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The UTHSCH-SPH research team conducted a targeted literature assessment, multiple interviews (state and national), eight focus workshops, and an online survey of CHW employers and potential employers, and consulted with the Promotor(a) or Community Health Worker Training and Certification Advisory Committee.

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