

**Office of Border Public Health (OBPH)
Community Health Worker (CHW)
Training Center- Trajectory**

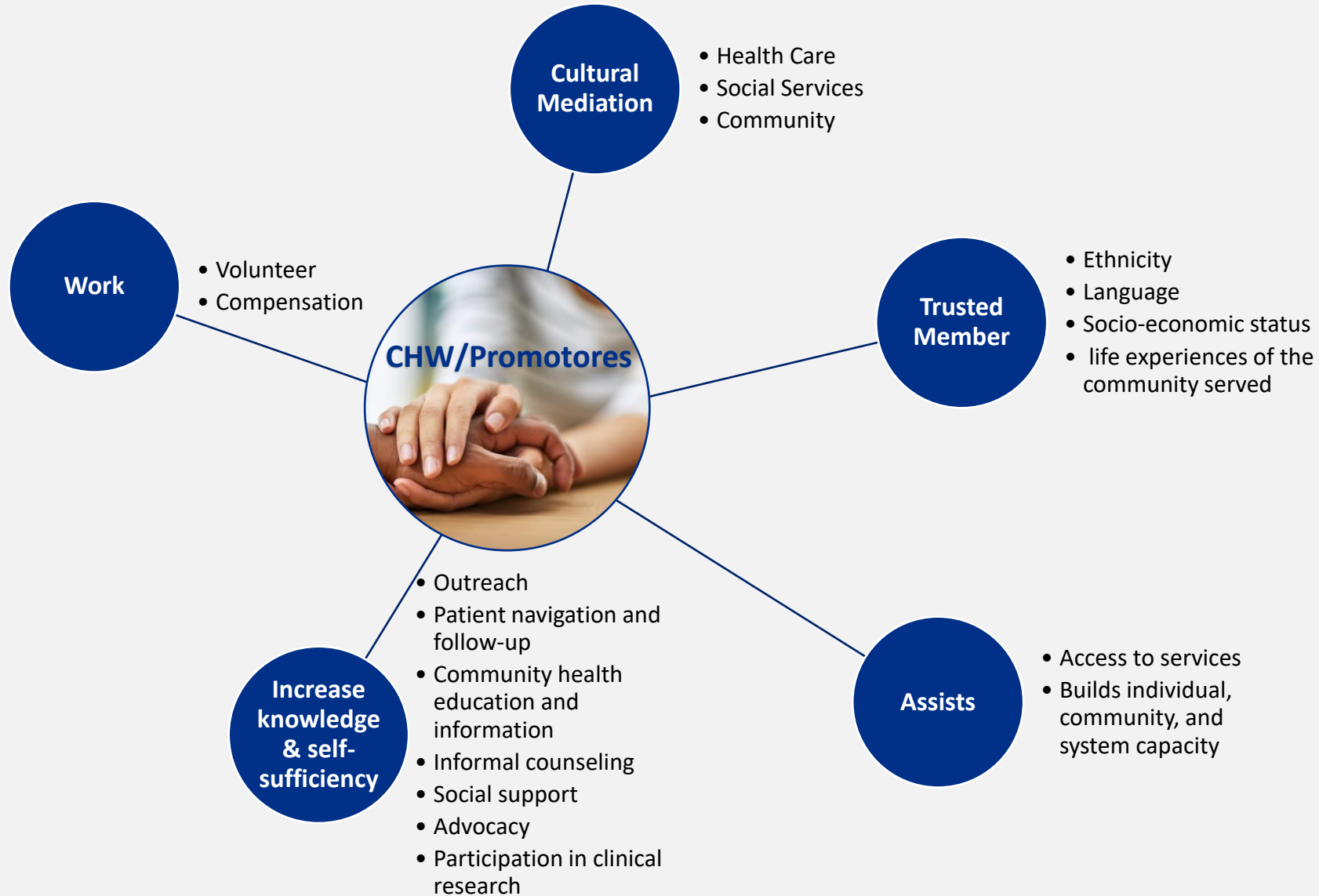
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Who are Promotores de Salud/Community Health Workers?



