

**Vision:** Partners Creating  
a Healthier Lake County.



**Mission:** Providing Innovative Leadership to  
build system connections among service  
agencies and healthcare providers that  
identifies best practices and seeds change.

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#### SAVE THE DATE: LOCAL FOOD SUMMIT, MARCH 15, 2010

A Local Food Summit is scheduled for March 15, 2010, as a means to launch a grant award from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) designed to benefit Lake County residents and farmers. The Health Leadership Network is coordinating the event and is asking all specialty crop farmers, restaurant owners, and other establishments/institutions that serve food, as well as grocery store produce managers to save the date. A.G. Kawamura, California's Secretary of Agriculture, will give the opening remarks.

An exciting grant project, "A Growing Movement to Seed Healthy Eating," was awarded to the Lake County Department of Public Health in coordination with the Health Leadership Network (HLN) to enable new and existing HLN partners to rally under a shared vision to build a vibrant local food system.

The grant focuses on the consumption and production of "specialty crops," defined by the CDFA as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture. Specialty crops do not include eggs, grains, or dairy, and does not distinguish between conventional and organic production methods.

The Local Food Summit will kick-off the work plan the HLN will undertake for this grant. Other components of the grant include marketing, education, expanding the farm-to-school/institution program, coordination to connect the "eat local" efforts within a food delivery system that works in tandem to optimize consumer nutrition, and expanding market opportunities for farmers including the creation of an online ordering system.

The HLN will continue to act as the coordinating hub for implementation of the project. It has been at the forefront of obesity prevention efforts with the launch of the farm-to-school program, school nutrition, and a countywide food assessment.

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