



Nutrition Access LA

A Brief History



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- 2008
 - United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) directive for agencies receiving SNAP-Ed funding to create a collaborative with federally food assistance programs.
 - Aim: To increase collaboration and partnership among SNAP-Ed and federal food agencies who serve the same target audience.
 - In California, referred to as “County Nutrition Action Plan” (CNAP)
 - DPH convened introduction meeting with stakeholders in LA County on how to coordinate CNAP efforts.

History Cont.

- 2009-2014
 - 16 partners joined LA County's CNAP
 - Established a rapport with food assistance and government agencies
 - Integrated 2 California Department of Public Health (CDPH) campaigns into WIC nutrition education classes
 - *Not My Kids* – shared with 135,000 WIC participants
 - *Be Better* – shared 134,000 WIC participants
 - Created WIC + CalFresh, Better Together flyer; reached 10,000+ community members
 - Promoted food assistance program information on DPH's Nutrition website.

Facebook Live Chats (2018)



- Partners: Office of Immigrant Affairs, WIC, DPSS, and a nutritionist influencer
- Discussed how CalFresh and WIC can support healthy eating



- Partners: No Kid Hungry and a Registered Dietitian influencer
- Discussed importance of children eating breakfast, including School Breakfast Program.

Nutrition Access LA Organizational Structure (2018-2022)

- Formed a steering committee
- Added a co-chair position (non-County entity)
 - Expanded focus to support more policy efforts
 - Co-chair led Policy Subcommittee
- Changed the name from CNAP to *Nutrition Access LA*
- Expanded membership to CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) partners to ensure collaboration between CFHL and federally funded food assistance programs.

Food Equity Roundtable (2021)



- County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors initiated a motion to establish the Food Equity Roundtable.
- Funded by LA-area philanthropic partners
- Co-chaired by Chief Sustainability Office and Annenberg Foundation
- Developed a strategic action plan to end food and nutrition security
- Roundtable formed a Policy & Advocacy Subcommittee and later merged efforts with NALA's Policy Subcommittee

Office of Food Equity (2023-Present)

- Based on the Roundtable's recommendation to advance the implementation of the action plan.
- Represents LA County's commitment toward creating comprehensive approaches and developing solutions to address food and nutrition security.
- NALA will support the Office of Food Equity in policy and advocacy efforts.

About *Nutrition Access LA*

Mission

- To ensure that people who are vulnerable in Los Angeles County have sufficient, nutritious, and affordable food through policy changes and organizational/institutional capacity building.

Vision

- A food and nutrition secure Los Angeles County.

Nutrition Access LA Goals

- **Educate community members** on how to navigate nutrition assistance programs and other nutrition and food resources.
- **Inform partner organizations** on food and nutrition insecurity, food assistance programs, food and nutrition policy, and other nutrition and food resources.
- **Advance food and nutrition policy** related to nutrition insecurity, food assistance programs and other nutrition and food resources.
- **Increase coordination and collaboration** amongst member organizations, including healthcare, community-based organizations, non-profits and government agencies.



Member Organizations

American Heart Association
Antelope Valley Partners for Health
API Forward Movement
Catholic Charities
Golden State Opportunity
Gasol Foundation
Hunger Action LA
LA Trust for Children's Health
LA Regional Food Bank
Nourish CA
No Kid Hungry, Share Our Strength
Partnering for Change
SEE-LA
Westside Food Bank
Dept. of Children and Family
Services

Maternal Child and Adolescent Health
Office of Women's Health
Dept. of Public Social Services
Housing Authority of County of LA
LA City Library
LA County Dept. of Education
WIC (PHFE, NEVHC, Lundquist, Long
Beach)
UC Cooperative Extension
LA Sync
California Community Foundation
Cedars Sinai
Children's Hospital of LA
Community Clinic Association of Los
Angeles County (CCALAC)
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