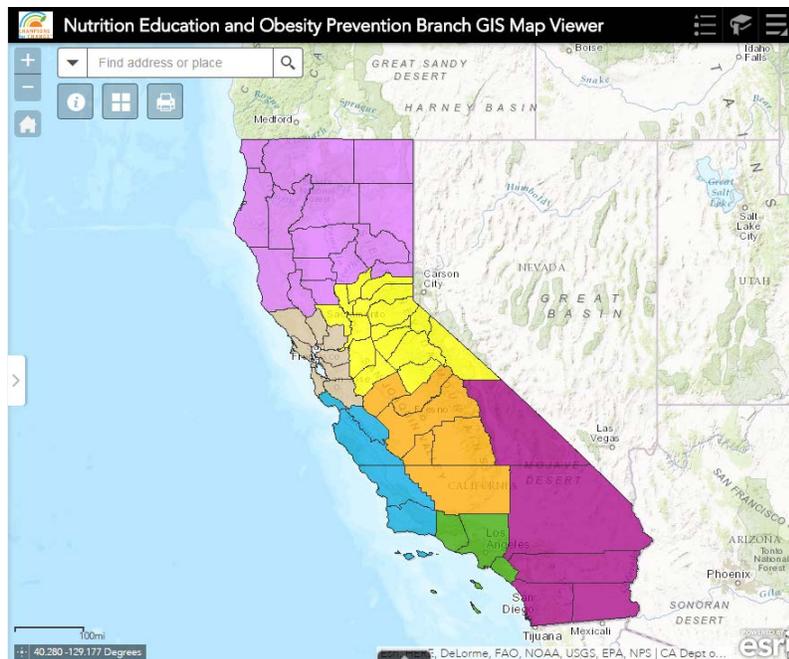


Register Today: New Geographic Information System (GIS) 3.0 Orientation Webinars

The Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch (NEOPB) is pleased to share the new and improved Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Map Viewer 3.0 available at the link below:

<http://gis.cdph.ca.gov/NEOPBGIS/home.htm>



During the month of October, NEOPB will host two GIS 3.0 orientation webinars.

- **Option 1:** Tuesday, October 25 (10:00am – 11:30am) –Register today, [click here](#).
- **Option 2:** Thursday, October 27 (1:30pm – 3:00pm) – Register today, [click here](#).

The GIS training webinars will be recorded and saved for future reference on the [FFY 2017 California SNAP-Ed LIA Training Archive](#) webpage.

For clarification or questions, please contact your assigned Project Officer.

You are Invited to Celebrate 20 Years of Providing SNAP-Ed Services!

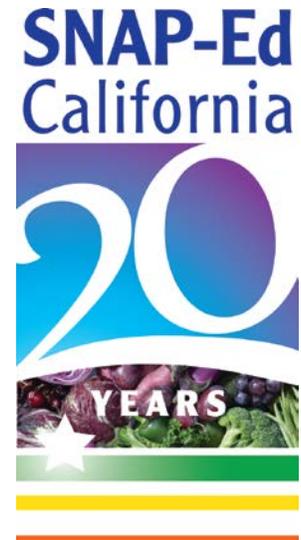
NEOPB, in collaboration with the California State Implementing Agencies (SIAs), invite you to join the celebration!

When: Monday, November 14
Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Capitol View Room (Sacramento, CA)

RSVP by Friday, October 28, 2016 to Tina.Starness@cdph.ca.gov

Celebration Details!

- Reveal the Top 20 Highlights of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed)
- Network with past and present partners
- Honor those who have made important contributions to SNAP-Ed
- Enjoy hors d'oeuvres from a Farm to Fork Chef
- Smile for the Healthy Selfie Booth



For questions, please contact Tina Starness at Tina.Starness@cdph.ca.gov or (916) 449-5373.

REMINDER: Federal Financial Year 2017–19 Integrated Work Plan Revision Process Webinar for Local Implementing Agencies

NEOPB, in collaboration with SIAs and partnering Local Implementing Agencies (LIAs), have finalized a revision process for the Federal Financial Year (FFY) 2017-19 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education (SNAP-Ed) Integrated Work Plans (IWPs).

