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# Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network: Truth, Trauma and & Equity-Informed Solutions

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RACIAL EQUITY
AND INCLUSION
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- INSTITUTIONALIZED FORMS OF IDENTITY-BASED OPPRESSION
- ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE

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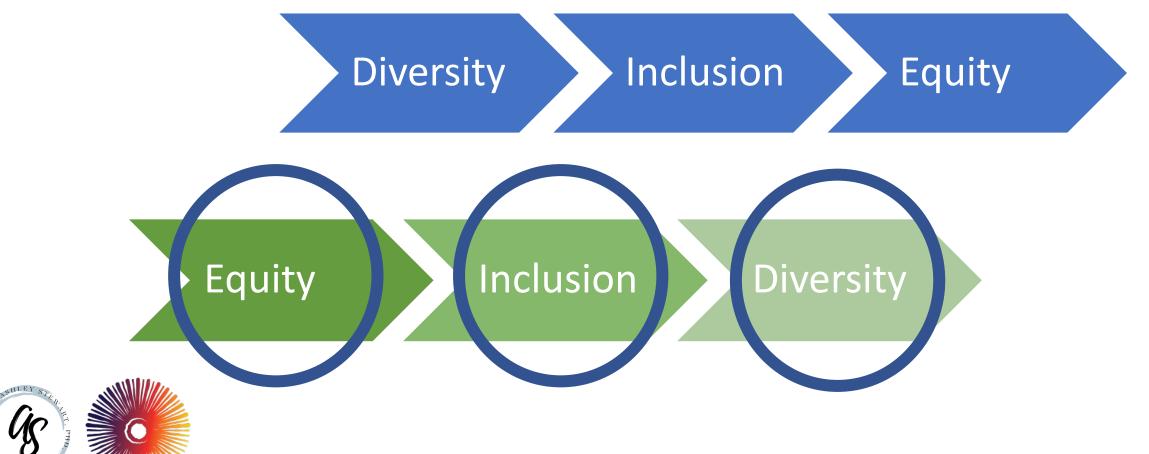
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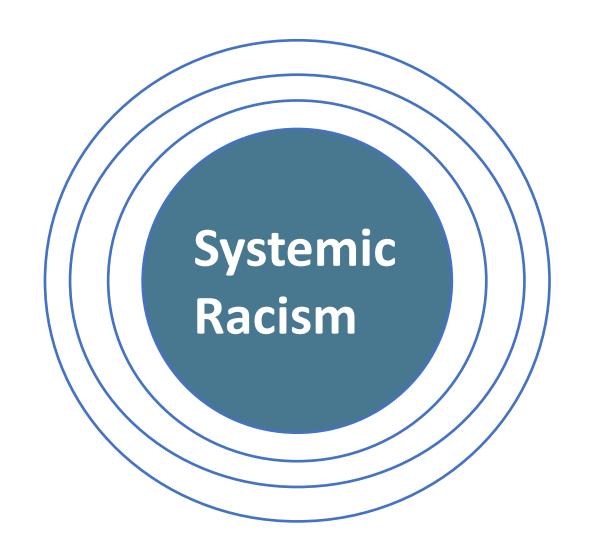
EQUITY AND ANTI OPPRESSION
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### Learning Objectives

- Define and provide tangible examples of intergenerational, insidious, historical, acculturative and race-based trauma and stress.
- Assess strategies to address dominant norms that may prohibit change toward trauma-informed equitable practices.
- Reflect on the importance of equity and inclusion in trauma-informed practices.
- Review the importance of authenticity in the workplace and culturally relevant services, and strategies to implement.
- Emotional safety and CNS regulation

## Equity First Framing





#### RACE IS SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED: PSEUDOSCIENCE | RACE | RACISM

"The invention of race as an ethnological human stratification, and the racism that followed it, created a historical chain of dehumanizing and traumatic events that continue to hinder human progress. Though historically based on faulty science, the creation of this human hierarchy is now a lived socio-political reality and has severe consequences for people of color."

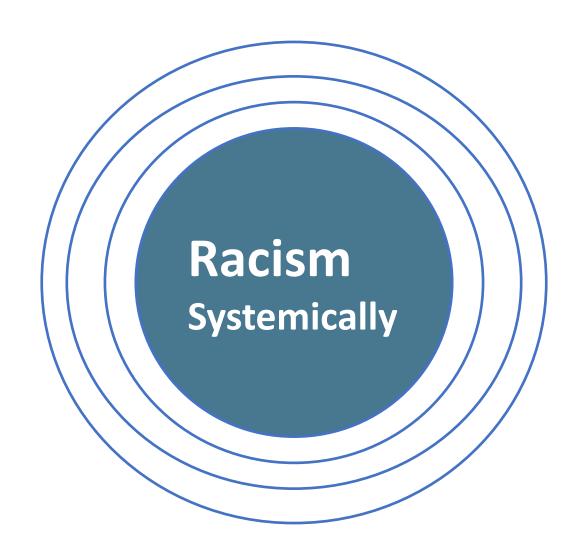
"The trauma of racism refers to the cumulative negative impact of racism on the lives of people of color."

"Encompassing the emotional, psychological, health, economic and social effects of multigenerational and historical trauma, trauma of racism relates to the damaging effects of ongoing societal and intra-social-group racial micro aggressions, internalized racism, overt racist experiences, discrimination and oppression within the lives of people of color."

"When repetitive and unresolved, these experiences rooted in racism can create severe emotional pain and distress that can overwhelm a person's and community's ability to cope, creating feelings of powerlessness."

# Race-Based Traumatic Stress & Health Equity





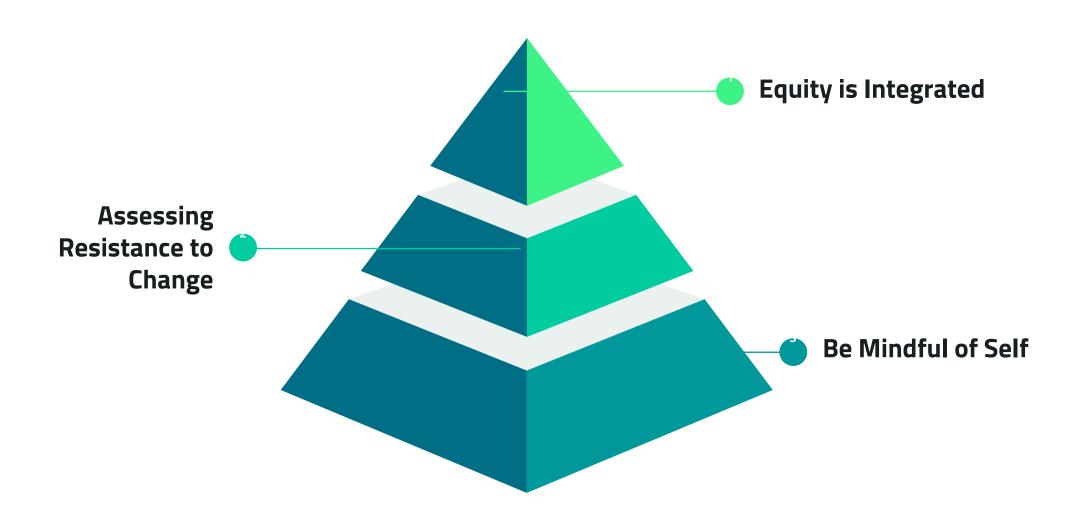
# Frequently Used Definitions of Microaggressions

## Critical Context for Microaggressions

# Weathering and Allostatic Load

## Identifying Inequities Within Our Bodies & Industries and Practicing Action

### Steps Toward Culture Shift



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