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Community Health Workers In the NEWS!

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HEALTHCARE FINANCE

Readmission Costs Even Higher Than Suspected

by Greg Reid | February 9, 2012

"WASHINGTON – A new study on the cost of hospital readmissions finds that about 1 in 12 adults discharged from a hospital is readmitted within 30 days, adding $16 billion to the cost of healthcare in the United States, and, according to analysts, it underscores the need for a comprehensive approach to reforms.

The study, authored by Anna Sommers and Peter J. Cunningham for the National Institute for Health Care Reform, said the costs of readmission grow to $97 billion annually when including those patients readmitted within one year."

Source: http://www.healthcarefinancenews.com/news/readmission-costs-even-higher-suspected

In the Headlines

Dozens overdose from mystery heroin mix- Courier-Journal, September 2016

Kentucky tells ERs to stock up on heroin-overdose antidote Naloxone for Labor Day weekend- WCPO Cincinnati, September 2016

KY authorities: 12 overdose on ‘potent heroin” -Courier-Journal, August 2016

Super powerful narcotics threaten Kentucky- Courier-Journal, September 2016

Drug overdose deaths climb to record level in Kentucky in 2015- Lexington Herald Leader, June 2016

Powerful narcotics threaten even more fatal drug overdoses; six in Danville area spur action- KYForward, September 2016

Warning: Doctors say lethal batch of heroin has penetrated Louisville; 28 overdoes in hours- WDRB Louisville, August 2016

New report looks at overdose deaths in Kentucky- WKYT, June 2016

LEX 18 Investigates: More Heroin Overdoses Behind The Wheel- LEX18, January 2015

Sheriff: 7 Heroin Overdoses in 18 Hours in Rowan County: 1 Death- ABC36, September 2016

Northern Kentucky Counties Rank High for Heroin, Fentanyl Overdose Deaths- River City News, June 2016

A flood of opioid overdoses has overwhelmed Ohio, Indian, Kentucky, and West Virginia- Business Insider, August 2016

Discovering the Missing Link?

Image: Bazaar Voice Blog

CHWs can be part of a care team
Case Management/Care Coordination
Stages; Making a Plan for Clients

- Complete an Initial Assessment
- Identify Goals
- Develop Team Care Plan
- Implement Plan
- Monitor outcomes
- Advocate
- Celebrate reached goals and improved outcomes

Yesterday's Articles
Discovery of CHWs

- In an article written by Henry Perry (September 18, 2013) he identifies the first CHWs as "Farmer Scholars". They trained in China in the 1930s. These CHWs were considered the forerunners of the Barefoot Doctors.
- The World Health Organization stated, "CHWs, a key to health care's success". (1975)
- "Community Health Workers — A Local Solution to a Global Problem" (September 5, 2013)

Source:
http://www.mchip.net/sites/default/files/mchipfiles/02_CHW_History.pdf
http://www.who.int/hrh/documents/community_health_workers.pdf
http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1305636

How do you tell your CHW story?

- Return on Investment
- Cost Effectiveness
- Where was your client when you found them or did they find you?
- What problems did you solve?
- Where did you leave the person you helped?

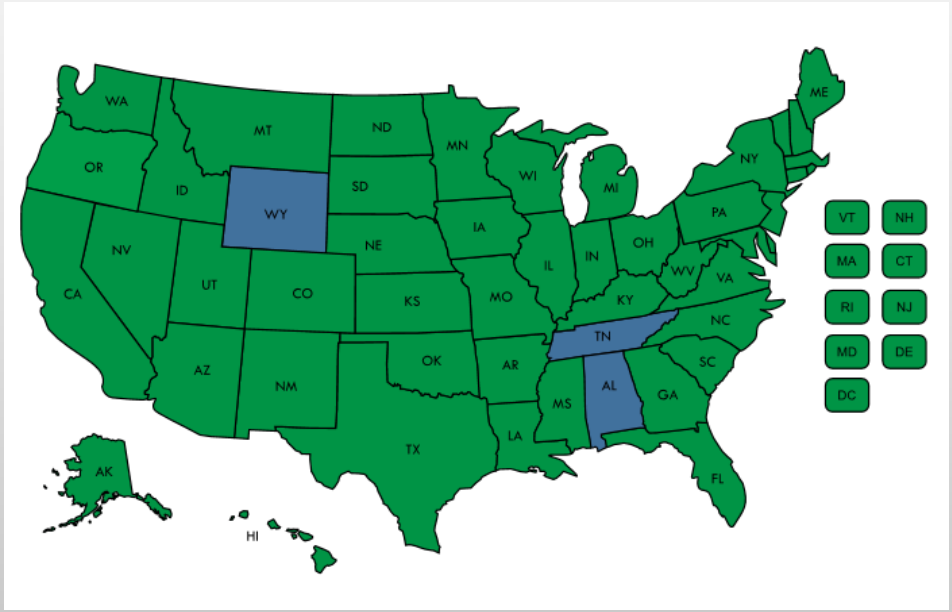
Today's Community Health Workers

Evidence gathered over the years makes it clear that support for, and development of, a CHW workforce is a wise investment.

