



Boston Public Health Commission & Community Health Education Center (CHEC)
will be offering the
Comprehensive Outreach Education Certificate Program (COEC)

What is COEC?

The COEC Program is a two-part training program that introduces Community Health Workers to a way of understanding health problems from a public health perspective. The training encourages outreach workers to become proficient on a variety of health issues affecting diverse communities. Training emphasize three skills needed to do effective outreach interventions such as conduct educational sessions at community sites and to various cultural groups, expand proficiency to provide information and referrals on a range of health topics and shape health messages by the community's language and cultural traditions.

What are the 2-Parts?

Part 1 consists of *7 core training sessions* and it aims to help improve Outreach Educator's Skills in areas crucial to achieve positive outputs through outreach work in their community. Topics include: Intro to Outreach Education & Leadership Skills, Cultural Competence, Assessment Techniques, Public Health, Outreach Education 1 & 2, and Community Organizing.

Part 2 consists of *7 health modules* that are offered on a variety of health issues affecting the communities across the state. Each module covers important facts and local resource information.

The **COEC Program** consists of a **minimum of 54 hours** of public health education training. To obtain the certificate, outreach workers must attend ALL 7 core sessions and all 7 health modules.

Is there a registration fee?

NO. The trainings are free of charge but enrollment is limited. (subject to change)

What are the training dates?

There are 3 cycles: Fall: September-October, Winter: January-February and Spring: April-May. *Specific dates depend on the health modules the outreach workers pick (there are 10 choices to pick from). All trainings begin at 9:30am and are held at CHEC, 35 Northampton Street, 5th Floor, Boston.*

Graduation ceremonies will be held in June.

Who can attend?

Enrollment is available for outreach educators & community health workers who are employed by a community health center or community based organization to do at least 20 hours a week of outreach education.

How do I register?

For registration forms, please visit our internet page at: <http://www.bphc.org/CHEC>

For more information please call the Community Health Education Center at **617-534-2432** or email at Ltavares@bphc.org.