

Michigan State Profile

State Partnerships Improving Nutrition & Equity

Overview

State Partnerships Improving Nutrition & Equity (SPINE) is a program of the [National Association of Chronic Disease Directors'](#) (NACDD) [Center for Advancing Healthy Communities](#). In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO), NACDD is providing funding to nine DNPAO Ambassador states to address food and nutrition security through equitable and sustainable actions that tackle economic and social conditions limiting food and nutrition security across the lifespan. State Health Departments receiving funding are Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Oregon. Five states – Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, and Oklahoma – received additional funding to augment existing efforts in their states to improve initiation, exclusivity, and duration of breastfeeding/chestfeeding.

SPINE states are developing meaningful partnerships or enhancing existing partnerships to support the implementation of a SPINE State Action Plan (SAP) that serves as a strategic roadmap for carrying out equitable food and nutrition security activities throughout their state. The initial project period was January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022; an additional year of funding was awarded in 2022, expanding the project period to December 31, 2023.

Learn more about the [SPINE program](#).

Activities

Overarching

- Form a SPINE Food Council Advocacy Initiative Community of Practice (CoP) for six local food councils recruited from the Michigan Local Food Council Network.
- Assist local food councils that are receiving training and technical assistance and participating in the CoP to develop a policy/advocacy agenda to address food and nutrition insecurity.

Food and Nutrition Security

- Partner with the Detroit Food Policy Council to provide virtual trainings to the CoP on various topics such as coalition building, capacity building, community engagement, data utilization, creating data maps, and using storytelling for advocacy and addressing food and nutrition insecurity.
- Offer CoP participants a four-day training on organizing for justice, which provides concrete skills and a framework for effective, progressive organizing and achieving the goals of a particular organization, constituency, issue mix, and social and political context.

Breastfeeding/Chestfeeding

- Form two Hospital Community Task Forces in Detroit and engage two Detroit hospitals in the Quality Improvement, Training, Accountability, and Community Supports (QI-TRACS) “Work Together, Learn Together, and Create Together” framework.

- The QI-TRACS framework involves identifying, supporting, and working collaboratively with grassroots organizations whose activities and campaigns advance maternal and infant health and equity. It also comprises of building durable community-clinical linkages informed by community voice and community assets and formalizing coordinated discharge protocols and referrals to community organizations that support the continuity of breastfeeding care such as Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Health Equity

- Ensure that learning objectives for the CoP reflect the needs, goals, priority issues, successes, and challenges identified by the local food councils.
- Provide Health Equity training to CoP participants focusing on food and nutrition security and inclusive of information on the social-ecological model, social determinants of health, health equity, and food justice.
- Support local food councils in identifying an issue to draft a policy/advocacy agenda for and gather related community feedback.

Health Equity Spotlight

Utilize a participant-centered approach in forming a CoP to develop learning objectives and content that best suits the needs identified by the local food council, resulting in the local food councils receiving tailored support specific to the populations they serve and being better equipped to address health inequities unique to their communities.



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