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collective purchasing/distribution

Opportunity: food as medicine programs bringing together local food, health, and nutrition ed sectors

opportunities-many people with interest (growing demand)

food access, navigating challenges that all food relief partners are experiencing with supply chain shortages and increased cost of everything

Aggregation, storage, and distribution of local/regional food!

shared marketing system direct to consumer

challenges: zoning for farms in urban areas

In SD we have established a SD Local Foods Coalition made up of lots of GREAT partners in the state. We are meeting bi-monthly and have 4 Action Teams working.

Food apartheid

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New market access for farmers

Access to food that is culturally appropriate

Expansion of new local food choices

we have 2 counties in a regional effort. our DSS is writing for a grant to develop regional hubs

challenge: contaminated soil in urban area

Diversifying crops/farm products produced and collaborating with schools, restaurants, etc would create more stable income for farms and improve water quality. Challenges - very heavy dairy area hard to switch farmers to new ideas.

challenges-volunteers stepping into leader role to make action happen

Collaborative work across the county. Storage

is there an opportunity to establish not-for-profit grocery stores?