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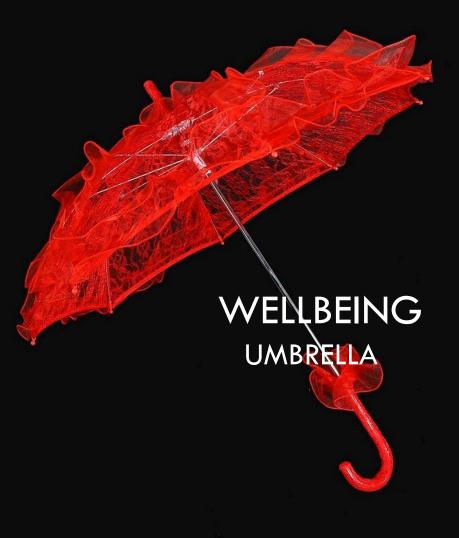
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

TRAINING SERIES

#112: CHW Group Facilitation



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

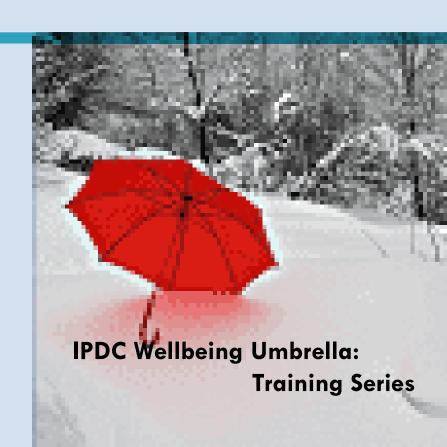


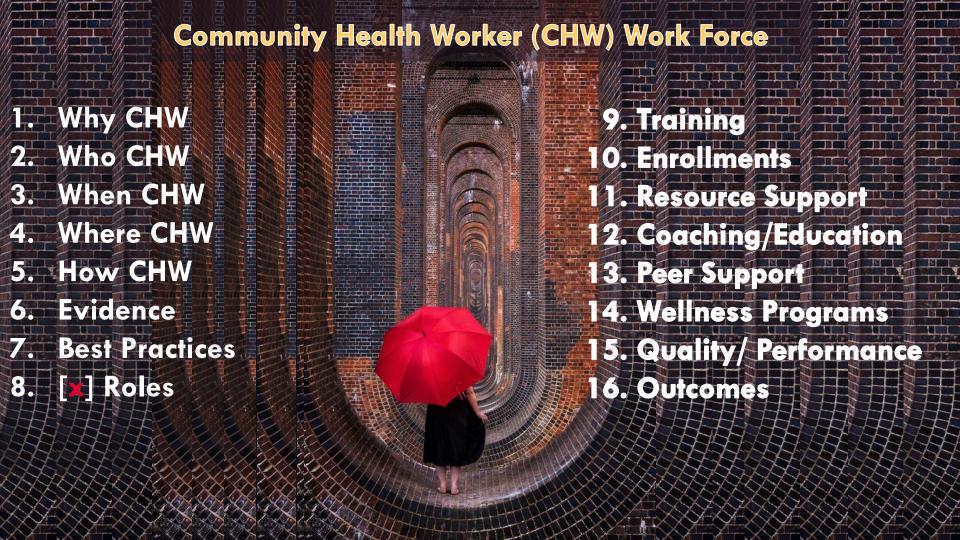
Questions

- 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

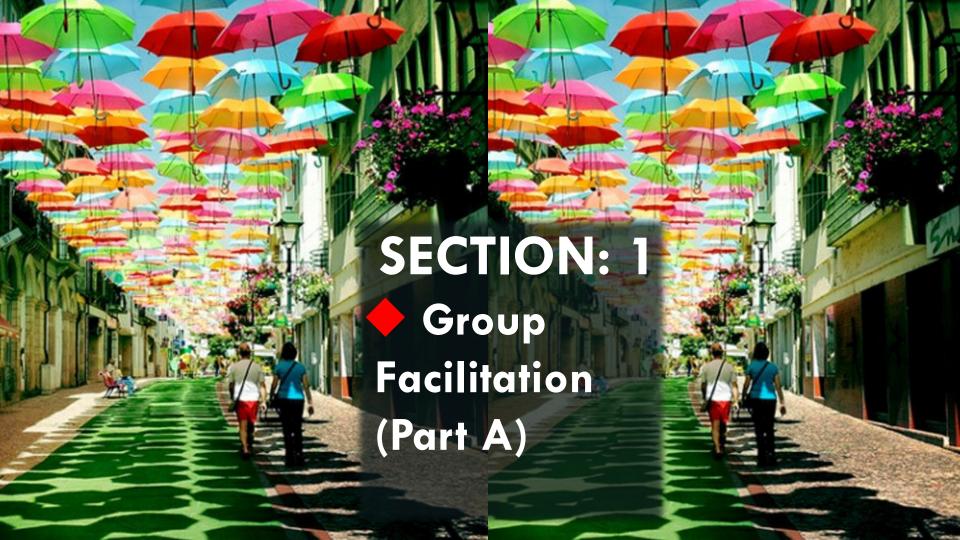






Section 8: CHW Roles

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





Group Facilitation

The Facilitator's Job is to:

- Make people feel comfortable
- Create an environment that allows honest open discussion
- Ensure group participation
- Your skills are key to the success of the session



Facilitating Discussions

- □ Develop Your Skills:
- Present clear objectives in a logical sequence
- Clarify and sum up questions
- Regulate and prevent anyone from dominating the discussion
- Allow everyone to have a chance at speaking



Facilitator Should:

- Speak slowly and clearly
- Don't impose your point of view
- Don't try to be an expert
- □ Keep the discussion focused
- Ensure what people say is clear and understood

Support Group Discussions

- □ Important Guidelines
- Making sure that you understand what is being said
- Active Listening: is making the other person feel comfortable
- That he/she can express himself/ herself without being judged





Set The Tone For The Group

- Always start by outlining the ground rules and time constraints
- Take care of timing and keep the environment supportive
- Ensure that discussions are productive
- Directly ask introverts for their opinion without putting them on the spot



Group Facilitation

- □ A Comfortable Environment
- Review basic ground rules that will govern group discussions
- Group Confidentiality
- Ensuring that the group information will not be shared outside the group



Communication

- □ Body Language
- Facilitators should be aware of body language
- Half of communication is said to be nonverbal
- We communicate using words, sounds, silence, voice, body, eyes and face



Asking Questions

- □ Use questions effectively
- If an answer is wrong: ask questions to facilitate the correct answer
- When asked questions by the group: throw them back to the group

Facilitate Honesty

- Never make up an answer
- Admit that you don't know and say that you will look up the answer
- Then get back to them later with the answer





Listen: Do Not Interrupt

- **□** Effective Listening:
- Interruption is a strong signal that you are not interested in what the other person is saying
- If you need to ask a question do it when the person has reached a natural pause

Listening: Body Language

- Your words should align with your body language
- Show participant that you are interested, attentive and respectful
- □ Listen, do not interrupt, do not judge,
- Even if you disagree: withhold your judgment and negative comments





Effective Listening: SOFTEN

- **□ \$** = Smile
- □ **O** = Open posture
- □ **F** = Forward lean
- □ **T** = Togetherness
- \Box **E** = Eye contact
- □ **N** = Nod

