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## Health policy solutions for Central California will be addressed at conference Dec. 1

### *'Healthy People' report will be released*

The Central Valley Health Policy Institute at California State University, Fresno will convene a health policy action-research conference on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to noon in the University Business Center's Alice Peters Auditorium. The conference, "Nurturing Responsive Health Policy in Central California: Proposals for Action Research," will engage leaders in health, education and community settings to work in partnership to develop solutions for the health and health care challenges facing the San Joaquin Valley.



Participants will learn about cutting-edge research and demonstration projects and will focus on "building solutions" for the Valley's health challenges. Dr. John Capitman, executive director for the Central Valley Health Policy Institute, will provide an update on the health status of the San Joaquin Valley and release the findings of a recent report, "Healthy People 2010: A 2005 Profile of Health Status in the San Joaquin Valley." The report assesses the progress that San Joaquin Valley residents have made among the 10 leading health indicators and 22 objectives.

Topics that will be explored during the speaker presentations are:

- Financing safety-net hospitals
- Environmental health education
- Asthma and diabetes management
- Keeping teens active
- Prenatal care adequacy

- Culture and mental health care

There is no charge to attend the conference. All participants will receive a free copy of the "Healthy People 2010: A 2005 Profile" report. Funding for this conference was provided by a grant from The California Endowment.

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