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# FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE CHAT!

## Community Health Worker

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# Overview



1. **What is a Community Health Worker (CHW)?**
2. **Why consider becoming a Community Health Worker?**
3. **Who might enjoy becoming a CHW?**
4. **Where do CHWs work?**
5. **Learn about SCC's CHW training opportunity**
6. **Questions**



# What is a **Community Health Worker (CHW)**?

- Health advocate, outreach educator, health promoter, *promotoras*
- Serve as a liaison between healthcare systems or providers and the community they serve
- Provide health education, information, referrals to resources



# What is unique about being a **Community Health Worker (CHW)?**

- ★ Often CHW's share the same culture, language, life experiences as the community they serve
- ★ May offer interpretation or translation support
- ★ Able to provide culturally appropriate information and education
- ★ Often provide informal counseling and guidance on health behaviors
- ★ May provide basic health services including: first aid, blood pressure, blood glucose screenings



# Benefits of CHW's in the Community

Improve access to health-oriented resources

Deep understanding of social services available

Improved communication

Increased promotion of healthy behaviors

Reduced need for emergency and specialty care



# Why would I want to be a CHW?

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I want  
to help  
people

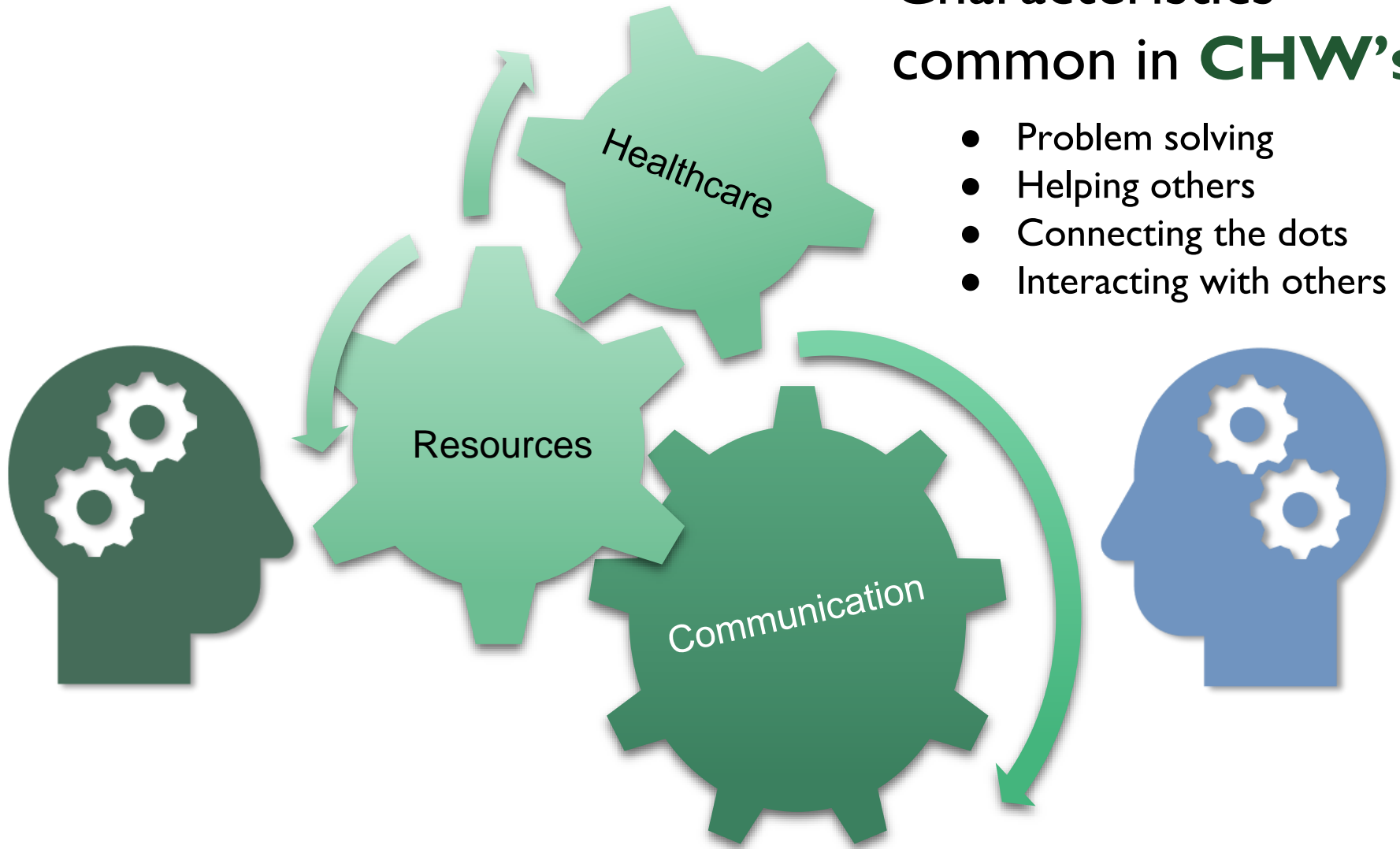
**CHW**  
may be  
for  
**YOU!**

I want to  
work in  
healthcare



## Characteristics common in **CHW's**

- Problem solving
- Helping others
- Connecting the dots
- Interacting with others





**Where  
do  
CHW's  
work?**

- ❖ Healthcare Systems
- ❖ Community Health Clinics
- ❖ Non-profit organizations
- ❖ Governmental agencies
- ❖ Public Health facilities
- ❖ Schools





# What else should I know?

- There are many available jobs in the field
- The number of CHW jobs is projected to grow **23%** over the next 10 years
- In AZ, average annual salary: **\$40,080**



# SCC's **Community Health Worker** Training

- ❑ Can be completed in one year
- ❑ 6 classes (= 18 credits) that include an experiential learning opportunity
- ❑ Each class is 8-weeks long
- ❑ Courses begin in January 2022



# Benefits of SCC's CHW Training

Interact with CHWs working  
in the field

Flexible course scheduling

Short classes (finish quickly)

Build your network

Connect what you learn in class in the  
field (experiential learning opportunity)





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**Questions??**



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# Thank you!

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