



SNAP-Ed Local Implementing Agency Forum – January 13-14

The 2016 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) Local Implementing Agency Forum (LIAF) is near! The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch (NEOPB) would like to remind you to register and make travel arrangements to attend this event as soon as possible. The Forum will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento.

The first Forum event is a webinar that will focus on multi-year planning and review of the updated integrated work plan template. The webinar will be conducted on November 16 from 2-3:30 pm.

[Please register here.](#)

Review the [Forum website](#) for more information and links to register. We will continue to provide updates as they become available. Also, watch for information posted to the website about important materials to bring to the Forum; for example, your Federal Fiscal Year 2016 integrated work plan to be utilized during the Forum sessions. We will continue to update Forum registrants via email about the upcoming event.

If you have any questions, please contact your Project Officer.

NEOPB Training Resources

Check out the [NEOPB Training Resources](#) webpage for the latest training related information and calendar of scheduled [NEOPB events](#)

[NEOPB Event Highlights for November and December](#)

2016 SNAP-Ed LIAF: Multi-Year Work Plan Overview - November 16

Communities of Excellence in Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Prevention (CX3) Reassessment Year Orientation for Local Health Departments (LHDs) – November 18

San Diego- Painting Preschool Playgrounds for Movement (Stencil Kits) – December 1

SNAP, Crackle, and Learner-Centered Education – December 2

Webinar- Painting Preschool Playgrounds for Movement (Stencil Kits) - December 8

2016 SNAP-Ed LIAF: Evaluation Overview - December 9

Let's Get Cooking: Making Your Food Demo Sizzle – December 16

NEOPB Approved Curriculum List Updated

The NEOPB Approved Curriculum List has been updated and is available on the NEOPB website in the Local Support and Training section, Approved Materials/Resources webpage. Updates include: newly available curricula, core lessons designated for certain curricula, and additional information on curriculum usage and language availability.

For more information, please contact your Project Officer.

29 Sacramento Schools Receive Health Awards

The Healthier United States (US) Schools Challenge Awards were presented to 29 schools in the Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD). Thanks to the Health Education Council (HEC), a collaborative partner of the County of Sacramento Public Health Department for its diligent work. The awards acknowledge schools that are taking a leadership role in helping students make healthier choices that will last a lifetime, and recognize excellence in school nutrition and physical activity.

The HEC has been doing great work in the TRUSD and has played an integral part in bringing TEAM Nutrition, Rethink Your Drink, Harvest of the Month and now the Smarter Lunchroom Movement to the district. This is the first time any school within the TRUSD has been awarded. In addition to the monetary award given to each school site, all 29 schools will receive a four-year Healthier US School Certification. The schools received Gold, Silver, and Bronze Certificates.

This is great recognition for the TRUSD and each of the 29 schools. To celebrate, the Twin Rivers Nutrition Services hosted a successful event at the Woodbridge Elementary School to showcase achievements in creating healthier school environments through promotion of nutrition education and physical activity.

For more information, please contact Myrtle Jones at Myrtle.Jones@cdph.ca.gov.

Public Web StoreFront Updates

NEOPB is working with the Office of State Publishing (OSP) to test a Public Web StoreFront (PWSF), also referred to as a Cost Recovery Site. The site will allow Local Health LHDs, subcontractors, as well as all other Local Implementing Agencies and State Implementing Agencies, to purchase NEOPB materials above and beyond the agencies NEOPB materials allocations.

Purchasing materials from the PWSF will be on a first come, first served basis. NEOPB aims to have the site up and running by the end of December.

In order for LHDs and others to be able to order NEOPB materials through the PWSF, agencies will need to obtain a Customer Account Number (CAN) from the Department of General Services, OSP. The CAN is used for billing purposes. Once an agency opens an account, the agency can then utilize the services of OSP, which include graphic design, printing and translation services, as well as purchasing NEOPB materials.

Currently, in this test phase, you cannot log on to the PWSF without a CAN.

To obtain a CAN application, visit: <http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/ofs/Afs94a.pdf> . For Frequently Asked Questions about the application, visit <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/ofs/Forms/FAQ.aspx>.

Please note, that in addition to opening an account with OSP, your agency will need to open a Purchase Order (PO) for each requested job. The OSP currently cannot accept credit card payments and it will not accept checks at any time.

If your agency has not budgeted for OSP services but would like to, please discuss this with your Project Officer and Contract Manager as you may want to consider adding this to your budget through a Budget Adjustment Request.

Quick steps to purchase materials on the PWSF:

1. Obtain a CAN
2. Log on to the PWSF (When the PWSF is launched, the WSF Admin will send log on information to all CAN applicants. After the PWSF launch, log on information will be sent once the CAN is activated.)
3. Place the items you would like to purchase into your PWSF cart. Do not submit order yet. The cart will give you a total for your items and the amount to request on the PO.
4. Process a PO for your order and email the signed PO to OSP at PWSForders@dgs.ca.gov
5. Log on to the PWSF and go to cart. Your order will be displayed. Click on the 'check out' button. Place your CAN and PO number in the Purchase Order box (i.e., T1234 PO12345). Select approver and click next. Review your order quantity and shipping address for accuracy before placing it to avoid costly errors and delays. Submit order by clicking 'Place My Order'.
6. OSP will approve the order and ship to the customer once the signed PO is received. Please Note: The CAN and Purchase Order are used to bill the Agency. (It is important that the billing address on PO and CAN application match.)

For more information, contact:

Alex.Majalya@dgs.ca.gov re: CAN form questions.

Nicki.Bailey@dgs.ca.gov re: OSP services.

Success Story: School Gardens in the School Environment

The nutrition education program in Lake County has expanded into other areas of the school culture, including the cafeteria and school gardens. Building and sustaining school gardens has increased access to fruits and vegetable during the school year and evolved into a bountiful and synergistic program within the Lake County school system.

Strategies include; partnering with 13 eligible school sites to train teachers in nutrition education using approved curricula titled, “Growing Healthy Habits” and “Nourish: Food + Community,” that are reinforced with Harvest of the Month (HOTM) local food taste testing. This effort has trained 178 teachers who educate approximately 5,300 students monthly.

This comprehensive program has demonstrated successful collaboration by key partners such as, the four school district food service directors, who agreed to market and implement HOTM in school lunches that align with the nutrition curriculum. Additionally, coordination of The Farm to School Grant has increased purchasing of local produce from Lake County farmers and linked them to local school cafeterias.

An excellent example of program sustainability efforts is the Middletown School District’s, commitment to include school garden programs in this year’s school budget. This commitment forged a direct link from school gardens to the cafeteria salad bars, while increasing student access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

Establishing a consistent message is critical to successful school gardens and in Lake County, seven schools with gardens have integrated this NEOPB intervention by growing on-site produce that coincides with the local HOTM schedule. In doing so, the seven school gardens are reinforcing nutrition education messaging, increasing life skills, and introducing food literacy while influencing community partners. Recently, a non-profit agency reported hearing from several parents that knowing how to access HOTM materials in stores would be a useful tool. Subsequently, the Partnerships to Improve Community Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant along with the California Department of Social Services, SNAP-Ed, has decided to work together on these efforts to improve access and promotion of HOTM materials in Lake County stores.

For more information on this program, please contact Pamela Delapa at: Pamela.Delapa@cdph.ca.gov.

