



*Serving Commercial Fisherman
and their Families*

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Community Health Workers for the Fishing Industry

January 9, 2024



Agenda

- How we support commercial fishermen and their families
- What is a Community Health Worker?
- Competencies, Training, and Social Determinants of Health
- Fishing Partnership's Navigator Model
- Our Impact

Healthcare Crisis Among Commercial Fishermen



- High rates of on-the-job pain and injury
- No access to paid leave (sick or vacation)
- No job security





Morgan Eldredge, Certified Community Health Worker



Massachusetts
defines a Community
Health Worker as a
*“public health worker
who applies their
unique
understanding of the
experience, language
and culture of the
populations
they serve.”*



Community Health Workers are *Culturally Competent*

BY THE COMMUNITY



Live in the coastal
communities
we serve



Have lived
fishing
experience



Develop
programming
in response to
community needs

FOR THE COMMUNITY



Community Health
Workers are

*Professionally
Competent*



Prioritizing Professional Development

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

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It is important to recognize that the fishing community is unique. I feel honored and privileged to have been able to take advantage of this great opportunity to become a Certified Community Health Worker. Being trained and certified gives me the knowledge and tools to better serve our fishing community.

- Jenny Verde, New Bedford Navigator



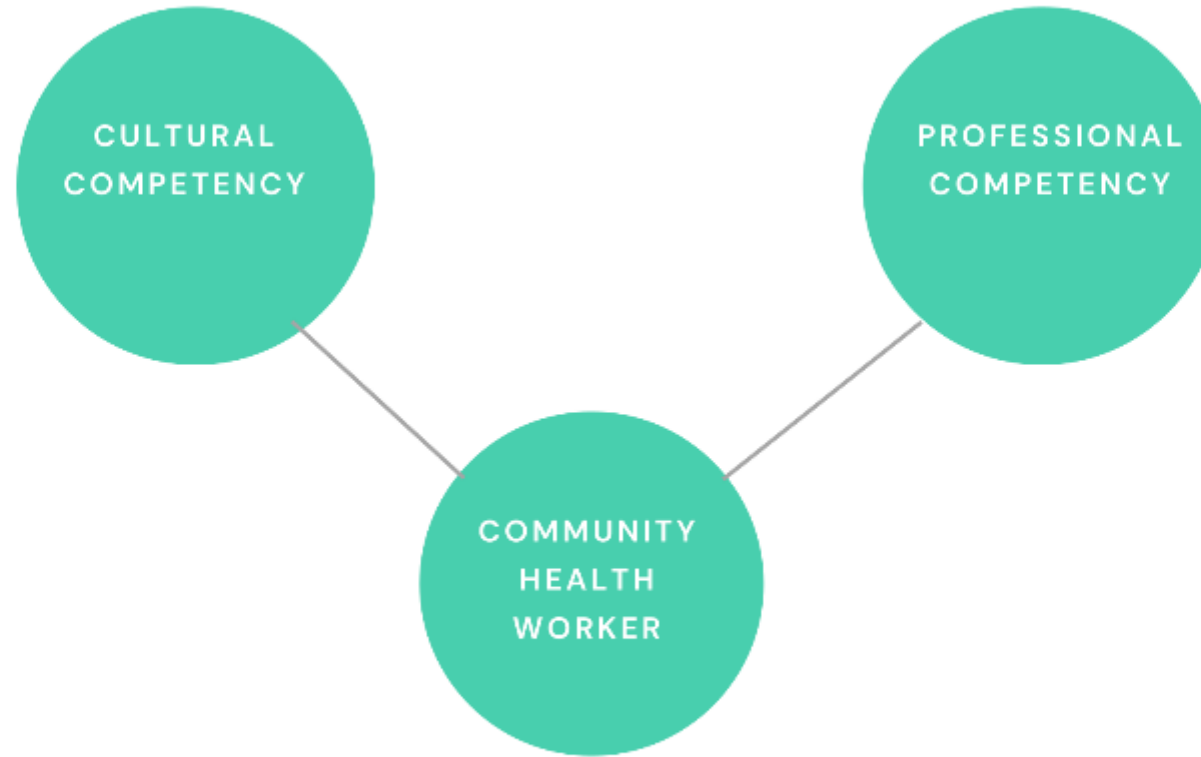
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Being trained and licensed as a Certified Community Health Worker means I have the opportunity to be a support system, a resource provider, and advocate for individuals in my community. As a result, I have built trusting relationships with many individuals and families. The feeling of helping someone solve a problem or face an issue genuinely makes me happy. In this role, I share their concerns with empathy and provide support to anyone seeking a helping hand.

