

Where We Stand

FCH's Commitment in Challenging Times

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A key characteristic of a healthy, resilient, and strong community is the ability to maintain quality healthcare, accessible services, and fair distribution of resources. This becomes especially challenging when these essential supports for community well-being face threats. This is where we find ourselves today. The current administration's sweeping ambitions and hostility toward essential public health resources and community services are now unmistakable. When these services are compromised, the entire fabric of our community weakens – living in a community where everyone's basic needs are met, creates stability and prosperity that lifts everyone.

In the face of these challenges to our community's well-being, we at Foundation for Community Health reaffirm our unwavering commitment to:

- Our vision of a future where all aspects of our community support the conditions required for health, well-being, and equity.
- Our values of collaboration, accountability, rigor, and equity.
- Centering our work in community with partners that are based on relationships and built on mutual respect, trust, and transparency.
- Evolving as we learn how to improve our work, our communication, and our relationships in the pursuit of our mission from our partners.
- Championing diversity, equity, and inclusion as proven approach to better health outcomes, innovative solutions, stronger organizations, and healthier communities.

We believe the best way forward for FCH is to lean even more into our three strategic priorities and practice of trust-based philanthropy. We will listen to and work closely with our local non-profit organizations and leaders to help them in strengthening and adapting their organizations to a potentially new reality. We will continue to look for opportunities to support and bolster assets in our community that contribute to health, like health care centers and school-based health services, transportation, and other essential services. Recent events underscore FCH's commitment to enhance local decision-making through inclusive participation and evidence-based approaches. FCH will intensify our efforts by illuminating community health issues, publishing data-driven insights, amplifying local organizations' stories and expertise, and engaging directly with decision-makers.

Together, we stand resolute in our mission to protect and strengthen the health of our community, knowing that the path forward will require every voice, every hand, and every heart among us—our shared commitment to this vital work has never been more necessary or more powerful than it is today.

