



SPINE Scoop | November 2022

Welcome to the SPINE Scoop!

The purpose of this communication is to provide State Partnerships Improving Nutrition & Equity (SPINE) States with regular program updates related to grants administration, evaluation, technical assistance and training, upcoming meetings and events, and other relevant information.

For consistency, the SPINE Bulletin will typically be sent the first week of each month to streamline the number of emails sent to SPINE state leads; however, time-sensitive and urgent information will be communicated, as needed. We encourage you to share this with your state team members as well.

Please note all links, dates, and resources can also be found on the [SPINE State Internal Hub Webpage](#).

SPINE Shoutout

This month we are shouting out **Michigan!** The Michigan SPINE team has been partnering with seven local food councils in their state by providing direct technical assistance on various food-system related issues that impact food and nutrition security. Here are a few things three of food councils have been working on:

- The Saginaw County Food Policy Council is pursuing partnering with FQHCs to provide community health workers and doulas in hospitals to improve maternal and child outcomes amongst African American and Latinx patients. The food policy council is developing a process to recruit and train doulas that can support pregnant persons in implementing healthy eating and breastfeeding.
- The Washtenaw County Food Policy Council is interested learning more about the environmental and social impact of composting, and how to approach this with equity in mind. They have been working with local community members to determine how/if communities in Ypsilanti want composting services that are offered to Ann Arbor residents.
- The Ottawa County Food Policy Council is interested in revisiting the TEFAP program and doing some advocacy around reforming the program. They are hoping by advocating for changes on the federal level, they can make an impact on the local level as well. Ottawa County understands that this will take time, thus they are also working on policies to increase culturally appropriate healthy food at the local food banks.

Upcoming SPINE Training & Technical Assistance

- **November 9, 2022:** SPINE Listening Session: Uncovering Strategies, Pivots, Challenges, & Lessons learned during Year 1 SPINE, 2:00-3:30 PM ET. At least one representative from each state is **required** to attend, preferably someone who has been involved in the implementation of the project. Please review the listening session questions beforehand, which are in the calendar invite for the meeting. [Zoom Meeting Link](#). Zoom Meeting ID: 876 2968 6021
- **November 15, 2022:** SPINE Monthly Update Call, 3:00-4:00 PM ET. At least one representative from each state is **required** to attend. [Zoom Meeting Link](#). Zoom Meeting ID: 867 5536 7312.
- **November 16-28, 2022:** 1:1 Support Calls with Individual States. Please refer to the calendar invite for your state's date/time and Zoom meeting details.
- **November 30, 2022:** BRIC Webinar, 2:00-3:30 PM ET. Registration link and title forthcoming on the [SPINE State Internal Hub Webpage](#).

Non-SPINE Training and Technical Assistance Opportunities

Conferences

- [NIDDK Workshop on Housing and Obesity: Gaps, Opportunities, and Future Directions for Advancing Health Equity](#). November 14-15, 2022. This virtual workshop will explore the role of housing insecurity in obesity-related health disparities, the evidence base for housing-related interventions to address obesity disparities, and future directions to advance health equity for all. [Register now](#).
- [Social Determinants of Health Policy Forum](#). November 23-30, 2022, Washington, DC. Join policymakers, policy experts, and practitioners from across the health and social services sectors to explore the current and future state of social determinants of health policy. [Register now](#).

Webinars & Meetings

- **NACDD General Member Webinar.** November 10, 2022, 3:00 PM ET. [Innovative Models to Increase Access to Type 2 Diabetes Prevention and Management Programs for Priority Populations](#). In honor of National Diabetes Awareness Month, this webinar will feature initiatives that promote health equity through innovative approaches to increasing access to type 2 diabetes prevention and management services. [Register now](#).
- **WH Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, & Health Monthly Update Meeting.** November 23, 2022, 3:30 PM ET. [Register now](#).
- [Recognition, Remembrance, and Reflection: The Syphilis Study at Tuskegee and Macon County, AL](#). November 30, 2022, 1:00-3:30 PM ET. This event will acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the end of the *United States Public Health Service Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male at Tuskegee and Macon County, Alabama, 1932 -1972*, and create a space for authentic, accurate storytelling and discussion regarding current and future opportunities for public health leaders at CDC and beyond to move from trust to trustworthiness.

- **State of Obesity 2022: Better Policies for a Healthier America Congressional Briefing.** November 30, 2022, 1:30 PM ET. The briefing will explore findings from [Trust for America's Health](#) recent report, which found that obesity rates continue to climb nationwide and within population groups. [Register now](#).

Resources Pertinent to the SPINE Program

Food and Nutrition Security

- [Leveraging the White House Conference to Promote and Elevate Nutrition Security: The Role of the USDA Food & Nutrition Service](#)

Health Equity

- [How a Public Health Crisis Created an Impetus for Change: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's National Commission to Transform Public Health Data Systems.](#)
- [Language Matters: Why we need to Stop Talking about Eliminating Health Inequities](#)
- [PLACES: Local Data for Better Health](#), provides model-based, population-level analysis and community estimates of health measures to all counties, places, census tracts, and ZIP Code Tabulation Areas across the United States.

Breastfeeding

- [CDC 2022 Breastfeeding Report Card](#)
- [WIC During COVID-19: Participation and Benefit Redemption Since the Onset of the Pandemic](#)

Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) Action Institute Announcement

- On January 17-20th, 2023 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM ET, SOPHE and the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity (DNPAO) will host another Integrating Nutrition and Intercultural Competency in the Charitable Food System Action Institute. The goal of the 2023 virtual Action Institute is to bring together elected interdisciplinary teams from recipient programs to receive focused technical assistance and utilize protected team time for action planning. Potential topic areas for action include facilitating the adoption of the [Healthy Eating Research \(HER\) Nutrition Guidelines for the Charitable Food System](#), enhancing intercultural competency practices and, and creating nutrition policies at the food bank and/or food pantry level. If you have questions, please email Doreleena Sammons Hackett (dsammons-hackett@sophe.org). Applications are due November 11, 2022 at 11:59 EST. [Apply here](#).

Funding Opportunities

- [Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity](#). Open deadline.
- [NIH Health Services Research on Minority Health & Health Disparities](#). Application due November 7, 2022.

Please [visit the resource page](#) on the [SPINE Internal Hub](#) for more food and nutrition security, health equity, and breastfeeding resources. Also, remember that you can [submit questions](#)

[anonymously](#) before SPINE T/TA opportunities (i.e., Special Topic Learning Opportunity, Peer Exchange, Office Hour, & Monthly Update meeting).

Questions? Have a resource to share? Contact [Patrilie Hernandez](#) and [Charita James](#).