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THE CHW NEWSLETTER

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

FELISHIA JENKINS



Felishia Jenkins is the CHW Supervisor for Region 9, and a woman of many talents.

Originally from Independence, she is a devoted mother of three, a dedicated student pursuing her Master of Public Administration degree, and a compassionate counselor.

Felishia says she focuses on uplifting everyone around her in her role as a supervisor.

"Stay the course and don't give up," Felishia says.

Outside of work, Felishia spends time cherishing the simple pleasures in life: shopping, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Her commitment to her education will shine through her work by enhancing her skills and knowledge. This, in turn, will greatly benefit those in need around her in her community.

"CHWs are the unsung heroes, armed with compassion, confidence, and patience making the world a better place one person at a time."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vaping with Lutch High - 12/1, Lutch High School, Lutch

Senior Health Day - 12/2, 455 Ames Boulevard, Marrero

Regions 6, 7, & 8 Tri-Regional Christmas Lunch - 12/5, 499 E. Main Street, Winnfield

Red Reindeer Fun Run for AIDS - 12/9, Forsythe Park, Monroe

Holiday Dinner for the Homeless - 12/14, Storm Outreach Community, Houma

Winter Coat Drive - 12/15, New York Hardware, Monroe

For more events, [click here!](#)

NATIONAL OBSERVANCES

December marks two essential observances that should not go unnoticed: **World AIDS Day**, taking place on December 1, is dedicated to spreading awareness about HIV/AIDS, ending stigma, and encouraging people to get tested. Meanwhile, **National Influenza Vaccination Week**, running from December 4-8, emphasizes the significance of flu vaccination.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

From all of us at Community HealthWays, we want to give warm thanks to everyone who makes this program special and successful. Enjoy the holidays, relax during your time off, and we are looking forward to yet another great year helping those in need throughout Louisiana!

We could not do the work we do without you. As usual, keep up the good work and we're here if you need anything!

Don't forget: state offices will be closed December 25 and 26 in observance of Christmas.



Beaunica Willis 12/16

Lisa Batiste 12/22

Marie Leger 12/30

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CDC CCR SPECIAL STUDY

Arizona State University is conducting a study on Community Health Worker (CHW) Perspectives on Community Resilience as part of the CDC CCR grant. The goal is to learn how the CDC CCR program has contributed to building and strengthening community resilience from the perspective of CHWs.

Community HealthWays has been identified as a strong candidate for the study and has agreed to be part of it. Grants & Trainings Manager Michael Jackson and Communications Specialist Kerrigan Herret will be spearheading the participation in this study.

The primary method of data collection will be through digital storytelling workshops and focus groups. CHWs will have the skills to create and teach others how to tell their stories through pictures, words, videos, and music.

This will be beneficial to the Community HealthWays program as a whole in order to connect better with clients throughout the state and hone in CHWs' communications skills.

APHA CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



Grants & Trainings Manager Michael Jackson represented Community HealthWays alongside Louisiana CHW Institute Director Ashley Wennerstrom with LSU Health - New Orleans at the annual American Public Health Association Conference in Atlanta in November.