

Oregon 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 (CDC) 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

- Partner with the Oregon Community Food Systems Network (OCFSN), the state's largest food policy council and network of 56 non-profits, healthy equity allies, and community groups, to provide technical assistance on hosting numerous statewide policy convenings.
- Collaborate with Healthier Together Oregon in an informal grant monitoring role to support Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) accountability to the intentions and priorities set by their Partner State Health Improvement Plan (PartnerSHIP).
- Assist a tribal-serving organization or tribe(s) in leading and facilitating a convening around food policy.

Food and Nutrition Security

- Host a condensed leadership retreat and convening to discuss strategic priorities to be shared with the White House before the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health.
- Work with OCFSN leadership, as well as other key collaborators and partners throughout the state, to develop a Food Systems Map that will be used to identify gaps and opportunities for collaboration.
- Draft an impact report to help inform partners and OHA of the issues and policy priorities that require technical assistance and support.
- Host a statewide policy convening, resulting in two workgroups developing:

- A policy activity "map" that identifies where members and participants are working in food policy and other priority areas, and gathers input related to Farm Bill issue areas.
- An outreach, communication, and education plan that will be used as a tool during legislative sessions.
- Provide technical assistance to OCFSN in planning and facilitating local/regional convenings representing three rural Oregon counties.
- Work closely with the OHA Tribal Liaison to present SPINE work to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and align efforts with existing food sovereignty work.

Health Equity

- Partner with the Oregon Department of Agriculture to participate in food policy council convenings and offer technical assistance to organizations interested in farm-to-institution programming.
- Create a plan to better center equity in physical activity and nutrition by prioritizing qualitative data, lived experience, and other strategies to validate and elevate community voices and wisdom.

Health Equity Spotlight

Prioritize partnerships with community organizations, especially those that elevate the voices of individuals from populations disproportionately impacted by food and nutrition insecurity.



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