Operating Principals

To fulfill the vision of helping Californians reach their fullest potential across the lifespan through improved nutrition and quality of life, SNAC will operate under these principles:

**General Guidelines**

- Each SNAC organization will consistently be represented by a person with decision making authority
- Promote cooperation, collaboration and planning, while respecting others’ work priorities
- Acknowledge each other’s viewpoints and differences
- Speak to each other with honesty and consideration
- Recognize that it is okay to agree to disagree
- Seek common ground
- Come to meetings prepared

**Communication**

- Keep members apprised of SNAC initiatives and activities
- Regularly communicate with SNAC members regarding decisions and how they are made
- Commit to meet in person quarterly in October, January, April and July and other times through committees and other communication channels

**Teamwork**

- Work toward consensus as a means of reaching agreement
- Routinely evaluate our work and identify methods to improve our work together
- Share and support others’ opportunities and resources for growth and participation
- Agree to share information and implement agreed-upon strategies
- Appreciate the contributions of our colleagues
- Respect the confidentiality of our discussions
- Communicate with one voice