



Spring - Summer 2026 • Paid Opportunity • Limited Spots Available

Become a Community Health Worker for your home community

PREPARE: Partnerships for Resilience and Emergency Preparedness through Academic Resident Engagement

The **PREPARE Program** is now recruiting **undergraduate and graduate students** from ARISE-participating institutions* to serve as Community Health Workers (CHWs) in partnerships with Local Health Engagement Action Teams (LHEATs) across Kansas



Priority given to students returning to their community for summer engagement.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

✓ Spring 2026 Training

- Virtual CHW "Quick Start" Training (20 hrs)
- LHEAT 101 Orientation (3 hrs)
- Introduction to community engagement and emergency preparedness (2 hours)

Join your Local LHEAT

- ✓ Attend Monthly Virtual Meetings (5 hrs)
- Co-design & implement a small-scale emergency preparedness project addressing a local priority (~20 hrs)

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Enrolled at an ARISE-participating institution*
- Originally from Seward, Finney, Ford, Johnson, or Wyandotte Counties (or a neighboring county)
- Planning to return home for Summer '26 and engage with your county's LHEAT
- Able to commit ~50 hours to program



TIMELINE

CHW Training: Spring 2026

Community Project Implementation:
 Spring-Summer 2026

Spots limited to 10 students

For more information/ to apply:

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Apply here: tinyurl.com/PREPARE26



WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Gain CHW experience
- Build leadership skills
- Make an impact in your community
- Develop skills in project design, community engagement, and implementation

COMPENSATION

- **\$2,000 Stipend** for training and engagement
- **\$2,000 Project Implementation** funds to support your community based initiative.

*ARISE Partner Institutions: KU, KSU, WSU, Baker, Emporia State, Donnelly, Butler CC, JCCC, KCKCC, Barton CC, Dodge City CC, Garden City CC, Seward County CC, Benedictine, Bethany, Fort Scott CC, Friends, and McPherson.