Today's News
September 6, 2017

The National Academy for State Health Policy released a Directory of State Community Health Worker Models Across the Country.

"As states transform their health systems, many are using Community Health Workers(CHWs) to facilitate care coordination, enhance access to community-based services, and address social determinants of health".



Source: http://nashp.org/state-community-health-worker-models/

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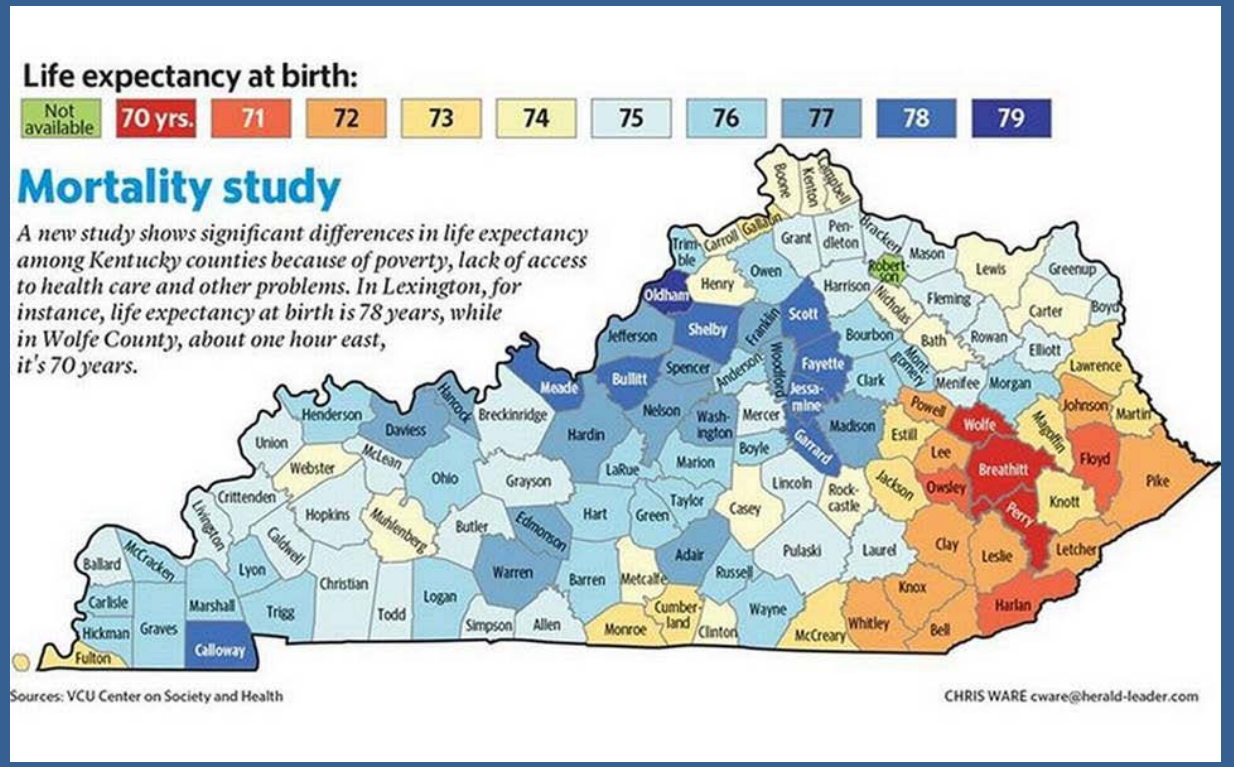
LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

Where You Live in Kentucky Might Cut Eight Years Off Your Life

by Bill Estep | June 6, 2016

Another example is the University of Kentucky's Center of Excellence in Rural Health, based in Hazard, which has been recognized nationally for the Kentucky Homeplace program that has community health workers educate poor people on disease prevention and helps them get medical and other services.



