

**California Center for Civic Participation  
Fall 07**

My first internship was at the California Center for Civic Participation. This is an organization that works with youth all over California to facilitate their ability to navigate policy change surrounding the issues of health. They have three areas of focus: obesity prevention, women's health, and school health. Since all of these areas overlap the groups work cooperatively together to accomplish their goals. The way that the organization facilitates students to make policy changes in there area is by conducting leadership workshops which teach the youth about the process and make it tangible to them by helping them make and carry out an action plan for the year that works with key stakeholders to improve access and quality of student health around the above issues. This internship predominately consisted of planning for the youth leadership conference, assisting with the conference, creating contact data bases and finding information that could assist the youth in their goals.