



"Partners working in concert to make a difference."



Vision:

North Sound Accountable Community of Health (North Sound ACH) exists to create a just and inclusive culture and the necessary conditions for all community members to thrive.

About North Sound ACH:

The North Sound region is home to more than one million people across Island, San Juan, Snohomish, Skagit, and Whatcom counties — urban and rural settings spanning across mountains, farmlands, urban settings, and islands in the Salish Sea. Our region is also on the traditional homelands of the Coast Salish who have inhabited this land since time immemorial: Lummi Nation, Nooksack Tribe, Upper Skagit Tribe, Samish Indian Nation, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, Tulalip Tribes, and Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe.

North Sound ACH was established in 2015 to foster collaborative learning, planning, and decision-making, crossing traditional jurisdictional boundaries, and looking upstream to tackle issues that impact health, believing that people in the region are more connected than separate.



What is an ACH?

Nine ACHs cover Washington state, each dedicated to serving a specific region. ACHs share a common approach to improving the health of their communities and transforming healthcare delivery, by collaborating with diverse partner organizations across sectors to create and invest in innovative and sustainable community-led solutions.

Washington's Accountable Communities of Health (ACH), a national model, is an integral part of Washington's Medicaid transformation efforts.

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What We Do

At North Sound ACH,



we work alongside more than 120 private and public sector partners – to implement strategies that advance equity and reduce disparities in systems operations, decisions, and governance, investing in local, community-led solutions.

Partners range from community-based organizations, schools, public health agencies, behavioral health clinics, fire and EMS, county governments, and health systems.

- We honor tribal sovereignty and learn from their experience in holistic, intergenerational approaches to well-being, healing, and stewardship.
- The work is place-based and centered around community and lived experience.

- We use targeted universalism as a framework and reject zero-sum approaches to advancing equitable well-being and addressing systemic racism.
- Belonging is both a vital condition and a practice. We endeavor to ensure everyone can see themselves in the ongoing process of co-creating equitable well-being.



Our Priorities

01

Tribal and Equity Learning

All contracted partners take part in learning opportunities, resulting in further opportunities to partner, increased understanding and demand for equity.

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Relationship Building

The Operational focus is on building the capacity of partners and deepening relationships, which continues to result in new and stronger collaborations

02

Beyond Medicaid, Beyond Health Care

North Sound ACH is committed to long term, sustainable change, leveraging the opportunity that MTP 2.0 brings, and building other resources to support the work of community partners.

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Commitment to Equity

Agreement to this commitment occurs at all levels – operations, governance and with contracted partners. Learning, capacity building and strategic recruitment uses an eye toward equity and social justice.

Medicaid Waiver Funds Invested in Regional Partners from 2016-2023