OBPH CHW Training Center Certification



2017-OBPH CHW Training Center Approval

DSHS CHW or Promotor(a) Training and Certification Program

DSHS OBPH CHW Training Center

CHW & Instructor Training Sites (48)

Approved to provide DSHS-Certified CEUs to CHWs & CHWIs

160-hour CHW Certification

CHW Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

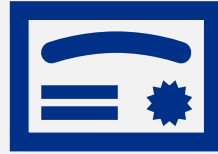
160-hour CHWI Certification

CHWI Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

2017-Training Center Activities



August 2017,
Applied and
approved to
become a
CHW/CHWI
Training
Center



Offer CEUs to
CHWs and
CHWIs
(Bilingual)



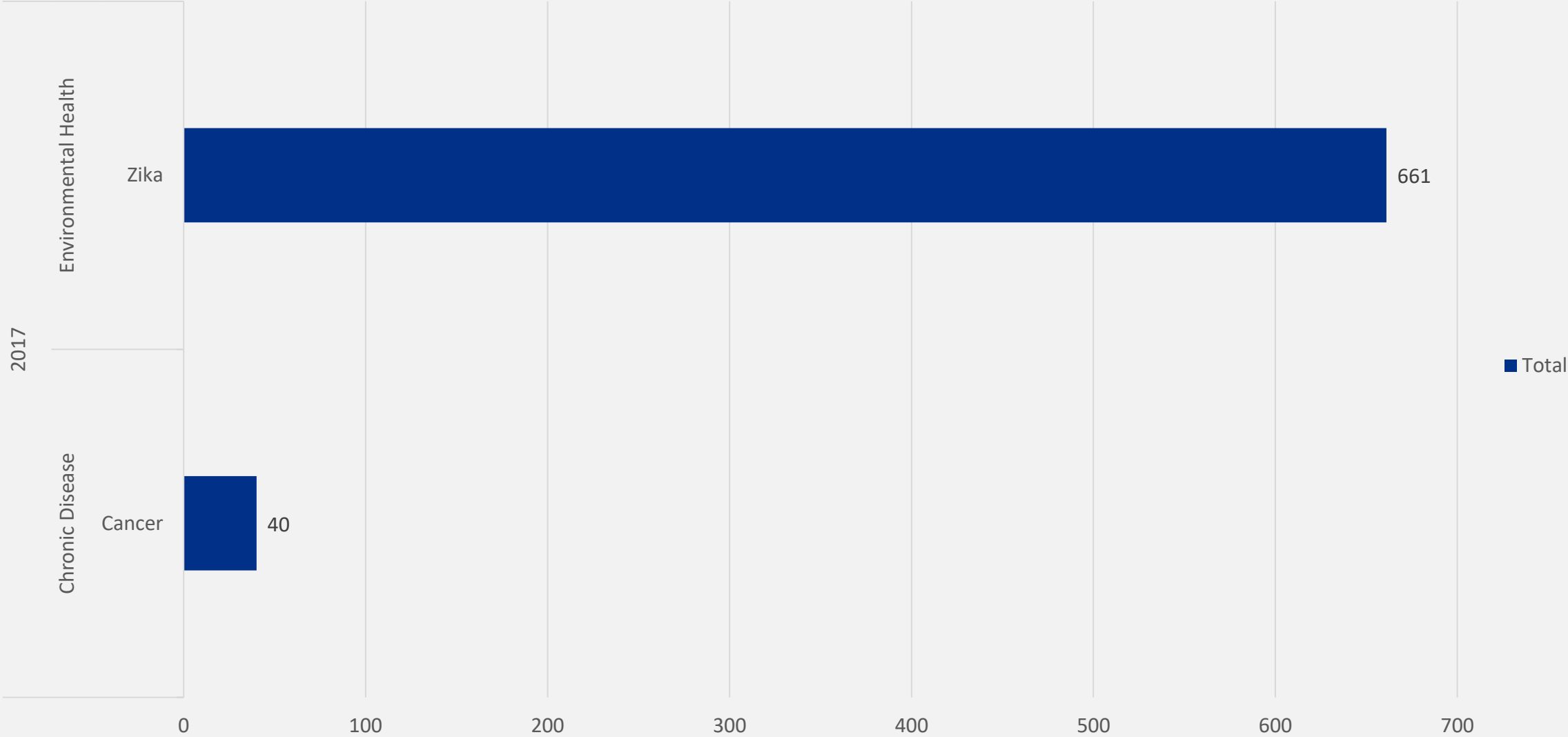
*OBPH Affiliates

- 13 CHWIs (6
OBPH
employees
from PHR 8,
9/10, and 11)

*Affiliates: certified CHW Instructors who affiliate with a certified training center to teach CHW/CHWI training under that center.

