Confronting Implicit Bias in Society and Ourselves

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STRENGTHS-BASED AND HOPEFUL

INCLUSIVE AND
ACCEPTING OF
DIVERSE CULTURES,
GENDERS,
PERSPECTIVES,
AND EXPERIENCES

HEALING-CENTERED AND TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE

INVITING TO INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THEIR OWN JOURNEYS

PERSON-FIRST AND FREE OF LABELS

NON-JUDGMENTAL AND AVOIDING ASSUMPTIONS

RESPECTFUL, CLEAR AND UNDERSTANDABLE

CONSISTENT WITH OUR ACTIONS, POLICIES, AND PRODUCTS

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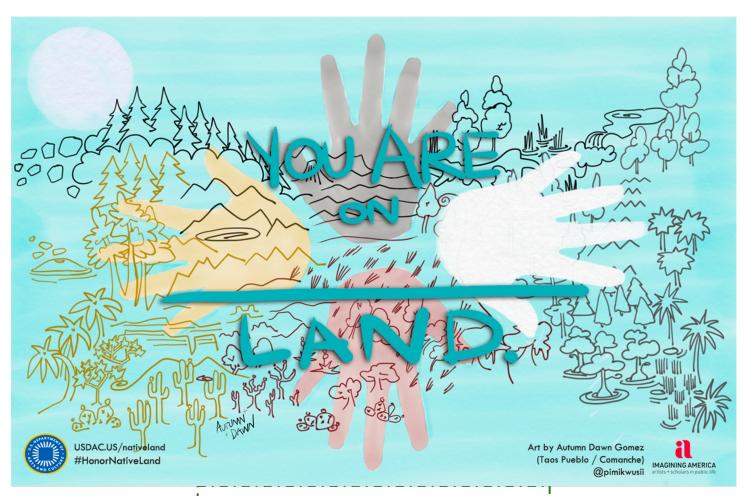
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A Brave Community



one of the most vital ways we sustain ourselves is by building communities of resistance, places where we know we are not alone bell hooks

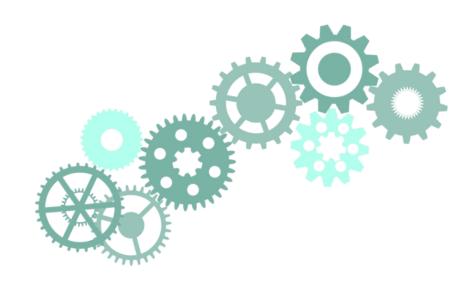
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Learning Objectives

I am working to...

enhance awareness of identity, culture, beliefs, and biases

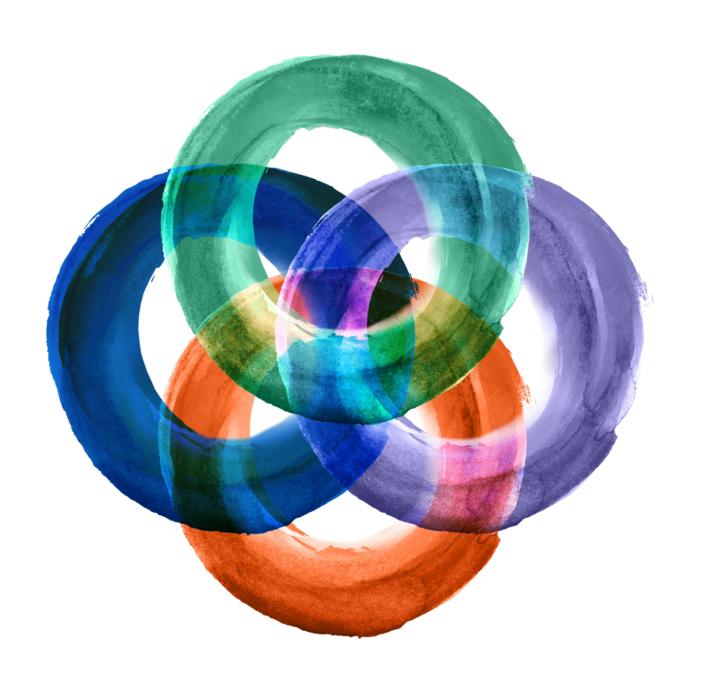


understand the relationship of systemic inequity, implicit bias, and their impact on students and families

develop a plan to combat implicit bias, in order to cultivate belonging and equal opportunity for every person in my school and community



