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Community Health Workers Earn Certification

STEUBENVILLE, OH – The Jefferson County General Health District (JCGHD) is pleased to announce that its two Community Health Workers are now fully certified through the Ohio Board of Nursing. According to The Ohio State University, “Community Health Workers are frontline public health workers who assist in improving quality of care and breaking down cultural barriers to treatment. CHWs bridge the gap between people in need of care and care providers – and as members of the community they serve, they help build trust and open lines of communication.” With this certification, the CHWs are now formally recognized by the Ohio Board of Nursing as prepared and trusted advocates, connectors, educators, and motivators for health needs in Jefferson County.

The JCGHD began providing CHW services in collaboration with the Mahoning Valley Pathways Hub in the fourth quarter of 2024. The Pathways HUB connects people to social services and medical resources in Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, and Jefferson Counties. The purpose is to reduce the impact of social determinants of health on health disparities in the region through effective care coordination. The CHWs will partner with county residents to help them in reaching their goals through referrals, education, and support. After months of education and training, two members of the JCGHD Nursing Department have successfully passed the CHW certification exam. Congratulations to Kayla Fogle, BSN, RN and Lysaih Rice, BA!



To connect with one of our Community Health Workers, please call the JCGHD Nursing Department at 740-283-8530. To learn more about the Mahoning Valley Pathways Hub, visit www.ohiopathwayshub.org

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