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Proposed Title: Find your change-making team: How to build trust and partnerships with community for the public's health

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Public health is in crisis. Our national public health system has been nearly eliminated in a matter of months; and across the country, communities lack trust in health and science institutions. But there is a pathway forward. State and local public health leaders must recommit to our public health roots of relationship building, move beyond only technical expertise, and foster radical curiosity and trust. We must reach out to community members and stakeholders who may even oppose or challenge our work to listen, share ideas and find common ground. This presentation will share the importance of tactics to strengthen state and local leaders' change making power to intentionally build trust and strengthen partnerships in and with community in ways that center health for everyone.

Learning Objectives

- Articulate the untapped leadership impact and role of public health to address today's unprecedented challenges
- Describe ways to practice intentional community building, explore unexpected, diverse perspectives, align priorities with shared values, and find allies at all levels to prioritize community health
- Provide examples of ways to nurture small connections and actions that can lead to a more supportive