Circles of Trust



Developmental History

Implicit Bias



Affective Experiences

Culture

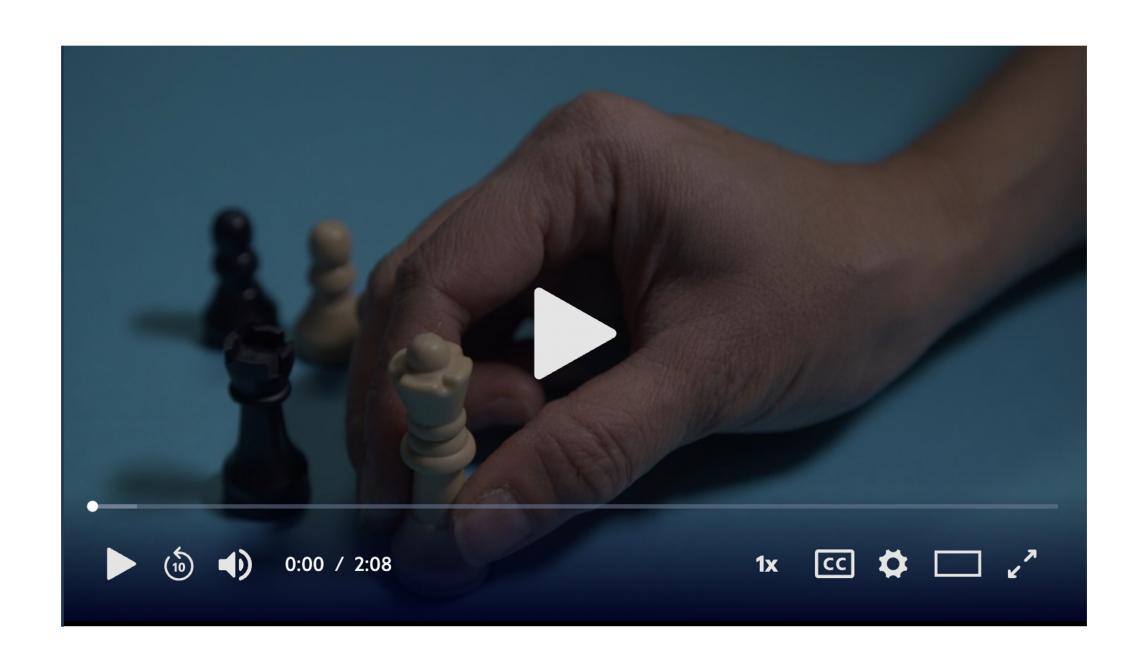
Self

Aligning Our Actions with Our Values

- Perspective Taking
- Combatting single narratives
 - Read diverse authors
 - Watch diverse films/shows
 - Cultivate critical friends
 - Go to museums/cultural centers
 - Expand who you follow on social media
 - What does building multicultural community look like?



Make Friends to Tackle Bias

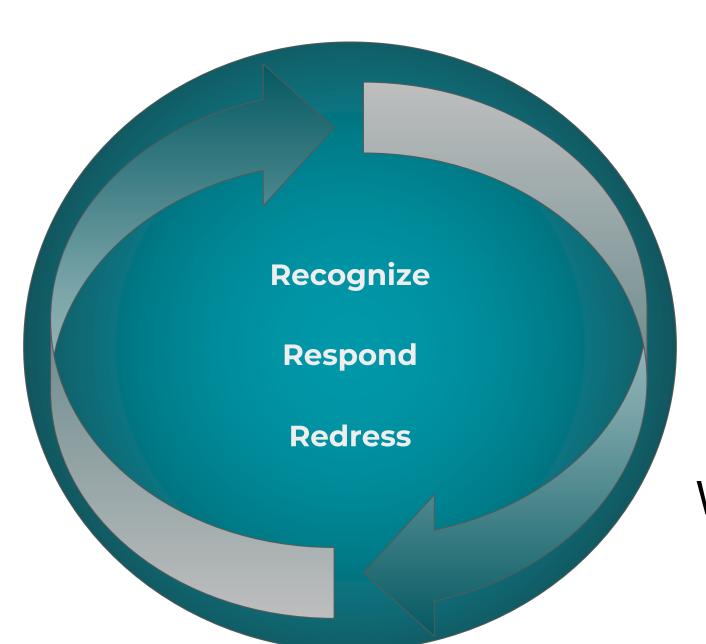


Strategies to Increase Awareness

- Mindfulness
- Implicit Bias Association Tests
 - Project Implicit (*take one at a time)
- Build in time for reflection and <u>authentic analysis</u>
 - Data
 - Observation
 - TEAMWORK
 - Ask, and accept the answers



Equity Literacy Action Plan



How specifically will you grow your ability to recognize your own biases?

How will you respond to the biases you identify?

What will you do to redress the conditions that contribute to your biases?

Questions and Closing Thoughts



- . What are you sitting with?
- . What questions do you have today?
- What would support your learning next week?

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THANK YOU!



