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EHA Strengthens Community Health Worker Training



Between February and May 2026, Ebenezer Healthcare Access (EHA) staff members participated in a series of professional development trainings for Community Health Workers (CHWs) across its Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton offices in partnership with Ohio Health Center.

The initiative was designed to strengthen the capacity of frontline health workers supporting immigrant, refugee, and underserved populations across Ohio. Organizers said the training emphasized healthcare navigation, patient advocacy, communication strategies, and crisis response skills for staff members working directly with vulnerable communities.

According to organizers, the training sessions enhanced collaboration among staff across the organization's three regional offices while reinforcing Ebenezer Healthcare Access's mission of delivering accessible, compassionate, and community-centered healthcare support. Participants expanded their skills in healthcare coordination, community outreach, crisis intervention, and culturally competent communication. The program also promoted peer learning and professional networking among Community Health Workers across the participating regions.

Organization leaders said future training initiatives will continue to focus on advancing health equity, strengthening community partnerships, and expanding the role of Community Health Workers as trusted advocates within underserved communities throughout Ohio. The following Certified Community Health Workers from Ebenezer Healthcare Access successfully completed the training program: Dr Silas Mureramanzi, Fabiola Uwineza, Vital Manirakiza, Nataliaa Boiko, Jean Eric Izabayo, and Job Muhire.

Success Story: Mpila Nizia's Journey of Hope and Freedom

Mpila Nizia, a mother and grandmother from a refugee camp in Musasa, Ngozi, Burundi,

says her life changed when she found support through Ebenezer.

After arriving in the United States without knowing English and while living in a shelter with her children, Mpila faced overwhelming challenges. She recalls struggling to provide food, navigate hospital visits, and secure stable housing for her family. “Truly, they are like fathers and mothers to me,” Mpila said of the organization. “They never abandoned me.” According to Mpila, Ebenezer provided interpreters, medical support, food assistance, and eventually helped her family move into a permanent home. She says the support brought freedom and hope back into her children’s lives. “Before, we felt trapped,” she said. “But when my youngest son heard we would



“Before, we felt trapped,” she said. “But when my youngest son heard we would get a house and become free, he became joyful.” Today, Mpila says she feels “completely free” and hopes to find work so she can continue supporting her family independently. “It is as though they pulled me out of a deep pit,” she said. “I will always encourage others to come to this organization.”

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