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Amanda Purcell, MPH is the Policy Director for the California Center for Public Health Advocacy. The Center raises awareness about public health issues and mobilizes communities to promote the establishment of effective health policies. It was established in 1999 by California's two public health associations as an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. In 2005, the Center successfully sponsored the two pieces of legislation that curtailed junk food and soda sales in California schools.

As Policy Director, Amanda manages the Center's state-level advocacy and legislative efforts. Previously, Amanda served as an Evaluation Specialist with California Project LEAN during which time she managed school-based nutrition and physical activity policy efforts throughout California.

Amanda received her masters degree in public health from San Diego State University with an emphasis in health promotion. In addition to working for close to a decade on nutrition and physical activity policy issues, Amanda has worked in the areas of adolescent HIV prevention and school-based asthma education.