These priority issues help the association decide how to use its resources. The issues are organized into three sections. The issues are not listed in order of priority.

**Who we are** - these are priorities that define us and position us as experts in the field of nutrition.

- **Organizational Infrastructure**
  Support the association operations and have the capacity to achieve the mission and pursue the vision.

- **National Policy**
  Provide a strong, proactive voice to advance national policies, initiatives, resources and programs that help states and localities effectively address issues related to nutrition and physical activity.

- **Public Health Nutritionist**
  Promote the role and value of the public health nutritionist.

**What we do** – these are priorities that identify the work we need to accomplish and they are issues that are most inclusive to all states.

- **Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change**
  Elevate systems, policy and environmental change as statewide and local strategies that promote nutrition and physical activity and prevent disease.

- **Maternal and Child Health**
  Achieve optimal well-being through healthy eating and active living among the maternal, infant, child and adolescent population, including those served by Title V/MCH Block Grant.

- **Health Equity**
  Work to achieve health equity by making health equity a priority in programs.

- **Resources**
  Develop resources that facilitate state-to-state sharing and that enable State Health Agencies to provide effective, visible leadership for healthy eating and physical activity, especially in communities with high rates of chronic disease.

- **Workforce**
  Develop a multi-disciplinary, culturally competent, diverse workforce to address public health nutrition issues, and support robust educational preparation of public health nutritionists.

- **Affordable Care Act**
  Provide guidance to members to develop and implement nutrition programs and services as part of the Affordable Care Act.

- **Surveillance Systems**
Stimulate the development of surveillance systems to track progress in populations, schools, worksites, communities and states to address public health nutrition issues.

- **Accreditation**
  Support the Public Health Accreditation Board and encourage members to get involved in state and local public health agency accreditation.

**How we do it** – these are the programmatic priorities that we want to support but they may or may not be a focus of all members.

- **Fruit and Vegetable Consumption**
  Increase fruit and vegetable consumption, especially in communities with high rates of chronic disease
- **Obesity prevention**
  Promote health by preventing obesity, especially in communities with high rates of chronic disease
- **Beverages**
  Reduce access to sugar-sweetened beverages and increase access to water, especially in communities with high rates of chronic disease.
- **Breastfeeding**
  Increase the incidence, exclusivity, and duration of breastfeeding.
- **Food Insecurity**
  Eliminate food insecurity and hunger.
- **Physical Activity**
  Increase physical activity and decrease physical inactivity, especially in communities with high rates of chronic disease.