A webinar is scheduled to share the IWP Revision Process with all LIAs and address any questions, comments, and/or concerns. The webinar is highly recommended and strongly encouraged for all SNAP-Ed Project Directors, Work Plan Coordinators (WPCs), and back-up WPCs. Additional staff members are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you have not registered yet – please do so now!

Where: [Webinar Registration](#)
When: Thursday, October 13
10:00am – 11:30am

Webinar recording will be archived within the [California SNAP-Ed Training and Events Calendar](#) for future use and reference.

For clarification or questions, please contact your assigned Project Officer.

USDA Announces Availability of \$5 Million in Farm to School Grants to Increase Local Foods in Schools

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has [announced](#) that up to \$5 million in grant funds is available this school year to help schools create or strengthen farm to school programs. Administered by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, these annual, competitive grants help further USDA efforts to increase locally sourced foods in America's school meals.

The Farm to School Grant Program was authorized in the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. To date, USDA has funded 300 projects in every state, District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. From its inception in FFY 2013, more than \$20 million has been awarded through the Farm to School Grant Program. This year, awards ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000 will be distributed in four different grant categories: Planning, Implementation, Support Service, and Training.

Applications must be submitted at [Grants.gov](#) and are due by December 8.

Supporting farm to school programs is part of the USDA's [Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food](#) (KYF2) Initiative, which coordinates the Department's work to develop strong local and regional food systems. Over the course of the Obama Administration, USDA has invested close to \$1 billion in 40,000 local food-related projects on farms and in communities across the country. You can find local and regional supply chain resources on the newly-revamped [KYF2 website](#) and use [the KYF2 Compass](#) to locate USDA investments in your community. More information on how USDA investments are connecting producers with consumers, expanding rural economic opportunities, and increasing access to healthy food is available in [Chapter IV of USDA Results on Medium](#).

For more information on how to apply for FFY 2017 funding, visit the [grant opportunities page](#). For lists of previously funded projects and summary reports of awards made in FFY 2013-2016, visit the [grant awards page](#). A full list of this year's grantees will be posted online once the selection is announced in spring 2017.

Contact your Project Officer to discuss how this funding may relate to your work plan.

California SNAP-Ed Training Resources

Check out the [Training Resources](#) webpage for the latest training related information and calendar of scheduled [Event Highlights for October and November](#)

[FFY 2017 Training Schedule](#)

We're Better Together: Understanding the Role of Culture in SNAP-Ed

October 13

LIA IWP Revision Process Training Webinar

October 13

Our GIS Has Changed! – An Orientation Training to the NEOPB GIS Map 3.0

October 25 & 27



Statewide Training for SNAP-Ed Local Implementing Agencies



We're Better Together: Understanding the Role of Culture in SNAP-Ed

What are the colors of your life? How can the Diversity Wheel and its rainbow of colors develop our understanding about the impact of diversity on personal attitudes and perspectives?

On October 13, discover and learn more at this training by registering today - [click here](#).



Designed for SNAP-Ed SIAs, LIAs, their partners and subcontractors, this training seeks to increase our capacity to effectively address cultural differences by recognizing when cultural factors may influence interpersonal dynamics.

Interactive sessions will include discussion about the Diversity Wheel shown above, provide hands-on experience creating a plan to learn about a culture you serve, and outline strategies to approach unfamiliar/delicate intercultural situations.

When: October 13
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Where: American Red Cross
3950 Calle Fortunada
San Diego, CA 92123

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Elfant at Michael.Elfant@cdph.ca.gov or (916) 449-5344.

Success Story: Yuba County School and Community Edible Garden

Intervention Summary

Conducted in the fall of 2012, the Needs Assessment indicated environmental and systems changes were needed to increase access to healthy foods. Twelve percent of Yuba County residents have limited access to healthy foods, a rate that is four times higher than the state average (12% versus 3%). The addition of community gardens in low-income neighborhoods will increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as encourage physical activity.