- Maria Carpenter, Gloucester Navigator



Community Health Worker



CHW Core Competencies

- Outreach Methods and Strategies
- Individual and Community Assessment
- Effective Communication
- Cultural Responsiveness and Mediation
- Education to Promote Healthy Behavior Change



CHW Core Competencies

- Care Coordination and System Navigation
- Use of Public Health Concepts and Approaches
- Advocacy and Community Capacity Building
- Documentation
- Professional Skills and Conduct





CHWs Facilitate Access



HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Access to affordable health insurance
- Preventative healthcare programs
- Trauma support
- Overdose education and Naloxone distribution
- Recovery coaching



SAFETY AT SEA

- Safety & Survival Course
- Drill Conductor Certification
- Vessel Stability
- Fishermen's First Aid/CPR/AED
- Ergonomics Training
- Lifejackets for Fishermen rebate program



ECONOMIC SECURITY

- Scholarships for Captain's License classes
- Financial planning support
- Access to emergency financial assistance
- Maritime scholarship
- Support accessing government resources

Social Determinants of Health



Photo Credit : Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

CHW's Address Social Determinants of Health



Sharing messaging that resonates with the communities we serve



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EVERY FISHING VESSEL'S FIRST AID KIT SHOULD INCLUDE NARCAN®

FISHING PARTNERSHIP TRAINS FISHERMEN AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Fishermen are among the first to arrive at the scene of a medical emergency at sea. As first responders, proper training is key to identifying and responding to an opioid overdose.



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SCHEDULE A NARCAN TRAINING FOR YOUR CREW
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TRAUMA SUPPORT
FREE HELP IS AVAILABLE

Fishing Partnership offers **FREE** professional consultations for commercial fishermen, shellfishermen and fishing families who need support coping with emergencies at sea, crises, loss and grief, substance use, and stressors.

Along with partner Riverside Trauma Center, FP Navigators can connect you to a range of services:

- ✓ Community resources, including psychological first aid, recovery coaching, and finding primary care and mental health providers.
- ✓ Riverside Trauma Center - Fishermen have access to three, no-cost consultations with a Riverside clinician per inquiry.
- ✓ Coping & Resource groups for support after a traumatic event or loss. Trained professionals can provide education about coping with stress and grief to help you, your family, crew and others.

Riverside Trauma | **24/7 Support**
 781-433-0672 | Consult, Triage, Referrals

Clinicians are available daily from 9am-5pm.
After hours calls: The on-call clinician will provide phone support and can refer you to time-sensitive services as needed.

If you'd like more than three sessions, Riverside can refer you to a clinician who takes your insurance.



Office Information
www.fishingpartnership.org

Main Office	Gloucester
 617-928-3443	 978-282-4847
New Bedford	Plymouth
 508-991-3043	 508-746-5400
Chatham	
 774-840-9393	

Languages representative of the ports we serve



Você conectado ao seguro de saúde de Massachusetts o ano todo

Inscrições abertas para 2024

1º de novembro de 2023 — 23 de janeiro de 2024

Fishing Partnership Navegadores podem ajudar qualquer residente de Massachusetts com menos de 65 anos a ter acesso ao seguro de saúde. Podemos ajudar você a entender sua qualificação, fazer alterações na sua inscrição, procurar seguradoras e encontrar um plano que melhor atenda às suas necessidades de saúde e as da sua família.

Novidade para 2024: indivíduos com renda anual até US\$ 72.900 (ou até US\$ 150.000 para uma família de 4 pessoas) podem ter direito a prêmios mais baixos e subsídios baixos no seu plano de saúde.

Entre em contato com um Navegador a qualquer momento durante o ano para se inscrever, renovar sua MassHealth ou fazer alterações na sua inscrição.
Inscreva-se e faça um pagamento até 23 de janeiro para estar coberto a partir de 1º de fevereiro

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Massachusetts se compromete que todos tenham cobertura de seguro de saúde. Residentes não registrados estão sujeitos a uma multa. Não se arreique — ligue para um Navegador hoje e garanta sua cobertura!



