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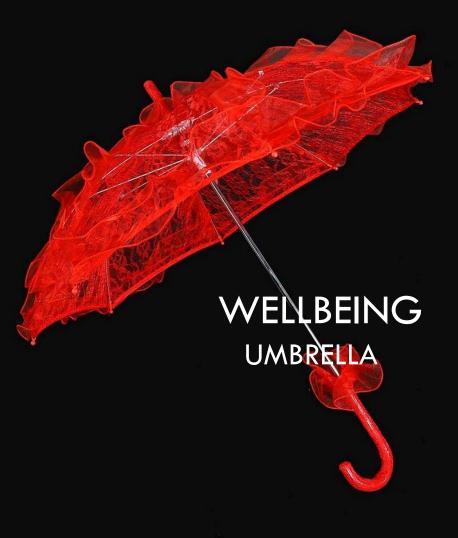
# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

#112 (Cont.): CHW Group Facilitation

TRAINING SERIES



Training Series



### **Building Skills**

- Group Facilitation is a learned skill
- Facilitation is making it easy for others to participate in dialogue
- It is creating a safe space for others to share their experiences

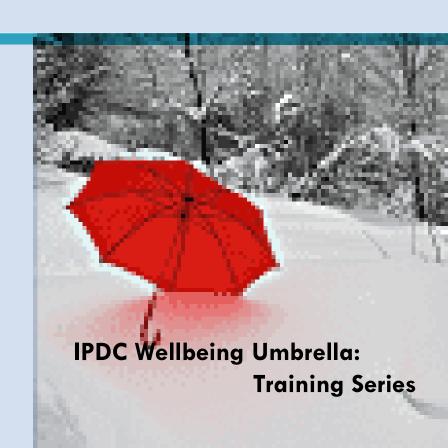


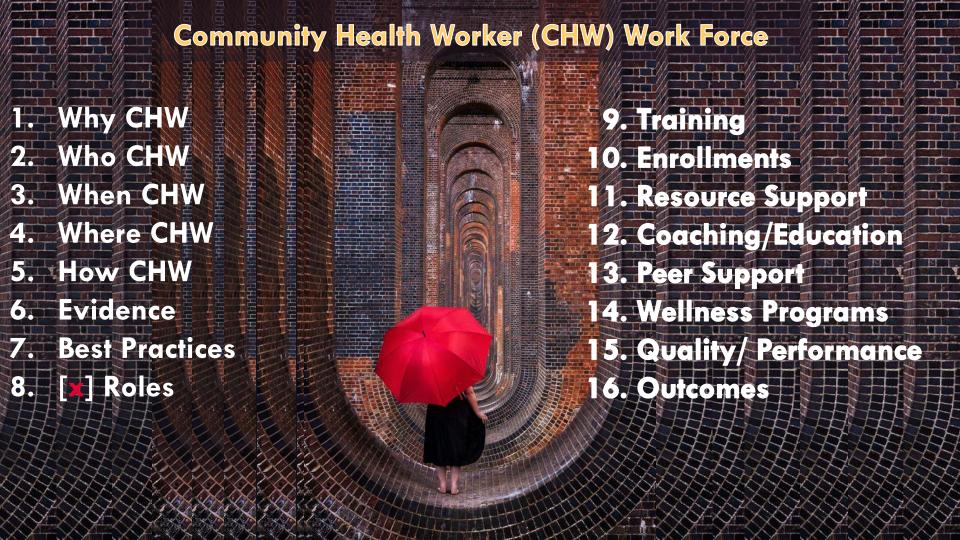
### Questions

- What makes a great group facilitator?
- How do I become a better group facilitator?
- Are there key elements to group facilitation?
- Summarize Useful Facilitator Tips?

## **Training Objectives**

- To better understand group facilitation
- To build the necessary group facilitation skills
- To optimize job opportunities among SCSEP participants for community group facilitation







### Section 8: CHW Roles

- Group Facilitation
- The facilitator's role is to:
- Encourage everyone's participation
- Record responses and listen for recurring themes, differences and similarities



#### Effective Feedback

- □ Constructive Feedback
- Feedback is effective when it is done constructively
- □ Timing: Feedback should be given when an individual is ready to hear what you have to say
- Keep emotions out of feedback





### Response to Feedback

- You cannot force someone to change
- The decision to change is up to the other person
- Do not try to suggest solutions at the time of providing feedback

# Working Together

- Maintain a team environment
- Ensure that the group is working together
- Encourage individuals to apply what they learned to real life situations
- Encourage and motivate everyone to participate





# Facilitate Openness

- □ Openness is Acceptance
- It is important for participants to be open and honest about their feelings
- Although it is OK to have different opinions;
- No one should be judged, looked down upon, or ridiculed

# Key Attributes

- Remain neutral as a group facilitator
- □ Its not about your ideas
- Its about supporting the group
- To achieve what the group wants





# Listening

- Being a great facilitator is all about listening
- Being a facilitator is different from being a teacher
- Its not facilitation if you are trying to lead them to a particular conclusion

### **Building Facilitator skills**

- Means figuring out the best way to support someone to achieve their goals
- Hence going into a session without sufficient planning is a recipe for disaster
- Be open to change if that is what the group needs





#### Review Best Practices

- What did we do in the group that worked well?
- □ Did anything not work well?
- What should we do differently next time?
- What can we identify as a best practice?



#### **Practice Makes Perfect**

- □ Practice Opportunities
- With practice anyone can improve their group facilitation skills; it is your job to:
- Show the group that their thoughts are being heard
- That their point of view is understood

#### Give Clear Instructions

- Communicate effectively
- Build trust
- Create clear expectations
- Provide group goals
- Keep the group energized and excited





## Key Reminders: 1

- □ Set meeting objectives
- Set the right tone for the meeting
- Ask the right questions
- Give everyone a chance to participate
- Manage the time and prevent anyone from dominating the meeting



#### Reminders: 2

- Scan the group for nonverbal response (including observers)
- Keep the group on the Agenda
- Move forward engaging everyone
- Facilitation means to make it easy





#### Reminders: 3

- □ The Goal of Facilitation
- Is to ensure that group members engage in meaningful dialogue
- Ordinary people willing to achieve extraordinary accomplishments
- Stay focused: If you care about people you can do it!

