

July CAN-Act update:

- **The Farm Bill is coming!**

A variety of groups have started gearing up to influence the 2007 farm bill, and there are still opportunities to get involved in order to create better nutrition environments for your clients!

Background: The Farm Bill is divided into several topics called "titles." The titles most folks in the nutrition arena are interested in are Title I, Commodities (includes direct payments, or "subsidies," for commodity crops) Title IV, Nutrition Programs (includes the food stamp program and child nutrition), and Title X, Miscellaneous (includes specialty crops ó a.k.a. fruits, vegetables, and nuts). You can get a basic primer on the farm bill at

[http://www.secondharvest.org/learn\\_about\\_hunger/farm\\_bill/primer.html](http://www.secondharvest.org/learn_about_hunger/farm_bill/primer.html)

Opportunities: The California department of Food and Agriculture is holding public forums to solicit input. The hearing on August 1 in Sacramento will cover all farm bill titles (e.g., you can provide comments on any of the farm bill titles). If you would like to submit comments or position papers regarding a California perspective on the 2007 farm bill, please email [farmbill@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:farmbill@cdfa.ca.gov). Comments may also be submitted to: California Department of Food and Agriculture, 1220 'N' Street, Suite 214, Sacramento, CA, 95814. To provide oral testimony at the hearing, follow this link to register: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/farmbill/register.asp>

**August 1, 2006 - 1:00pm, Sacramento** - California Department of Food and Agriculture  
1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

There will also be a session at the California Nutrition Network's 10 Year Anniversary conference on opportunities for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption through the farm bill.

- **Are you ready to serve?**

Background: Your colleagues have begun to step forward to serve on CAN-Act's Advisory Board. To date, we've heard from

Terri Nieves with Ukiah Unified School District (North Coast Region)

Rolinda Baker with LA Trade and Technical College (LA Region)

Charles Tolbert with Apostolic Faith Home Assembly (Faith Projects)

We anticipate having three in-person Board meetings a year (in conjunction with Joint Steering Committee Meetings) and three teleconferences a year, and there will likely be occasional between-meeting correspondence or business to attend to.

Opportunities: We need representatives from the nine other regions and the remaining special projects (e.g., Local Food and Nutrition Education Projects and State Leadership Projects). In the future, we will hold elections for these positions; this year, we are seeking volunteers to serve for one year. For folks whose reputations precede them, you may be hearing from me!

- **CAN-Act to launch at the Nutrition Network's 10 Year Celebration**

- Please review and comment on proposed structure and names