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Seguro Médico de Massachusetts todo el año.

Inscripción Abierta 2024

1 de noviembre de 2023 al 23 de enero de 2024

Las Navegadoras de Fishing Partnership pueden ayudar a que cualquier residente en Massachusetts menor de 65 años tenga acceso a un seguro médico. Podemos ayudarle a entender si es elegible, cómo hacer cambios en su solicitud, a buscar proveedores y a encontrar el plan que mejor se adapta a las necesidades médicas suyas y de su familia.

Nuevo en 2024: los individuos con ingresos \$72.900 al año (o \$150.000 para una familia de 4 personas) podrían ser elegibles para pagar primas más bajas y recibir subsidios para su plan de salud.

Póngase en contacto con una Navegadora en cualquier momento del año para solicitar cobertura, renovar su plan de MassHealth, o hacer cambios en su solicitud.
Solicite, inscribase, y haga un pago antes del 23 de enero para obtener cobertura desde el 1 de febrero.

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Massachusetts mantiene el mandato de que todas las personas tengan un seguro médico. Los residentes no asegurados podrían pagar una penalización fiscal. ¡No se arreique! Llame a una Navegadora y tenga cobertura hoy mismo.



Vaya a Request HEALTH INSURANCE Services

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Per nuovi richiedenti: iscriversi all'assicurazione sanitaria del Massachusetts e' possibile farlo in qualsiasi momento dell'anno

Iscrizioni per l'anno 2024

1 novembre 2023 - 23 gennaio 2024

Assistenti o "Navigators" del Fishing Partnership sono persone dedicate a fornire assistenza a tutti i residenti del Massachusetts di età inferiore a 65 anni ed aiutare ciascun individuo con la loro richiesta d'iscrizione e registrazione ad un piano assicurativo sanitario. Navigators sono pronte ad assistere nella valutazione di idoneità, nell'apportare eventuali modifiche all'applicazione dell'individuo, nella ricerca di strutture mediche e/o nell'individuare un piano di assicurazione medica che sia ottimale per le esigenze di salute personali e di quelle dei loro familiari.

Novità 2024: un individuo che guadagna \$72.000 all'anno (oppure \$150.000 per una famiglia di 4 persone) potrebbero trarre un beneficio di un tasso di pagamento con sussidio più basso per il loro piano sanitario.

Si prega contattare un Navigator in qualsiasi momento dell'anno se si vuole fare domanda d'iscrizione, rinnovare l'assicurazione sanitaria del MassHealth o per apportare modifiche alla propria assicurazione sanitaria
Per completare e assicurarsi la copertura sanitaria a partire dal 1 febbraio, 2024 si prega effettuare il tasso di pagamento entro il 23 gennaio, 2024

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Lo Stato del Massachusetts mantiene il mandato per tutti residenti di avere un'assicurazione sanitaria. I residenti non assicurati potrebbero pagare una sanzione fiscale statale. Non rischiare: chiamate un Navigator per assistenza!



Scansione su richiesta SALUTE SERVIZI ASSICURATIVI

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Changes in Attitude



Over the past 2 years, 50% of the 500 fishermen we trained reported they will start wearing a lifejacket

Skill Building

98% of people trained in administering naloxone in New Bedford reported learning new skills



CHW Model in Action



AGE 15

First individual interactions with FP Navigators/Attends 1st Safety & Survival Training
Attends 2nd Safety & Survival Training & Drill Conductor

AGE 16

Attends CPR/First Aid Certification

AGE 18

Attends 3rd Safety & Survival Training & Drill Conductor
Speaks with Navigator about Health Insurance

AGE 20

Attends 4th Safety & Survival Training

AGE 21

Reaches out for help to access financial resources - COVID-19 Loan Assistance

AGE 22

Involved in a traumatic event - accesses Riverside Trauma Service/Navigator Psychological First Aid

AGE 23

Buys own boat, first child is born, and is feeling secure for his future - continues to check-in for small business resources

Identified need for his crew to be trained during COVID-19 - his outreach encouraged the FP safety team to figure out how to train and save lives during a global pandemic



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Thank you!

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