

The Community Well-Being Ambassadors Initiative (CWA) is a community-driven, place-based prevention strategy to increase the capacity of individual neighborhoods and communities. CWAs promote community well-being and resilience amongst all residents regardless of age. This initiative represents a collective impact approach, utilizing collaboration and resources among various community-based and public organizations in the state of Delaware.

#### Why is the CWA program important?

CWA exists to combat the stress and trauma that exists in our communities. Sometimes when you're experiencing a challenge, a helping hand or an outside perspective can speed up the process of finding a solution to your problem. CWA services include Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Support, Positive Activities, Youth Support, Essential Need Solutions, and much more!

## **New Castle County**



In 2021 we launched our first CWA program, serving the City of Wilmington

## How does the CWA program work?

The CWA role is a year-long position. We hire members of your community (it could be your neighbor or a friend of a friend) to provide tailored support for you and your community all year long.

Here's how it works:

- Youth, families or community members are referred or self-identified.
- A CWA will help the individual or individuals identify their top needs.
- Then the CWA will provide that individual with information and help them develop a plan to address the needs.
- The CWA will connect that individual with a service or resource.

### **Kent County**



In 2022 we launched our first CWA cohort in Dover with Delaware State University as the managing partner.

# SUPPORT CWA

Interested in learning more about the CWA program and contributing to the growth of the program? Reach out to Cierra Hall at cierrahall@networkconnect.org to learn more about kicking off CWA in your community.

#### **Network Connect Overview**

The mission of Network Connect is to improve the coordination of youth serving organizations by building effective partnerships for youth, families, communities, and organizations.