In FFY 2015, support to school gardens expanded from two to five schools and after school programs at the following locations: Kynoch Elementary School, Allyn Scott Youth Community Center, Arboga Elementary School, Olivehurst Elementary School, and Lindhurst High School.

The total garden size increased by 482 ft² from 1,798 ft² to 2,280 ft². A total of 100 new edible plant varieties were introduced, increasing the produce harvested by 254 lbs., from 101 lbs. to 355 lbs.

Garden-Enhanced Nutrition Education (GENE) lessons were provided at all schools to supplement the gardening efforts. The GENE curriculum goes hand-in-hand with the promotion of community gardens. GENE includes *MyPlate*, *Fruit and Veggie Nutrition*, *Farm to Fork*, edible tastings, and other SNAP-Ed nutrition education activities. Below are some of the comments from students and teachers.

"I help our parents make healthier choices when we go shopping together."

"I help my parents make healthier choices when we are making meals."

"We are grateful for the gardening lessons and nutrition education; the kids go home and tell their parents what they learned."

The community gardens at Marysville, Pathway Treatment Center, and Salvation Army Depot Center were provided with additional gardening tools, and seeds or seedlings. Each site was connected to the Yuba-Sutter County Master Gardener.

The Mercy Housing at Wheatland, which provides low-income housing, was assisted in initiating a community garden for adults and children in FFY 2014. Last October, the entire residential housing was renovated. Yuba County Department of Public Health continues to collaborate with the Mercy Housing coordinator, residents, and community partners to determine whether there is interest in supporting an edible landscaping project or activities. Edible landscaping includes the growing of fruit trees and individual gardens in front of each unit. This will increase the residents' access to fresh fruits and vegetables and also meet the residents' preferences to have their own garden.

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Description of Barriers Encountered and Identified or Proposed Solutions

They have encountered the following barriers at school sites:

1. Produce harvested is not allowed to be used in the school cafeteria. They are currently working with the district food service director to ensure that the garden produce meets all state and county standards to be allowed to be served in the cafeteria.
2. Vandalism of school gardens. School, community, and police officers patrol the area, especially, during holidays to prevent vandalism.
3. There is a need to increase involvement and support of parents and the community.

Future Directions/Sustainable Success

Short term goals that have been generated from schools and community partners include:

- Identifying community partners that can assist existing community and school gardens. Potential partners include Master Gardeners, Boy Scouts, Faith-Based Organizations, and the Parent Teacher Association.
- Identifying businesses to request donations from to provide for non-SNAP-Ed eligible expenses like fences, watering systems, etc.
- Adding other eligible school and community sites to the approved site list.

Long term goals include:

- Developing community gardeners that have a collective voice in order for them to have stewardship of land, environment, and the community.
- Producing extra food from the community gardens that can be sold at the farmer's market or provided to food banks to help others in the community.
- Making produce from school gardens available for sale in fundraisers in school activities.

If you have questions, please contact the Yuba County Department of Public Health, Aurelia V. Samonte at asamonte@csuchico.edu or (530) 898-5678.

Last day for FFY16 Activity Tracking Form Entries

Friday, October 14, 2016 is the last day to enter FFY 2016 Activity Tracking Form (ATF) entries. Please ensure all data are entered by this date. On Saturday, October 15, 2016 all FFY16 data will be moved to the archives in order to prepare for the FFY 2017 ATF data.

For more information, please contact Alexis Narodovich at Alexis.Narodovich@cdph.ca.gov or 916-650-6905.

Fourth Quarterly Progress Report and FFY 2016 Success Stories

October 17, Monday, is the deadline to submit to your Project Officer the Fourth Quarterly Progress Report and FFY 2016 Success Stories.

We look forward to reading about your successes, best practices, challenges, barriers, and identified solutions to challenges.

The information you share from the progress reports are included within the State Plan report that the California Department of Public Health submits to the USDA / Food and Nutrition Service / USDA Western Regional Office.

For clarification or questions, please contact your assigned Project Officer.

