* Title:
  + State Partnership Improving Nutrition Equity (SPINE)-Nevada
* People involved in the project and their organizational affiliation:
  + Nevada state Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Section, Office of Food Security (OFS) is partnering with Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada to implement the SPINE grant through the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD).
* Background/Introduction:
  + The SPINE program promotes equitable and sustainable food and nutrition security. NACDD supports State Health Departments in addressing food and nutrition security through sustainable and equitable actions that tackle economic and social conditions limiting food and nutrition security. Health equity is foundational to the SPINE program and will be integrated throughout the planning, action, and evaluation phases of the project, in addition to considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
* Project Goals
  + Strengthen existing partnerships
  + Analyze service areas and identify service deserts and culturally relevant community food needs
  + Enhance current food and meal programs to offer culturally competent fresh, and nutritious foods and host at least one client choice event in a rural or frontier county with access to CHW’s, SNAP and case management.
  + Conduct in-person client assessments and follow up with any wellness or homeless prevention services, including immigration aid.
  + Collaborate with the Council on Food Security (CFS) to implement the Food Security Action Plan. This will establish best practices, highlighting high-risk areas, service deserts, and address rural country-specific needs and barriers.
* Methods
  + Qualitative and quantitative data collection
* Results
  + Increased community engagement
  + Increased cultural competency in CCNN nutrition services
  + Increase in food service areas and number of meals/pounds of food served
  + Completion in comprehensive state Food Security Action Plan
* Summary/Discussion
  + Identify service deserts, increase culturally relevant foods served to high-risk areas and indicate/set standards for identification. SPINE will encourage policy, system and environment change in addressing disparities.