

**Enhancing Community
Health Worker Training**

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Learning Objectives

- Describe the newly developed Opioid Brief Intervention module for Community Health Worker Training
- Recognize opportunities for community participation in the training



What is a Community Health Worker

CHW's are trusted members of the community with a passion for helping others prevent or manage disease or other physical/behavioral health issues



EC and NE PA AHEC CHW Training

Core Modules

- Community Health Worker Intro
- Boundaries
- Communication, Networking and Conflict
- Documentation
- Chronic Disease
- Benefits Check up
- Accident Prevention
- Health Literacy
- HIPPA
- Motivational Interviewing
- Personal Safety
- Prevention
- Becoming a Healthier You



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Additional Modules

- Youth or Adult Mental Health First Aid
- CPR/AED/First Aid
- Cultural Competency
- Cavity Free Kids
- Tobacco Cessation
- Mandated Reporting
- COMPASS
- Substance Abuse in Pregnant Women
- Childhood Chronic Disease
- Strategies for Engagement
- Trauma Informed Care
- Family Relationships
- Disease Specific modules



New Opioid Module

- New module created for CHW training
- Developed through a partnership between University of Pennsylvania's National Center for Integrated Behavioral Health and University of Pittsburgh's Project RAMP (rural access to MAT in Pennsylvania)
- Currently in pilot phase
- Will be developed into a standalone webinar



Objectives for Opioid Module

- Recognize addiction as a chronic disease and identify signs of opioid use disorder and misuse
- Recognize that addiction can be treated with medications
- Identify the medications used to treat opioid use disorder and reverse overdose
- Recognize myths and realities about medication-assisted treatment
- Identify barriers to accessing treatment, including stigma, and how to overcome them
- Recognize how to talk to someone about opioid use disorder and help them access treatment
- Identify resources to support patients with opioid use disorder on the road to recovery



Opioid Module Pilot-Participants

- RN,
- LPC
- Health Educator
- Business Manager
- Intern/Student
- Teacher/CHW
- CHW
- CRS/CFRS
- Student Success Specialist
- Volunteer
- Foster Parent
- Agency Director
- CRS/C Manager
- Program Coordinator
- Counselor
- Enrollment Counselor/Career Coach
- Secretary



Opioid Module Pilot-Feedback

- Very comprehensive- easy to understand
- This will benefit health care workers and social workers alike
- Good for all
- If working in medical field, can help employees become more informed on symptoms, signs and recovery
- Great presentation! Well done!
- Will use in my everyday practice
- Information can be talked about at church, community and other facilities
- It is helpful information to have when accessing student barriers. They sometimes disclose addiction, and it is important to have a good understanding of what they could be facing



Opportunities for Participation

- Adaption of Opioid Module to a webinar
- Expanding CHW training across the state



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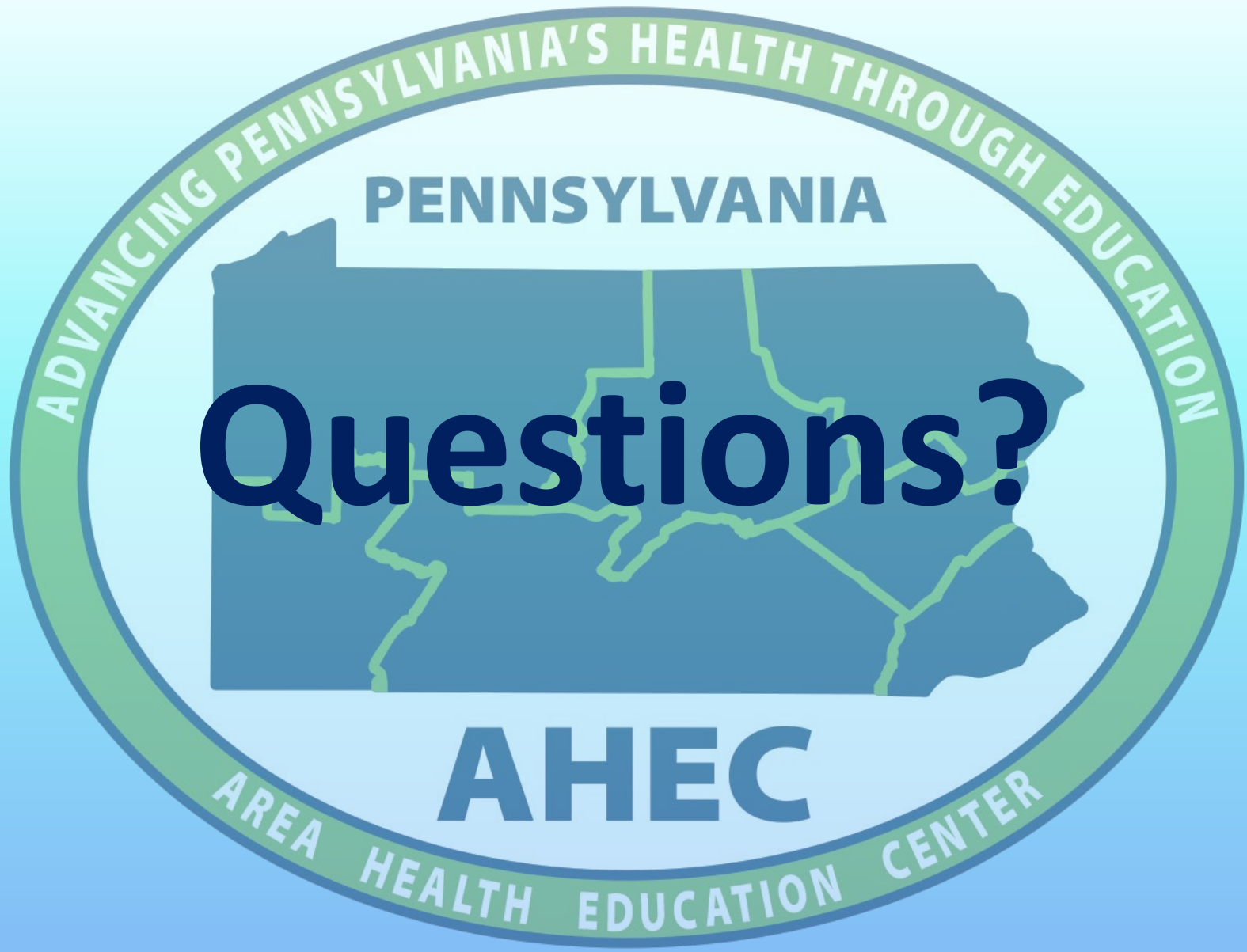
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