The Need
Nutrition educators require a variety of skills and expertise in topics including:
- community nutrition
- classroom management
- growing food
- conducting needs assessments
- youth and community engagement
- and many other topics

This tool was developed to aid supervisors and educators in identifying areas for professional development for experienced staff and for onboarding new staff.

The Work
The tool was developed in the following stages:
- Reviewed existing tools to gather ideas about content and format.
- Generated topic areas and corresponding competencies for both new and experienced educators.
- Submitted to subject matter experts for review and incorporated edits.
- Finalized content and formatting.

The Impact
The tool is currently in a pilot phase, and we are recruiting partners to implement and provide feedback. We will continue to monitor and evaluate the tool for reach and efficacy in supporting the growth and development of CalFresh Healthy Living UCCE educators. If used widely, the tool can support the development of a highly skilled work force and help to identify training needs across the state.

The Future
CFHL, UCCE will continue to identify ways to strengthen the skills and knowledge of new and experienced educators through training and professional development to meet the needs of an ever-evolving program. CFHL, UCCE Educators and Supervisors are encouraged to pilot test the tool and provide their feedback for improvement.

Use the QR code to access a copy of the tool and complete the survey.

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