

## **Nancy Gelbard, MS, RD**

Nancy Gelbard has worked for over twenty-five years in the field of public health, concentrating in the areas of maternal, child, adolescent and community health. Ms. Gelbard is currently program chief of the California Obesity Prevention Program (COPI) and School Health Connections, both programs of the Department of Health Services (DHS).

COPI serves as a leader and expert in the complex field of obesity prevention. COPI works with partners to address the societal, technological and environmental influences of obesity and to support healthy eating and physical activity for all Californians, especially youth. School Health Connections is a cross-departmental team with the California Department of Education. School Health Connections overall goal is to improve the health status and academic achievement of California's children and youth.

Prior to her work with COPI and School Health, Nancy was chief of DHS' California Project LEAN, a social marketing campaign designed to create healthier communities through policy and environmental change focusing on issues related to nutrition and physical activity. Ms. Gelbard has also worked at the local level implementing community programs, taught university and community college classes, and served as a public health consultant in a variety of capacities.

Ms. Gelbard has a bachelor's degree in nutrition, a master's degree in preventive medicine and environmental health. She is a registered dietitian.