



Partnerships & Multi-Sector Coalitions

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Local health departments' (LHDs) CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) programs engage in partnerships and coalitions to leverage resources and enhance sustainability. These collaborations are especially important for supporting policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) change efforts.

Partnerships occur formally or informally between LHDs and other entities involved in CFHL programming during a given year.

Coalitions are groups of individuals and/or organizations who commit to joint action over an extended period.

PARTNERSHIPS

LHDs reported **607 partnerships** in FFY23. Three-quarters of LHDs (77%) reported at least one partnership, and about half (52%) reported 5 or more partnerships.

Partners reflect the settings where CFHL programs are implemented and organizations that support these efforts. Common partners include:



As mutually beneficial partnerships, LHDs provided assistance to their partners as well as receiving assistance in return. Assistance commonly included:

Assistance Provided	Assistance Received
Materials (77%)	Human resources (50%)
Human resources (57%)	Program implementation (47%)
Planning (51%)	Planning (46%)
Program implementation (50%)	Space (40%)

MULTI-SECTOR COALITIONS

LHDs reported participation in **156 multi-sector coalitions** in FFY23. Three quarters (78%) of LHDs reported at least 1 coalition with 2 or more members.

Coalition membership can help us understand how LHDs work together with other sectors to collectively impact their audience. In FFY23, coalition membership:

- Ranged from 2 to 60 members per coalition (median = 7.5)
- Comprised 1 to 10 diverse sectors (median = 4)
- Included at least 5 diverse sectors for 36% (50) of coalitions

The **most common sectors** involved in coalitions reported by LHDs were:



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

LHDs attributed a wide range of accomplishments to their collaborations. A handful of these include:

"We did a CATCH PE observation in the fall and delivered playground stencils over the summer. The playground is refreshed and ready for the 2023-24 school year!"

– Mono County



"Very successful Kids Day was implemented by this coalition this year, which provided kids with free pumpkins and free veggie bucks to spend at farmers' market produce booths on September 29, 2023."

– Tuolumne County



"Started a School Garden again after 1.5 years without a garden manager."

– Plumas County

"We collaborated with Sanger Parks and Recreation Department to implement Bingocize for the senior community. This was a good opportunity for the Seniors to once again participate in classes at the community center. Events have been on hold since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic."

– Fresno County



"The coalition is in the second year of existence and continues to recruit more members and deepen the relationships built in the community. The coalition celebrated a placemaking success by advocating for a Little Free Library at a local park and working with the city to follow through with installation. The coalition also worked with city residents and stakeholders to identify barriers and challenges encountered while trying to access the things they need to live active and healthy lives. This resulted in the development of an Environmental Justice goals and policy recommendations document which was shared with the city in hopes for inclusion within the newly drafted Environmental Justice Chapter of the General Plan."

– San Diego County



"Communication and trust with county workers and the participants we serve have strengthened. We work together to provide healthy meals and lessons once a month. We are also committed to starting a ParkRx pilot in FY24."

– Alpine County

