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**NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP TO TRAIN COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS (CHWs)/Promotores
In PATIENT CENTERED OUTCOMES RESEARCH (PCOR)**

Background and Need

There is a documented need for **higher level of training skills** to undertake activities such as community health assessments, program evaluations and clinical studies.

University of Miami (UM) along FL partners had successfully developed a 7-hr specialized toolkit on patient-centered research for CHWs and trained 148 CHWs/*promotores* (original plans were for 100) across the six major statewide regions. Evaluation data resulted in 100% of attendees responses' as excellent and 99% would recommend it to others. Qualitative comments included "even though the training was tailored for research, I feel that I applies to many other aspects of the CHW role" and "I feel more empowered in my role after hearing explicitly the opportunities...for a CHW to be more involved in the research process".

UM has now partnered with stakeholders in FL, Texas, southern California and Tennessee to develop a Spanish version of the PCOR for CHWs Training Toolkit that can be culturally and linguistically appropriate, train local CHWs/*promotores* as PCOR CHW Champions. Attendees will receive lunch and a certificate of participation upon completion of the module. In turn, they agree to train local CHWs in their region.

Overall Goal: By mobilizing and engaging CHWs/*promotores* as stakeholders, to promote the capacity for CHWs participating in patient centered research (PCOR) by locally implementing a **structured research training curriculum** for CHWs, and training 360 CHWs in FL, CA, TX, and TN in English and Spanish.

Content of Training Module:

1. Patient-Centered Outcomes Research: Research vs direct service provision, definitions, role of CHWs
2. Ethics: What Does IT Mean To Conduct Research in An Ethical Way? Protecting patients' rights
3. Study Allocation and Randomization: How to ensure equal chances for research participants
4. Data Collection Methods: Qualitative and quantitative methods, avoiding bias
5. Informed Consent Process
6. Study Protocol and Reporting: CHWs as members of a research team
7. Disseminating Study Results: How to report and to whom the results of a study, including study participants and other stakeholders, how CHWs can contribute to research manuscripts

NOTE: The original 7-hr training was designed for a group session, to be participatory, with a mix of adult learning strategies using lecturesses, case studies, short videos, role plays and small group work. It is best suited for mid-career (paid or volunteer) CHWs/*promotores* who do not have graduate degrees but already have some experience in the field. Contact: **Brendaly Rodríguez**, brodriguez@med.miami.edu **305-243-8433**.

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