WFC PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE POSITION STATEMENT

WOMEN’S, CHILDREN’S AND ADOLESCENTS’ HEALTH

The World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) recognizes that women, children and adolescents face unique individual and societal health challenges, which differ between low, middle and high-income countries around the world.

These challenges include, but are not limited to, health inequity, cultural and religious beliefs, violence against women and children, infant mortality, sanitation, access to services, and health literacy.

The WFC strongly supports the World Health Organization’s Global Strategy on Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016-2030), which envisions a world in which every woman, child and adolescent can survive, thrive and reach their full potential.

The WFC also endorses the Every Woman, Every Child movement, which is dedicated to achieving better health for women, children and adolescents around the world. It recognizes that chiropractors can contribute to the goal of universal health coverage by providing equitable, accessible, affordable services that address health needs, promote physical activity and healthy diet, and improve social and emotional wellbeing.

The WFC is committed to gender equality, empowering women to adequately address their and their children’s health needs, and reducing societal barriers that pose a threat to the health and wellbeing of women, children and adolescents around the world.