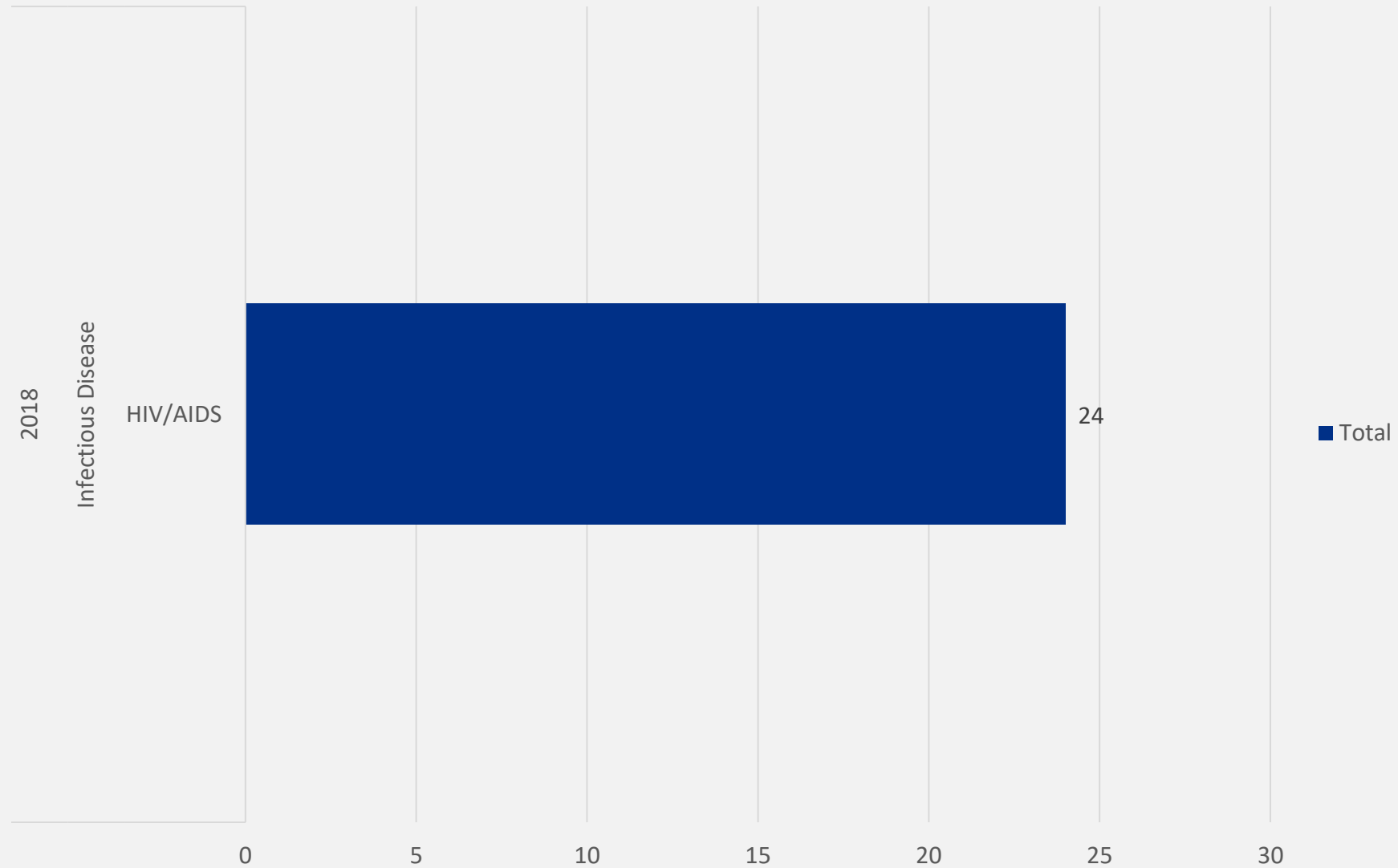
2017 Training

701 Total CHWs/CHWIs Trained



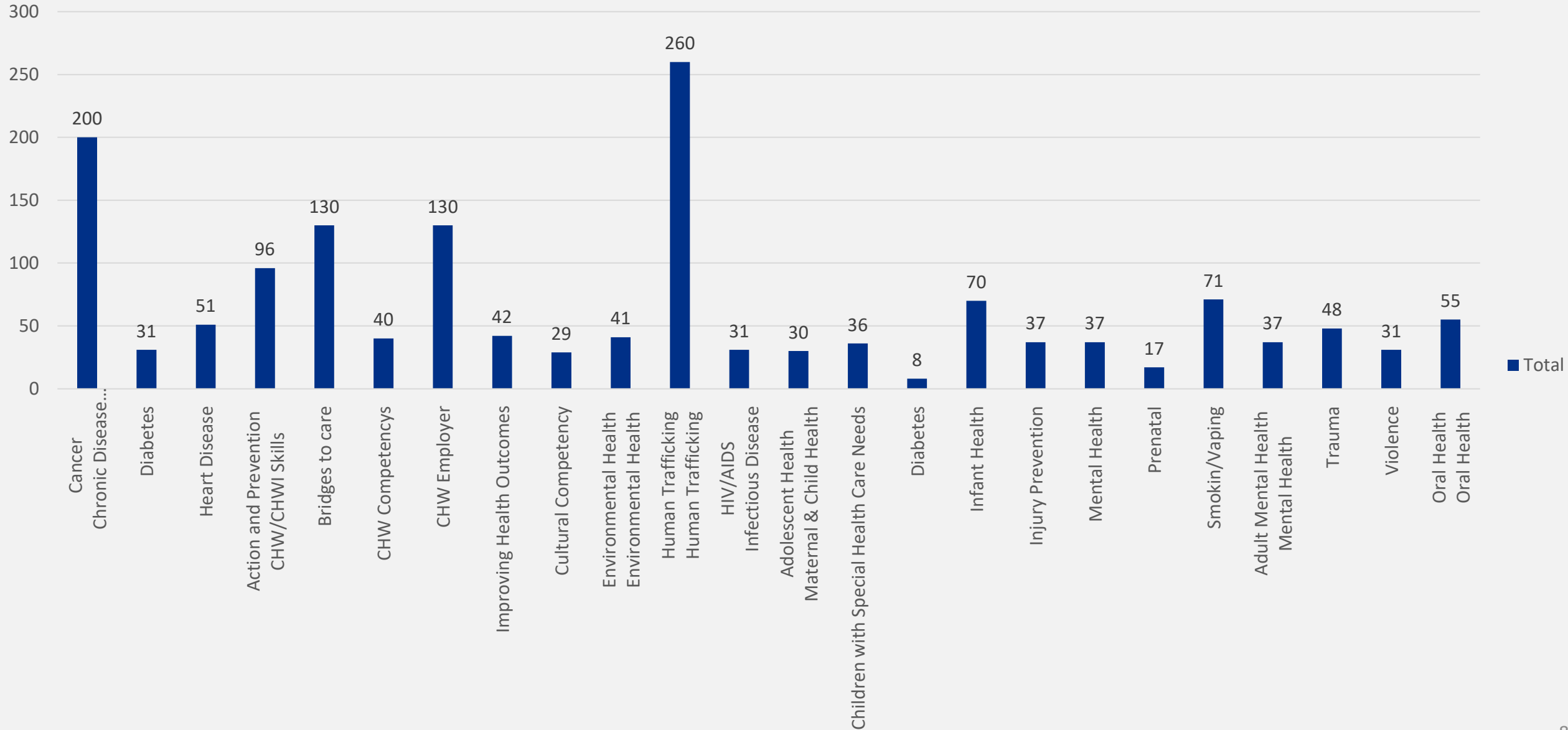
2018 Training

24 Total CHWs/CHWIs Trained



2019 Training

1,558 Total CHWs/CHWIs Trained



2020-Training Center Activities



COVID-19 ongoing pandemic

- Switching to Virtual Training



August 2020, onboarding of the new Community Based Healthy Border Program Coordinator-Liaison to the OBPH CHW Training Center



