CACHW Community of Practice Topics (CCOP)

Friday, October 3, 2025 (12-1pm PST)

Envision

Please come and join us to learn about the work of Envision in supporting the CHW workforce and training. They have been a key partner in many national CHW initiatives and supporting the ground work of the National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW) in elevating CHW voices.

Presenter:

Lesley Wolf

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Lesley Wolf is a Community Organizer, CHW ally, and Director of Programming for envision, a national Community Health Worker (CHW) training and technical assistance center. She has over 20 years of experience partnering with communities, coalitions, and organizations to advance health and racial equity through systems and policy change.

At envision, Lesley provides leadership for a CDC-funded national cooperative agreement, overseeing training, technical assistance, and sustainability initiatives. She designed the Community of Transformation, an 18-month collective leadership program for CHWs and allies, and led the content for envision's National CHW Sustainability Summit, which convened more than 500 participants to advance workforce equity. She is also the lead author of the widely used CHW Financial Sustainability Toolkit.

Previously, Lesley directed statewide and national equity initiatives at the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute, where she provided training, coaching, and technical assistance to coalitions, health departments, and state programs on operationalizing equity, sustainability planning, and

systems change. Her expertise includes curriculum development, facilitation, and coaching, with a focus on coalition building, embedding equity, and power-building as drivers of sustainability.

Grounded in her roots as both an organizer and trainer, Lesley brings a power-building and relationship-centered lens to her work. She is committed to aligning community efforts that elevate CHW leadership and drive structural change, guided by the belief that communities themselves hold the expertise to create transformative solutions for equity and sustainability.