Source: http://www.kentucky.com/news/state/article81990682.html

Media Release: Kentucky Homeplace Partnerships Increase Client Access to Chronic Disease Self-Management Education and Walking Programs

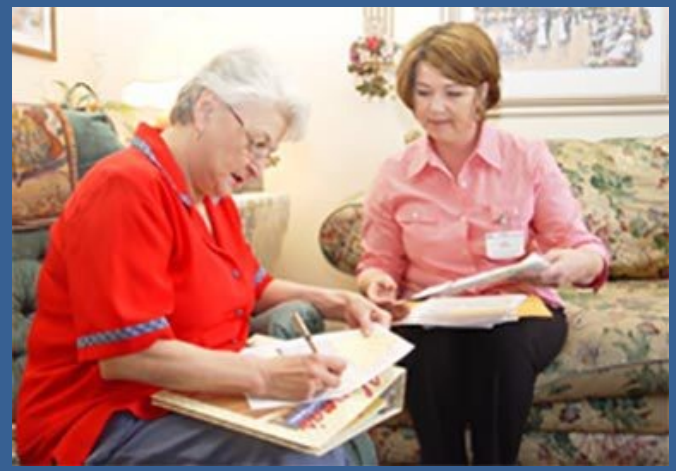
Kentucky Living

Community Health Workers Break Barriers

by James Nold, Jr. | *November 9, 2015*

They're not doctors, nurses, or social workers. They're people from the local community who've learned enough about the healthcare system to serve as health coaches and can help others surmount barriers. They can also connect their clients to resources they may not have known about.

Community health workers like Julia Keene, right, know enough about the healthcare system to serve as health coaches and can help others surmount barriers.



Judy Bailey, right, a community health worker in Johnson and Magoffin counties, helps clients navigate the health care system.

Source: https://www.kentuckyliving.com/news/community-health-workers-break-barriers

Kentucky Health News

Community Health Workers Help Kentuckians Deal with the Multitude of Obstacles Between Them and Better Health

by Melissa Patrick | December 30, 2016

CHWs are becoming an integral part of a health system that is increasingly focused on outcomes and the social determinants of health.

Pictured is Samantha Bowman, CHW for Kentucky Homeplace

Source: http://kyhealthnews.blogspot.com/2016/12/community-health-workers-help.html

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Kentucky Health News

Community Health Workers Aren't Medically Trained, But They Help Rural People Manage Their Health Care and Their Health

by Melissa Patrick | April 26, 2017

As health advocates at the April 24 Kentucky Voices for Health annual meeting discussed how to reduce health disparities and assure health equity in the state, a model of integrated care that includes community health workers resonated as a possible solution.

MCHD Community Health Worker helping a patient

Source: http://kyhealthnews.blogspot.com/2017/04/community-health-workers-arent.html

GOVERNING
THE STATES AND LOCALITIES

The Future of Health Care Is Outside the Doctor's Office

by Mattie Quinn | March 2017

States are increasingly investing in community health workers to improve their residents' health.

Source: http://www.governing.com/topics/health-human-services/gov-community-health-workers.html

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Saint Joseph Berea Foundation announces $1.1 million initiative

September 14, 2017

Grant will help develop an innovative model for addressing barriers created by social determinants of health, to build and sustain healthy communities.

“The Community Health Workers will help bridge communication and cultural gaps between underserved patients and clinical staff, resulting in better health outcomes,” said Leslie Buddeke Smart, president, Saint Joseph Berea Foundation.

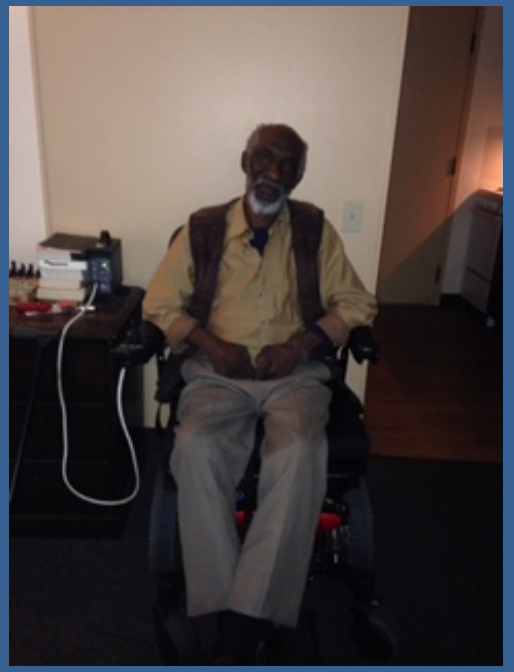
Source: http://www.richmondregister.com/news/saint-joseph-berea-foundation-announces-million-initiative/article_8eedf49e-995e-11e7-a26e-87b5c32c24a0.html

Spalding University enTECH CARAT Program

A "patient story"

Mr. EW has End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Hypertension and Heart Failure. He requires hemodialysis several times a week at a local dialysis center. The center is about six blocks from his home but he was unable to walk the distance to his appointment and home.

