workers. Because of their ability to establish trusting relationships with their communities, CHWs are looked to for guidance and information in many areas, and can impart important, health related information in a way that is readily received and accepted.

This oral health training is offered as one way the Iowa Chronic Care Consortium (ICCC) is working to build CHWs' knowledge base on specific health issues, topics and conditions. Gaining additional, health-specific knowledge adds another tool to the CHW toolbox that builds capacity and effectiveness in reaching their client populations.

This virtual, self-paced training is offered to CHWs interested in building their knowledge base and impact **at no cost**. Gaining a basic understanding of oral health can help with public health messaging, early identification of potential issues, and facilitating access to oral health services for those served by the CHW.

### INTENDED AUDIENCE

The intended audience for this course is community health workers and other front-line healthcare professionals that have client or patient-facing roles.

### PRESENTER AND CONTENT EXPERTS

#### DR. OLAYINKA ADEKUGBE, CONTENT EXPERT

Dr. Adekugbe has her Bachelor of Dental Surgery from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria; MPH from New York University; Master of Science Certificate in Dental Public Health, University of Iowa; and is in view of her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Goldman School of Dentistry, Boston University. Dr. Adekugbe has interest in furthering oral health education in African immigrants, community health and other front-line workers.

#### MARY KELLY, RDH, PRESENTER

Mary Kelly is an oral health consultant and advocate with a degree in dental hygiene from Loyola of Chicago and a master's degree in Dental Public Health from the College of Dentistry, University of Iowa.

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### TRAINING CONTENT

There are eight brief modules in this course:

- Structure and function of the oral cavity
- Tooth eruption
- Diseases and conditions of the oral cavity
- Oral health promotion and prevention
- Fluoride, pits and fissure sealants
- Oral health and systemic diseases, oral health and smoking
- Oral health in pregnancy, children, older adults and special populations
- Oral health services and resources in Iowa

Each module has specific objectives, is graphically illustrated and includes a brief assessment. The assessments provide an opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills presented in each module. Those completing each module and assessment successfully (with average scores 75% or above) will earn a **Certificate of Competence in Dental Health Education for Community Health Workers**. The course should take approximately 1.5 hours to complete.

**ACCESS THE TRAINING HERE: <https://chw.training-source.org/>**  
You'll need to register to access this free training

### **Also available: CHW PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TRAINING**

This comprehensive, 34.5 hour virtual training provides essential, skills-based training to CHWs and is appropriate as a pre or in-service training for CHWs and front line healthcare professionals in a variety of settings. Learn more here:

<http://iowacc.com/community-health-worker-professional-skills-training/>

**About ICCC** The Iowa Chronic Care Consortium is a non-profit training and consulting organization focused on effectively engaging patient populations through skill development for health coaching in the clinical setting and building skills in CHWs through training.

### Questions about this or other ICCC CHW training programs?

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