



Local Health Department Benefits and Expectations

What is the Champion Provider Fellowship?

The Champion Provider Fellowship is a two-year fellowship with the goal of training healthcare providers to engage in policy, systems and environmental change activities around obesity prevention. The goal of the fellowship is to give providers the skills and support needed to partner with their local health department to affect policy change in their communities and throughout California.

Why should my local health department participate in the Champion Provider Fellowship?

California is experiencing an epidemic of obesity leading to costly chronic diseases, including type 2 diabetes, stroke and heart disease, with low-income, underserved communities disproportionately affected. Through your participation in this program your local health department will gain access to trained healthcare providers who can leverage their credibility to further your policy, systems and environmental change work.

What are the benefits of the Fellowship?

- Partnership with passionate, trained health care professional who can augment your PSE efforts through testimony at various school, city and county boards and commissions
- Expanded influence by using media trained health care professional who can write letters to the editor, op-eds and speak to reporters without having to get prior approval
- Increased access to and understanding of the medical and/or dental profession that can help broaden and enlighten your CNAPs or other regional collaboratives
- Broader medical perspective of a practicing clinician who can act as a sounding board as you plan out policy, system and environmental approaches

What are the requirements of the Fellowship?

- Recommend doctors and dentists in your county who you believe would make excellent Champion Provider Fellowship candidates
- Identify your policy, systems and environmental change priorities for the next three years to address obesity and chronic disease prevention in your health department's jurisdiction.
- Obtain a letter from your county's health officer establishing their commitment for a Champion Provider Fellow in your county
- Identify a primary and secondary person on your staff who will manage the Champion Provider Fellowship activities.
- Participate in at least four (4) Champion Provider Fellowship local health department conference calls offered on a bimonthly basis (6 per year)
- Meet with your Fellow at least twice over the course of the 12-month calendar year
- Attendance at a minimum of one (1) in-person Champion Provider Fellowship training per year (Travel to be covered by local health department)
- Attendance at one (1) day of the Champion Provider Fellowship onboarding (Thursday, April 25th – Friday, April 26th, 2019, San Francisco Bay Area) is encouraged (Travel to be covered by local health department)
- Participate in ongoing evaluation and provide regular reports on Champion Provider Fellowship integration into your local policy, systems and environmental change efforts