

# Barry-Eaton District Health Department

# CONNECTIONS

*Community Health Workers are your connection to essential services.*

Join us in enhancing community well-being through our Community Health Worker Program, Connections!

Our Community Health Workers (CHWs) are respected locals who play a vital role in connecting underserved groups with healthcare, assistance programs, and other community resources. Whether you're a healthcare provider, community organization, or an individual seeking support, anyone can refer to our program. Our CHWs and the Connections Program are here to support and empower our community.

## Community Health Workers can help people...

- **Navigate healthcare and social services** - CHWs can help people complete and submit applications for services, make calls with clients to determine eligibility for services, or assist clients with follow up on application processes.
- **Find a primary care or specialty health care provider** - Whether people are looking for a physician close to their home, one who specializes in the type of care the client needs, or one that can speak their language, CHWs can help connect them to the right provider to meet their needs.
- **Connect to emergency home repair and weatherization services, utility assistance, and other housing assistance programs** - CHWs are familiar with programs that help with housing and housing maintenance and how to access these services.
- **Connect to substance use treatment and harm reduction services** - CHWs provide a whole person-centered approach to those facing substance use by connecting people to treatment, locating support groups, arranging transportation to treatment services, providing harm reduction resources, and assisting clients with any other needs that may impact their health and wellbeing.
- **Navigate MI Bridges** - CHWs can help people apply for benefits like WIC or the Food Assistance Program, manage their case information, apply for Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance, and explore additional resources available including child development care.
- **Find and connect with food assistance programs** - CHWs can help people find food resources and programs they can access for immediate and/or long-term food assistance.

*Community Health Workers can help with all of this and more!*

Find out how we can work together to provide these services for your clients - contact us today!

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Click [HERE](#) to make a referral, or



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Scan to self refer

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