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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge, with humility, that the land of the North Sound ACH region today is the territory of the People of the Salish Sea. Their presence is imbued in the waterways, shorelines, valleys, and mountains of the traditional homelands of the Coast Salish People, since time immemorial.

Visit <https://native-land.ca/> to learn more about the Indigenous land where you live, work, and play.



Transformation of Purpose

2017 Mission

North Sound ACH exists for the health benefit of North Sound residents through the creation and/or facilitation of policies, strategies and programs that improve health.



2023 Purpose

North Sound ACH exists to create a just and inclusive culture and the necessary conditions for all community members to thrive.

Leading with Belonging and Love



North Sound ACH intentionally focuses on how we relate to and work with each other. We are rooted in equity, belonging, and love, and are creating a practice of bridging in which our team approaches colleagues and partners within this paradigm.

Leading with Belonging and Love

Building upon systems thinking, targeted universalism, and belonging with the incorporation of well-being, vital conditions, grief, and love.



Supporting Culturally Responsive COVID-19 Response



- Culturally appropriate food boxes to farmworker families
- Vaccine and testing clinics for farmworkers
- Distributed over \$2.5 million of PPE and other supplies

Current and Future Work

- **Birth Equity** - March 20 Learning Session
- **Jail Reintegration** - Supporting individuals leaving jail via community-based organizations led by those with lived experience
- **Care Coordination Hub** - Culturally responsive care coordination through CHWs, peer navigators, etc.
- **Opioid Use Disorder** - Stigma reduction education in rural communities
- **Data Equity** - Measuring well-being using Indigenous Indicators, Vital Conditions for Health, and Cantril's

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