

Allison McGirr-Crowley, LCSW (she/her)

Allison is a licensed clinical social worker from Philadelphia, currently based in Rhode Island, working with Brown University Health at Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital. She serves as the lead clinical social worker, crossing the lifespan of pediatric and adult patients with sickle cell disease. Allison's clinical approach is deeply rooted in abolition, social and disability justice- with a specific interest in working at the intersection of medical trauma, racism, and classism.

Shanelly Ortiz, B.S - Community Health Worker (she/her)

Shanelly is a dedicated Community Health Worker at Brown University Health - Rhode Island Hospital's Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center. In this role, she is essential in supporting patients and families affected by sickle cell disease, helping them access vital healthcare services, social support, and community resources. Shanelly holds a bachelor's degree in health studies, which she obtained from the University of Rhode Island in 2023. Her expertise includes patient advocacy and care coordination. Shanelly is committed to enhancing patient outcomes by providing comprehensive support and connecting individuals with resources that improve their quality of life.

Maria Medina- Community Health Worker (she/her)

Maria is a dedicated and compassionate Community Health Worker with a special interest in public health, mental health, and sickle cell disease. With passion for helping individuals and communities thrive, Maria specializes in community outreach, providing essential support to underserved populations and advocating for equitable healthcare access. Driven by the belief that small acts of care can create lasting change, Maria is dedicated to being a piece of the solution, making meaningful impacts in the lives of those served.