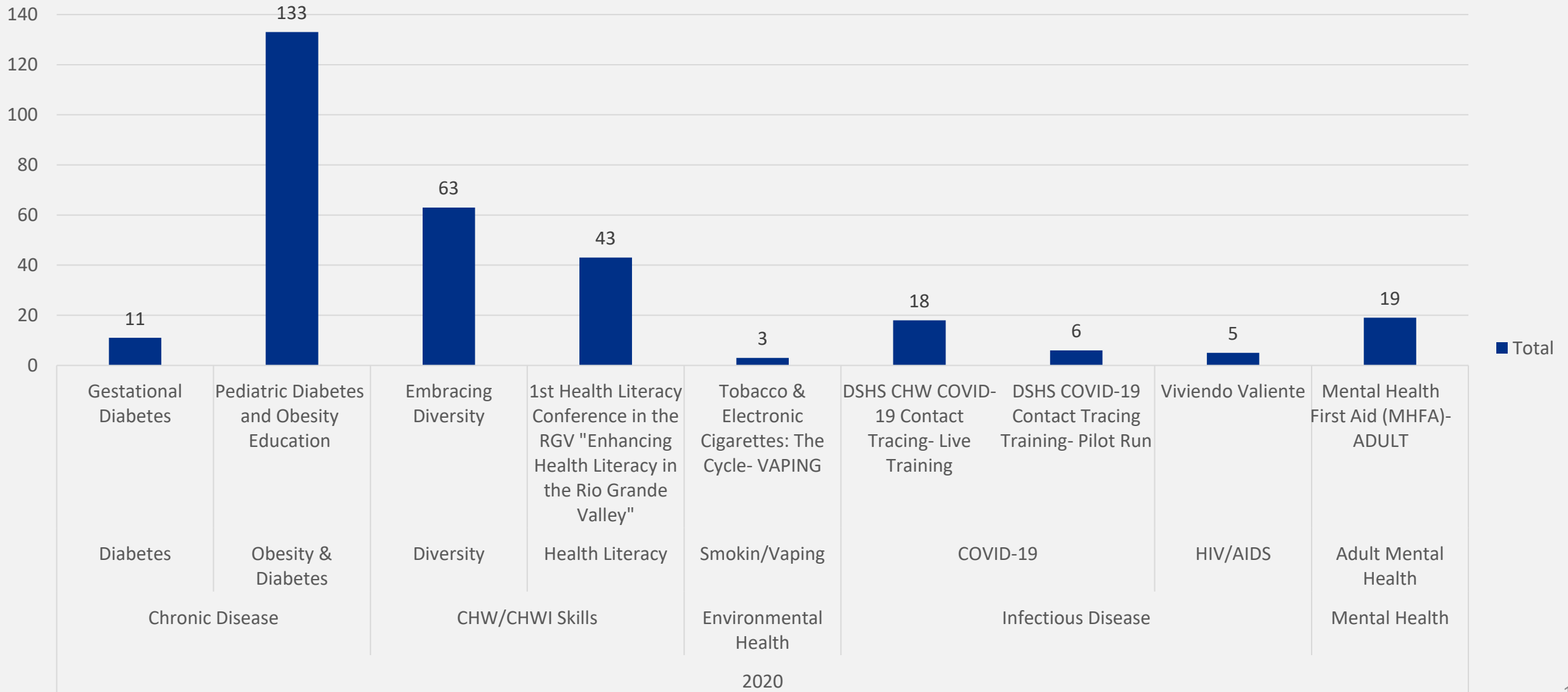
Training Under Development

- COVID-19 Contact Tracing
- COVID-19 Basic Training
- Child Home Safety Curriculum & Fieldwork*

* **Fieldwork:** After a training, CHWs/CHWIs have the option of participating in fieldwork. Providing both training and fieldwork not only educates CHWs/CHWIs but also provides the opportunity to use what they have learned and apply it to members of the community they serve. DSHS-certified CEUs are also provided for those CHWs/CHWIs who complete fieldwork.

2020 Training

301 Total CHWs/CHWIs Trained



2021-Training Center Activities

Actions

- OBPH CHW Training Center-Monthly Meeting
 - review documents, forms, procedures, and guidelines. Updates from each region and central office.
- Review Committee
 - Incoming CHWI affiliates and Curriculum Proposals (internal and external)
- Accessibility & Brand Guide Training
- OBPH Text-Mark Approval



