

**The Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
Biographical Sketch of Candidates for 2021 Election**

Candidate for the office of: Chair-Elect Fruit and Vegetable Council

Name: Tanya O'Connor

Credentials: MS

Title: CACFP Nutrition and Compliance Manager



State Agency: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

ASPHN Activities:

- I am relatively new to ASPHN. I was a part of the initial team for the CDPHE ASPHN Farm to ECE Mini CollN. When my position at CDPHE changed, my role on the Mini CollN changed.
- I am a member of the Fruit and Vegetable Council and the CACFP work group.

Briefly describe why you are interested in filling this position:

- I would be excited to fill this role because I believe strongly in the mission and vision of the Fruit and Vegetable Council. I believe that making the healthy choice the easy choice is so important in today's society! Fruits and vegetables for the most part do not have marketing firms to help sell their product making it hard to influence consumers. I am interested in continuing to look at policies, systems and environments to find ways to help increase fruit and vegetable promotion and consumption in the U.S.

Other Related Activities (professional and/or personal):

- I was the Project Director for CDPHE's FY 2016 Team Nutrition Grant, which was a Farm to ECE grant. We had great success with our culinary trainings for child care cooks and helping child care homes and centers grow on site gardens.
- I have over 20 years of experience with the CACFP in various capacities.
- I am active in the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB) and have served in several leadership roles.