

2023 POLICY PRIORITIES

Every year, Community Health Councils (CHC) identifies the policy priorities that align with its mission. In 2023 CHC will continue focusing on policy and systems change in the areas of health equity, reparations, and economic resiliency. Historically, CHC has been at the forefront of policy and systems change that improve the well-being of our communities and eliminate health disparities. Our work is wide-ranging covering healthcare, community and economic resiliency, and environmental justice, but always with a health and racial equity lens.

CHC'S 2023 POLICY PRIORITIES:



Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) (Economic Resiliency)

Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) is a form of financial support for individuals and families that provides recurring direct cash transfers, with no strings attached, to targeted groups of people. In 2023, CHC will launch a GBI pilot for mothers in South LA's Best Start Region 2 that will mitigate economic barriers and increase wealth-building strategies for mothers of color. CHC is committed to supporting mothers and young children because, based on the Price of Motherhood, a 2020 study conducted by CHC in partnership with UCLA, 85% of mothers reported having a monthly shortage of \$443; resulting in 77% of respondents stating that financial stress impacted their mental health and 12% said they had no hope for the future of their children. Our goal is to go from pilot to policy by using the findings to inform federal and state policies that help build a more equitable economy.



Reparations (Economic and Community Resiliency)

Reparations are meant to acknowledge and repair the causes and consequences of chattel slavery. CHC will lead efforts to advocate for reparations in California and engage in projects that build awareness and allyship around this issue between Black and other communities of color. Reparations are an opportunity to address the health and economic disparities that affect Black people, specifically descendants of American freedmen in the United States. Reparations will also address harms in other areas like housing discrimination, mass incarceration, and over policing, and the devaluation of black businesses, in efforts to help close the racial wealth gap.



Inglewood Oil Fields (Environmental Justice)

Building on the momentum of state and local efforts to phase out and ban new oil-drilling, CHC will work with community and other stakeholders to learn about and advocate for the communities' needs, priorities, and vision for the Inglewood Oil Fields, brownfields, and other contaminated lands in South LA and Los Angeles County. We will work to center the voices of residents in all policy and community benefits agreements. Our goal is to prioritize the restoration of land and increase access to open spaces in under resourced communities. CHC will also support other efforts that align with our mission to address the impact that long-term exposure to environmental pollution has on people's health.



Healthcare (Health Equity)

CHC has focused on eliminating health disparities since its inception and will continue advocating for equitable and affordable healthcare access for all, supporting healthcare workers, and partnering with organizations to coordinate statewide policy efforts.