Documents & Forms

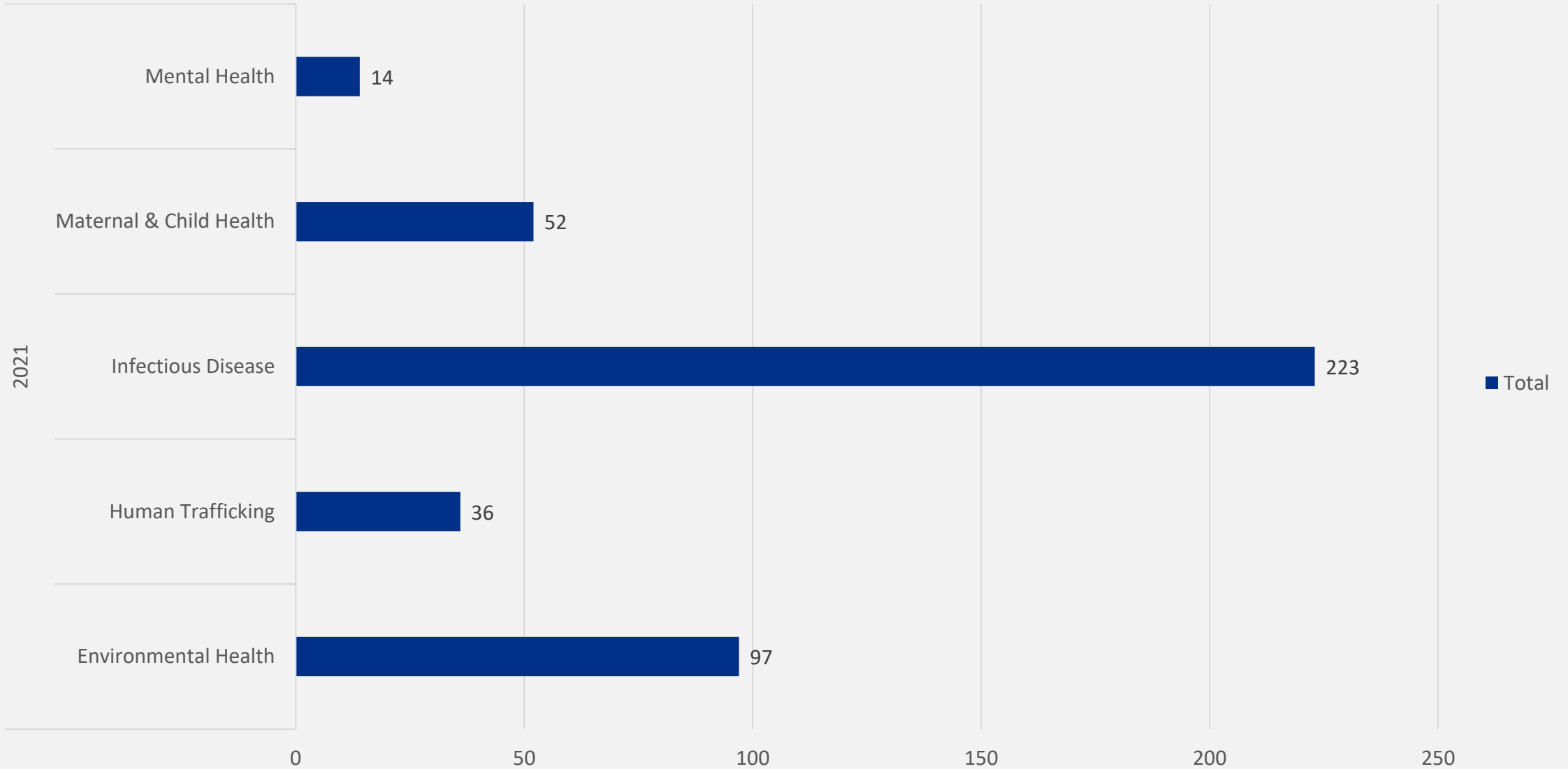
- FAQ document
 - DSHS CHW Training Program
 - OBPH CHW Training Center
- Curriculum Authorization Release Letter- Sharing our curriculum
- Curriculum Proposal Form
 - OBPH Priorities
- Affiliation Application for CHWIs- Microsoft Forms
- Curriculum Development Guidelines
- Certificate of Attendance

Planning Stage

- Self-Paced Training
 - TX-TRAIN
- OBPH CHW Training Center Website

2021 Training

422 Total CHWs/CHWIs Trained



2022-Current State

- Website: Live Feb 14th
 - “Subscribe”- Training Center Mailing List/Newsletter
- Documents and Forms:
 - Checklist for Incoming Affiliates
 - Photo Disclaimer

As of Today:



