



State Partnerships Improving Nutrition & Equity Program

Peer Exchange:

**Incorporating Food Systems Work into State Partnerships Improving Nutrition & Equity
March 8, 2023 | 2:00-3:00 pm ET**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://chronicdisease.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEuc-2vqDsvE9UM50UZPyUnamzn7RbswMsY>

Attendees: All NACDD SPINE Team Members and All SPINE State Leads

Purpose: During this session, SPINE states will have the opportunity to engage in peer sharing and learn how states are working to improve local food systems and how they tie that work into addressing food and nutrition security and equity. Participants will hear about the important role local food councils and sound procurement policies can play in building strong food systems in addition to why centering community-driven solutions partnerships are the key to success.

Objectives

As a result of this Peer Exchange, participants will be able to:

- Describe how partnering with local food councils can improve advocacy efforts in building a strong food system.
- Identify the role procurement plays in shifting food systems, and how good procurement policies can help address food and nutrition security.
- Explain why it is important to center community-driven solutions and strong partnerships in working towards a resilient food system.

Agenda		
2:00-2:05 pm	Welcome, Norms, Housekeeping	Charita
2:05-2:10 pm	Opening Activity Jamboard Link	Patrilie
2:10-2:30 pm	Speaker Intros and Background	Patrilie
2:30-2:45 pm	Facilitated Q&A	Patrilie
2:45-2:55 pm	Audience Q&A Submit Questions Anonymously	Charita
2:55-3:00 pm	Closing Please take a moment to complete the survey	Charita

Speaker Bios



Jane Moore, *Food Access Public Health Consultant at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services*. Janee is a public health professional, who is a passionate about improving population health through impacting the social determinants of health and increasing health/racial equity. She attended the University of Michigan where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies focusing on Women's Health. Afterwards she attended Emory University and graduated with a MPH. Prior to working for the State of Michigan, she worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a Public Health Advisor in the areas of HIV, Environmental Health, and Chronic Disease. She is currently the Food Access Public Health Consultant at MDHHS. She strives for food security for all Michiganders through sovereignty and justice. E:

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Shin Lee (she/her) is currently the Network Coordinator at the Oregon Community Food System Network (OCFSN), a 501(c)(3) made up of a collaboration of 60+ nonprofit organizations and allies dedicated to strengthening local and regional food systems to deliver better economic, social, health, and environmental outcomes across the state. She is a third culture kid*, pro-therapy, anti-racist, and an imperfect ambivert who started her career in corporate supply chain management consulting. The last few years have been spent orienting around their values: understanding more about where food comes from, who is involved in the process, how it impacts our world, and ways we can hold the door open for more folks who have been historically excluded. This is what brought her to food systems work and a call for folks who haven't started engaging yet because they do not feel qualified or like there is room for them, there absolutely is. We all grow when we share our collective wisdom and create more space. She looks forward to continuing the "work" with everyone.



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*A term she has never heard until I read [Kim Pham's interview](#). Merriam-Webster definition [here](#).



Meredith Knowles (she/her/hers) is the Strategic Initiatives Coordinator at the Community Food Council for Del Norte and Tribal Lands. Previously, she worked at the Oregon Health Authority - Public Health Division as a policy specialist from 2021 - 2023, focusing on public health nutrition, physical activity, active transportation, and food systems, where part of her work included supporting Oregon's State Health Improvement Plan which aims to eliminate health inequities through addressing the social, environment, and institutional drivers of health. She is passionate about fostering cross-sector relationships and collaborations; complex issues require us all to work together. As a public health advocate, Meredith understands that sustainable food systems are key in ensuring good food is accessible to all.

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