



SPINE Scoop | October 2023

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 Scoop will typically be sent the first week 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 Infant & Toddler Nutrition Campaign: Round Two

States interested in applying for the second iteration of the SPINE Infant & Toddler Nutrition Campaign should submit their [application](#) by **11:59 PM ET on October 18, 2023**. For more information, please [review the application](#).

Action Plans, Progress Reports, and Evaluation

Quarter 3 Progress Reports are due October 16, 2023, COB. Progress Reports should be entered in your state's dashboard in the [SPINE Project Management Hub](#).

Grant Administration/Budgets

Quarter 3 Invoices are due October 31, 2023, by COB. Invoices should be sent to Crystal E. Doxie, cdoxie@chronicdisease.org. Please cc [Charita James](#) on the email.

Past SPINE Trainings & Technical Assistance Recordings & Materials

- September SPINE Update Call. [Recording](#) (passcode: V4P!LD!3) & [Slides](#)
- September SPINE Peer Exchange. SPINE Post Summit Discussion: What's Next, Sustainability & Reflections. [Recording](#) (passcode: X3J@gwqr) & [Slides](#).

Upcoming SPINE Training & Technical Assistance Opportunities

- **October 18:** SPINE & BRIC Peer Exchange. At least one representative from each state is **required** to attend. [Register now.](#)
- **October 18-25:** 1:1 Support Calls. Please refer to the calendar invite for your state's date/time and Zoom meeting details.
- **November 8:** SPINE Listening Session. At least one representative from each state is **required** to attend; ideally someone who has been involved with SPINE implementation. [Register now.](#)

Non-SPINE Training and Technical Assistance Opportunities

Webinars & Meetings

- **Department of Labor: The PUMP at Work Protections under the Fair Labor Standards Act** (previously recorded). [View recording.](#)
- **Department of Labor: PUMP at Work Protections in the Agriculture Industry** (previously recorded). [View recording.](#)
- **Food is Medicine-State of the Science: Food is Medicine in 2023** (previously recorded). [View recording](#) and [slides](#).
- **How Nonprofits can Make Change with Storytelling Techniques.** October 26, 2023. [Register Now.](#)
- **NACDD General Member Webinar. Understanding Long COVID and its Relationship to Chronic Conditions.** October 12, 2023, 3:00 PM ET. [Register now.](#)
- **NACDD General Member Webinar. Health and Lifestyle Training (HALT).** October 19, 2023, 3:00 PM ET. [Register now.](#)
- **NACDD's Learning & Discussion Series on the White House National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition & Health.** October 19, 2:00 PM ET. This session will focus on a discussion of how states, groups and organizations are implementing innovative activities that align with the National Strategy- Enhance Nutrition and Food Security Research. [Register now.](#)
- **Navigating the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA).** October 19, 2023, 2:00 PM ET. [Register now.](#)

Resources Pertinent to the SPINE Program

Food and Nutrition Security

- [Food is Medicine Initiative Resources](#)
- [Fresh Bucks: A Process Approach for Improving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\) Matching Programs at Farmers' Markets](#)
- [Measuring Household Experiences during the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
- [Supporting Food & Nutrition Security through Healthcare](#)
- [The White House Conference: A Report on Progress After One Year](#)
- [True Cost of Food: Food is Medicine Case Study](#)

Health Equity

- [2022 Adult Obesity Prevalence Maps \(CDC\)](#)
- [NACDD's Social Justice Framework for Public Health Professionals](#)
- [National Commission to Transform Public Health Data Systems Newsletter](#)
- [Social Determinants of Health and Older Adults](#)
- [Vital Conditions for Health and Well-Being Framework](#)

Breastfeeding

- [Cherished Futures for Black Moms & Babies is Enhancing Breastfeeding Support in LA to Reduce Infant and Maternal Mortality](#)

Funding Opportunity

The Healthy Start Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health program provides grants to improve health outcomes before, during, and after pregnancy and reduce racial/ethnic disparities in rates of infant death and adverse perinatal outcomes. Application is due December 15, 2023. [More information.](#)

Food Is Medicine Initiative

The Food is Medicine Initiative seeks to provide the large-scale clinical evidence required to ensure patients receive medical prescriptions for healthy food to help prevent and manage chronic disease. The initiative's first FIM Request for Proposals focuses on feasibility and implementation science. RFP applications are open through November 6th, 2023. [More information.](#)

Equity Changemakers Institute Class of 2024: Request for Applications

Equity Changemakers Institute, led by Center for Health Care Strategies, is a year-long leadership development program to bolster the capacity of public sector leaders who have significant oversight over agency efforts to advance health equity. Applications are due October 18, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET. [More information.](#)

State and Local Health Departments: Research, Surveillance, and Evidence-Based Public Health Practices.

This special collection highlights the breadth of work taking place in state and local health departments to improve the health and well-being of their communities, with topics such as cardiovascular disease (CVD), cancer screening, infant and maternal health outcomes, human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination, community-clinical linkages, and food insecurity. The manuscripts in this collection further our knowledge of public health practice implementation by state and local health departments, covering a diverse array of chronic disease outcomes. [View here.](#)

Please [visit the resource page](#) on the [SPINE Internal Hub](#) for more food and nutrition security, health equity, and breastfeeding resources.

Questions? Have a resource to share? Want to be featured in the SPINE Shotout? Contact [Charita James](#).