

Summary and Background Information

Network Statewide Collaborative

The *Network Statewide Collaborative* of the *Network for a Healthy California* (*Network Statewide Collaborative* or NSC) was established by the California Department of Public Health to advance the mission and support the effective, well-organized delivery of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed). The NSC serves as a resource for members. It provides support and collaboration for solving problems, and sharing best practices. It enables like-model organizations to stay informed and work together towards a common goal for SNAP-Ed-funded projects throughout the state.

The NSC works to create and strengthen partnerships that underpin a cross-cutting, integrated approach to confront the epidemic of obesity and chronic disease caused by poor diet and physical inactivity for low-income Californian families who are certified, likely or potential participants in CalFresh because their family household incomes fall below the federal poverty level.

NSC members reflect diverse partnerships, including representatives from the 11 Regional Networks and Regional Collaboratives, school districts, county health departments, faith-based organizations, agriculture and food retail community, non-profit community-based organizations, researchers, and other state and federal agencies. The NSC is part of the larger Partnership Development Infrastructure that also comprises the 11 Regional Collaboratives and Subcommittees.

As the SNAP-Ed program transitions into a Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (NEOP) grant program in 2013, due to changes in the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (PL 111-296) the *Network for a Healthy California* and the *Network Statewide Collaborative* evolve as well. To learn more about the direction of our program during this transitional period, please visit the following links:

[Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010: Summary of Section 241](#)

If you are interested in becoming a member of the *Network Statewide Collaborative*, please fill out the [Membership Agreement form](#).

For more information about the *Network Statewide Collaborative Committee*,
Contact the *Network Partnership Team* at (916) 449-5400; or visit the Partnerships website at
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cpns/Pages/Partnerships.aspx>