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TO: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS)
ADMINISTRATORS, CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION
(CHDP) PROGRAM DIRECTORS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS, NUTRITION
CONSULTANTS

SUBJECT: 2006 ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL PUBLIC HEALTH
NUTRITION DIRECTORS (ASTPHND) SURVEY OF PUBLIC HEALTH
NUTRITION WORKFORCE

Your assistance is requested in assuring that all qualifying nutrition personnel in your California Children's Services (CCS) and Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) programs are counted in the 2006 survey of the national public health nutrition workforce. Please identify both vacancies and the names of staff filling public health nutrition positions, who function as a nutritionist, dietitian, or nutrition paraprofessional in CCS and CHDP programs.

The purpose of this national survey is to obtain information about work responsibilities, areas of practice, training needs and compensation. It is funded by USDA-FNS with clearance from the Office of Management and Budget. The most recent survey was completed in 2000 and it included 10,904 professionals and paraprofessionals in 50 states and territories: California is a major participant.

The 2006 Public Health Nutrition Workforce Survey is web-based this year in order to make it quick and easy for nutrition staff to participate. To start the process, please identify relevant nutrition staff and email their names and/or title of the vacant positions to Amy Fong, assistant state coordinator at AFong1@dhs.ca.gov by November 17, 2006. Once staff and positions are identified, Amy will provide you with a unique ID for each position and directions for completing the survey which will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Note, nutrition staff, who are funded by a variety of sources may need assistance with identifying funding sources for their position. The survey must be completed by your staff by December 15, 2006.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this important public health survey. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Sundquist, CMS Nutrition Consultant @ (916) 322-8785.

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