During the care planning process, his nurse identified the need for transportation assistance to medical appointments, a new pair of glasses, a hospital bed and a shower chair. A Community Health Worker was immediately assigned to his case to assist him with getting the support needed so that he could stay at home, care for himself and get to his dialysis center.



" No one has ever helped me like your team. This is HUGE and has changed my life". ~ Mr. EW

Shared with Written Permission from Mr. EW
A Patient in the Health Connections Care Transitions Program

CHWs

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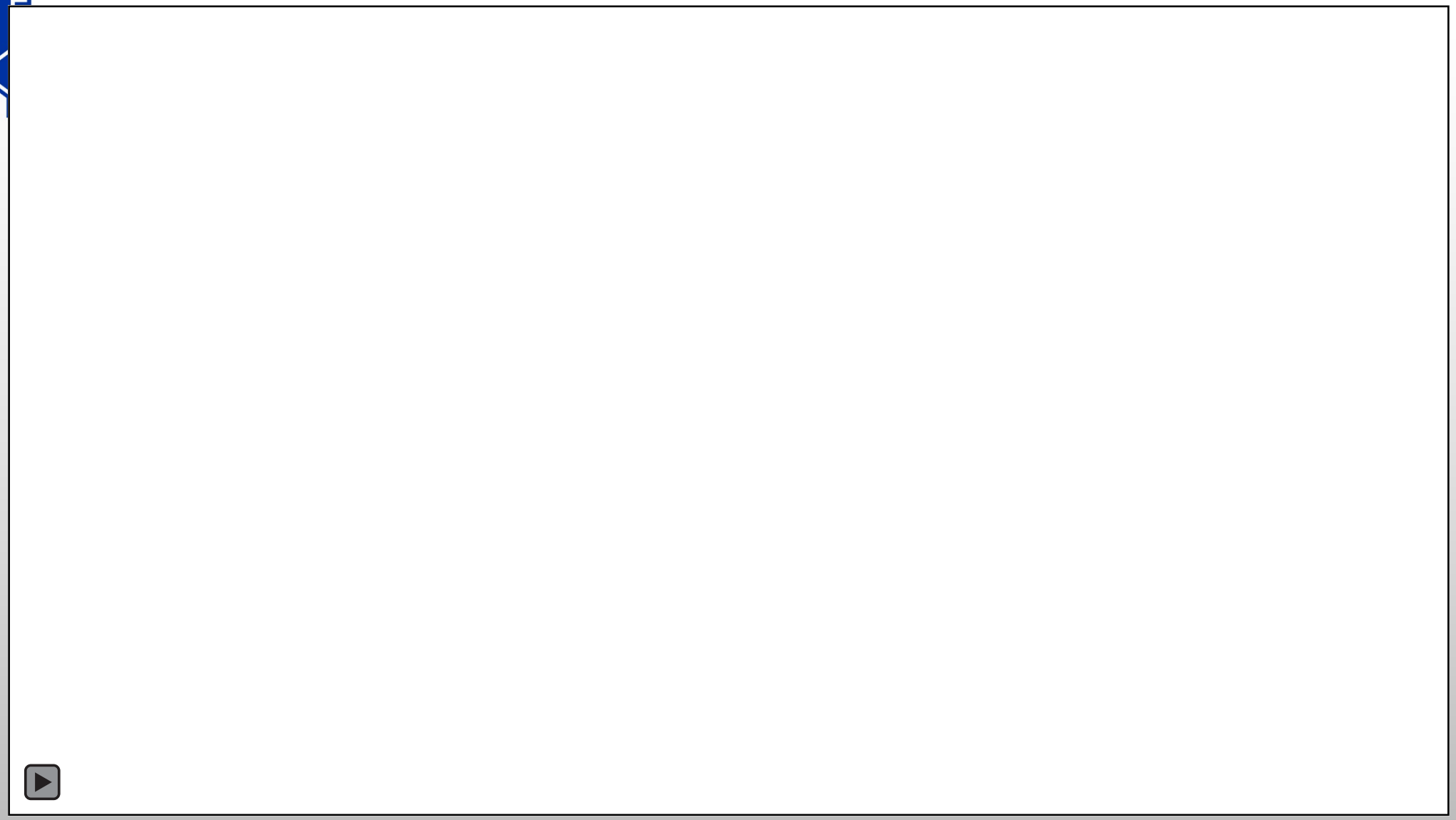
Connecting Kids to Coverage

Kentucky Homeplace

kyruralhealth.org

Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QdbGa7GlvA



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