

CCLHDN 2012 Leadership Project funded by the *Network for a Healthy California*

At the Annual Meeting in 2011, there was a discussion by the state's largest healthy eating and active living funders – the *Network*, the WIC Branch, Kaiser Community Benefits, and the California Endowment – about where local health departments and their partners fit into these organizations' visions for the future efforts to improve diet and physical activity practices. In this session, members learned about the *Network's* plan for bringing more than a dozen new health departments into the *Network*, and from this discussion, the membership (with considerable direction from Sue Foerster) conceived of the "Capacity Building for Healthy Change" project for FFY 12 which will provide support for health department SNAP-Ed programs getting underway. the membership (with considerable direction from Sue Foerster) conceived of the "Capacity Building for Healthy Change" project for FFY 12 which will provide support for building member capacity, peer mentorship, expanding our networks, and our annual meeting. The key products of this contract include

- Development of a learning collaborative which will be a digital community for sharing best practices, resources, seeking peer support, and staying abreast of important statewide issues
- Support to counties to renew or develop CNAPs – County Nutrition Action Partnerships—with a particular focus on counties joining the *Network* this year
- Development of a peer exchange program—a county nutrition services capacity building effort which will support in person opportunities for counties to receive and provide mentorship from fellow county nutrition program leaders
- A two day Annual Meeting and Leadership Summit in Sacramento
- Webinars on current topics of interest and/or technical support and information exchange
- Leadership on important nutrition issues to other groups who are working on shared concerns

So where do you fit into all of this? If you're new to the *Network*, you may want to request a peer exchange or technical assistance in developing your CNAP; or perhaps you want to represent CCLHDN at a meeting or conference; maybe you want to suggest a webinar topic. Opportunities abound! If you'd like a copy of the complete scope of work and budget, please contact melody@can-act.net.