

Virginia Center for Health Outreach (VCHO)
Supporting Community Health Workers' Contribution to Virginia Health Care
And Building a Community of Community Health Workers
Progress Report for October-December, 2005

Communication

- Held fourth annual Virginia CHW conference for 290 CHWs and CHW program supervisors on November 29 and 30 in Richmond, Virginia
- Selected winners of 2005 Outstanding CHW awards and Friend of Virginia CHWs award and presented awards at CHW conference
- Updated CHWs and supervisors about the status of the final CHW Study Resolution Report and invited feedback
- Managed all aspects of communication for the final phase of the year two CHW study resolution process, including data collection and dissemination
- Edited final draft of CHW study resolution report and sent it to the Virginia Division of Legislative Automated Systems
- Used VCHO listservs to disseminate information about various potential educational and funding opportunities to Virginia's CHW programs
- Developed, produced and distributed quarterly issue of *The VCHO Advisor*

Education

- Held continuing education workshops for Virginia CHWs and program supervisors on the following topics:
 - Emotional Intelligence
 - Reluctant Fatherhood
 - Home-Visiting Basics
 - Non-defensive Communication
 - Substance Abuse
 - Infant & Toddler Safety
 - Staying Safe
 - Parenting Instruction
 - Program Sustainability

Consultations

- Center for Injury and Violence Prevention, Virginia Department of Health
- Lutheran Family Services
- SAFE KIDS Virginia

Policy

- Planned and facilitated statewide meeting to continue to respond to the requirements of the community health worker study approved by the 2004 Virginia General Assembly
- Held briefings on study resolution recommendations at the 2005 CHW conference

Coordination

- Conducted regional CHW network coordinator training
- Planned and facilitated eight regional CHW network meetings
- Planned and facilitated a statewide meeting of CHW supervisors