Progress is being made in moving from the Community Health Assessment (CHA) phase to the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) phase. Read about our current activities and how to participate inside…
United Way is preparing its new RFP process for the next three years. As part of this effort, Amy Wolfe (Girl Scouts), Cynthia Duenas (Center for Human Services), Olivia Tong and Sharon Hutchins (HSA/Public Health), and Francine DiCiano and Estrella Garcia (United Way), are helping the United Way Steering Committee identify measurable objectives for the up-coming grant period. United Way is restructuring its Impact Councils and aligning with the CHIP. As part of its mission to improve communities, United Way has a long history of evaluating the work of its grantees to ensure that donor dollars are spent effectively. We are pleased that United Way staff and volunteers with experience in this area will help ensure accountability for the CHIP. Anyone interested in joining United Way’s Impact Councils can contact Christopher Scott at 523-4562 ext. 124 or cscott@uwaystan.org.

**Basic Needs Focus Area Goals**

- **Goal 1:** All Stanislaus County residents will have access to the basic need of food and clothing.
- **Goal 2:** All Stanislaus County residents will have access to the basic needs of housing and utilities.
- **Goal 3:** All Stanislaus County families will have access to affordable quality child care.

**CHA → CHIP Timeline**

- **January-August 2009: Workshops**  
  Stakeholders select goals and brainstorm strategies for the CHIP.
- **July-September 2009: Gap Analysis**  
  HSA staff conduct comprehensive inventory of programs and resources currently dedicated to meeting the selected goals.
- **July-October 2009: Objective Writing**  
  Focus Area Leads develop measurable objectives for the goals within their area.
- **August-December 2009: Writing CHIP**  
  HSA staff compile focus areas, goals and objectives into the CHIP.
- **January 2010: CHIP Debuts**  
  CHIP draft is distributed for stakeholder comment and revision.

The Gap Analysis Has Begun

Vanessa Lopez (Health Educator, HSA/Public Health) and Rachel Griffith (Intern, HSA/Public Health) have begun to inventory existing programs in the county that provide services encompassed by the three goals of the Basic Needs focus area. They are conducting an asset-based gap analysis to identify the services already in place and how existing programs can best be expanded to meet the needs identified by the participants at the Data to Action Workshop on Basic Needs held on February 20. Your organization may receive a call from one of these ladies in the next few weeks. If you have questions, please contact Vanessa at 558-8554.