Training
Provided **109**

372+ Contact
hours offered

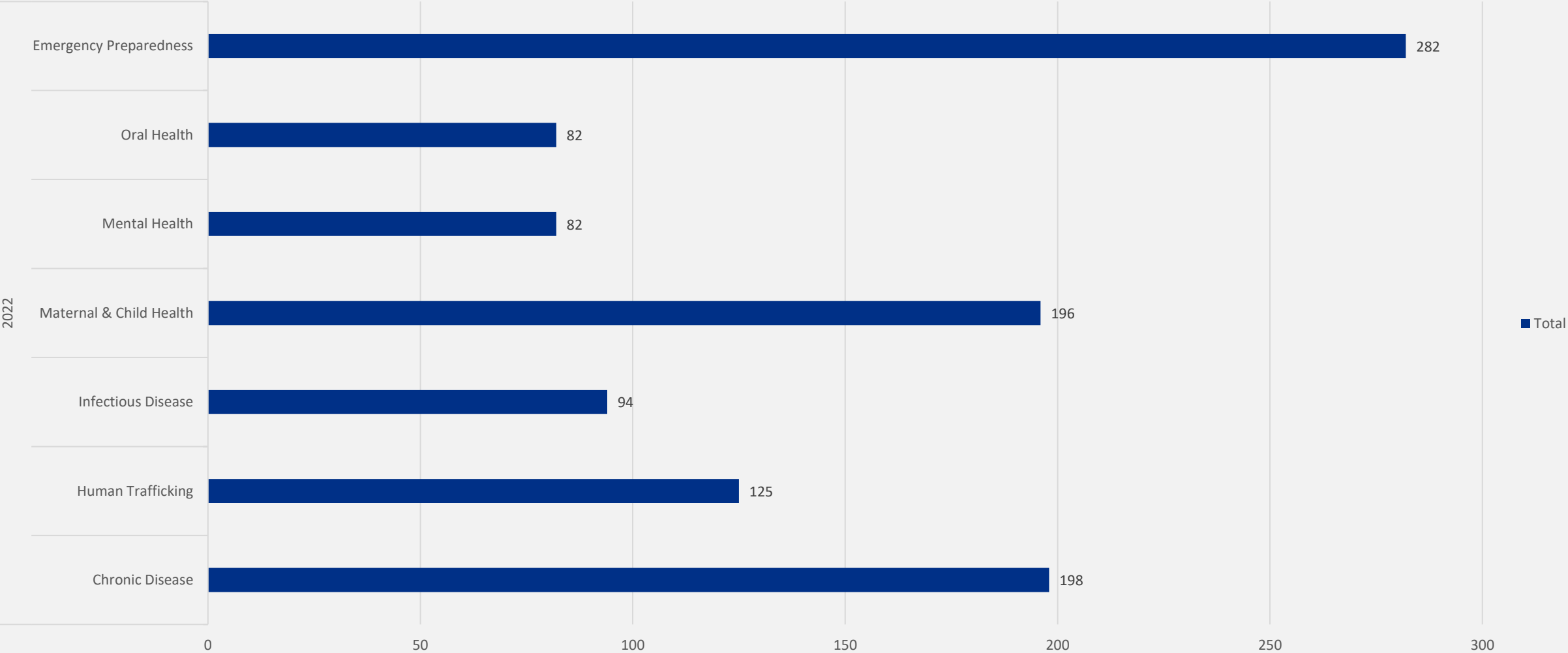
3,986
CHWs/CHWIs
Trained

11,114+
Certified CEU
Credits Awarded

26 CHWI
Affiliates

2022 Training

1,059 total CHWs/CHWIs Trained



TFBHO Recommendations & S.B. No. 1050

2021- S.B. No. 1050

By: Lucio

S.B. No. 1050

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to health professional continuing education to address
3 communicable and other diseases in border counties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 81, Health and Safety Code, is amended by
6 adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER K. HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION TO ADDRESS

8 COMMUNICABLE AND OTHER DISEASES IN BORDER COUNTIES

Continuing Education to address:

- TB
- TB Meningitis
- MDR TB
- TB and HIV coinfections
- STD & HIV
- Liver diseases
- Pediatric and adult immunization

Public Health Work Force (PHWF) Grant

2021-PHWF

- Staff
 - 2 CHWs
 - 1 CHWI
 - Communications Specialist
- Curricula + COVID-19
- Fieldwork
- CHW Training Needs Assessment

PHWF Grant Current State

Staff

- ✓ CHW Certification
- ✓ CHWI Certification in January (160-hour)

Curriculum

- ✓ **TB:** PHR 9/10 Training + Fieldwork
- ✓ **Pediatric and Adult Immunization** training for CHWs
 - ✓ Collaboration with DSHS Immunization Program
 - ✓ PowerPoint presentation developed
 - ✓ Handouts developed
- ✓ **Liver disease:** Outline being developed
- ✓ **STD & HIV:** partnership with DSHS HIV/STD Prevention and Care Unit

CHW Training Needs Assessment

- ✓ Research
- ✓ Advertising
- ✓ Recruiting
- ✓ Collaboration
- ✓ Questions
- ✓ Qualtrics- to provide assessment

Thank you!

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