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Welcome to the inaugural issue of CAN-Act's bi-monthly newsletter. We want this newsletter to be useful to you—if you have comments on the content or format, suggestions for or links to news articles, would like an article about your program or an event listed on the calendar, contact your [Board member](#) (can-act.net/CAN-Actboard.html) or the director—melody@can-act.net.

Association Updates

- Now that we have some direction from Congress regarding the use of “**public health approaches**” in Food Stamp Nutrition Education, CAN-Act's goal for the next year will be to see that this intention is reflected in new FSNE guidance. Among our strategies will be the circulation of a policy brief that includes recommendations on how this intent should inform changes to allowable FSNE activities. Stay tuned to the release of the brief and how you can help CAN-Act in this endeavor.
- CAN-Act will contract with

the Network again for FY 08-09. Among our core activities is co-staffing the Network Steering Committee's Operations Subcommittee (or NSCOSC). The NSCOSC is charged with reviewing challenging local Network operational issues and making recommendations for streamlining these procedures. NSCOSC initially prioritized issues of concern to contractors identified in a variety of venues, including interviews conducted by Network staff in 2004, interviews con- (continued pg 2)

Why become a CAN-Act member?

CAN-Act is the only organization working solely on behalf of FSNE funded organizations. We are working with the Network to streamline administration and improve communications and working at the federal level to improve the rules. But we need your support to keep working! Download a membership form [here](#). (Can-act.net/files/membership_brochure_with_dues_list_9-08.pdf)

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Action Opportunity!

The Child Nutrition Act (a.k.a. CNR) is scheduled for reauthorization in 2009. Funded under child nutrition are school meals, child and adult care meals, WIC, and other programs. The USDA has held listening sessions, and is accepting comments until October 15—make your voice heard! You

can view the request for comments at [www.fns.usda.gov/cga/Federal-Register 2008/ 052008.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cga/Federal-Register%202008/052008.pdf). You can learn about other groups' positions by visiting sne.org, eatright.org, frac.org, and schoolnutrition.org.

Association Updates (continued)

ducted by CAN-Act in 2005, the CAN-Act needs assessment conducted in 2006, and the regional roundtable meetings conducted in 2007. The first issue NSCOSC is addressing is the contracting process, especially related to budget development. The NSCOSC plans to develop an on-line form for contractors to propose issues for NSCOSC to address after the priority issues have been addressed.

You can visit [www.can-](http://www.can-act.net/NSCOSC.html)

[act.net/NSCOSC.html](http://www.can-act.net/NSCOSC.html) to see a roster of current Operations Subcommittee members—you're likely to hear from them as they seek input from you, their colleagues. If you're interested in serving on the NSCOSC when seats become vacant, you can download an application form from the same page.



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Our mission is to support healthy eating and active living in low-income communities through provider leadership, client empowerment, and vigorous support for better food stamp nutrition education.

In the News

Regional News

Gold Coast:

PROGRAM TARGETS LATINOS FOR PHYSICAL FITNESS
<http://tinyurl.com/4ttz3m>

Silvia Lopez-Navarro, public health nutritionist with the Ventura County Public Health office serves whole wheat vegetarian que-



Central Coast:

EL GRITO FESTIVAL PROMOTES LATINO HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
<http://tinyurl.com/4ymcr7>

Los Angeles:

Jillian Michaels Teams with Network for a Healthy California to Fight Childhood Obe-



National News

SCHOOLS PROMOTE HEALTH THROUGH GOOD LUNCHESES
<http://newsnet.byu.edu/story.cfm/69539>

KRISPY KREME LOOKING AT LEAN TIMES
<http://tinyurl.com/4by5yj>

NO RESCUE FOR THE HUNGRY (Op. Ed.)
<http://tinyurl.com/5x2f9a>

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!

More information on these events is available from the Network's Calendar of Events <http://tinyurl.com/4fr44j>

National Healthy Foods, Healthy Moves Conference, Oct 2-3, Chicago IL

Fall SHAPE Workshops, Oct 24, Sacramento; Oct 30, San Jose;

Nov 6, Fresno; Nov 13, Fullerton; Nov 14, Santa Rosa; Nov 20, Downey; Dec 2, Bakersfield; Dec 5, Riverside.

APHA Annual Meeting, Oct 25-29, San Diego CA

Regional Network Orientation, Nov 6, Sacramento CA

Network Steering Comte, Nov 7, Sacramento CA

Programmatic Training for Network Contracts, Nov 13, Oakland CA; Nov 20, Downey CA.

All Project Quarterly Call, Dec 4