A Practical Guide to Leverage DEI Champions to Integrate DEI Into the Workplace

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Learning Objectives

Shared meaning of diversity, inclusion, equality, equity, and justice

Environments for integrating DEI into work practice

Connecting Circles DEI Share Space









You are asked to be...

... present

... brave

... curious

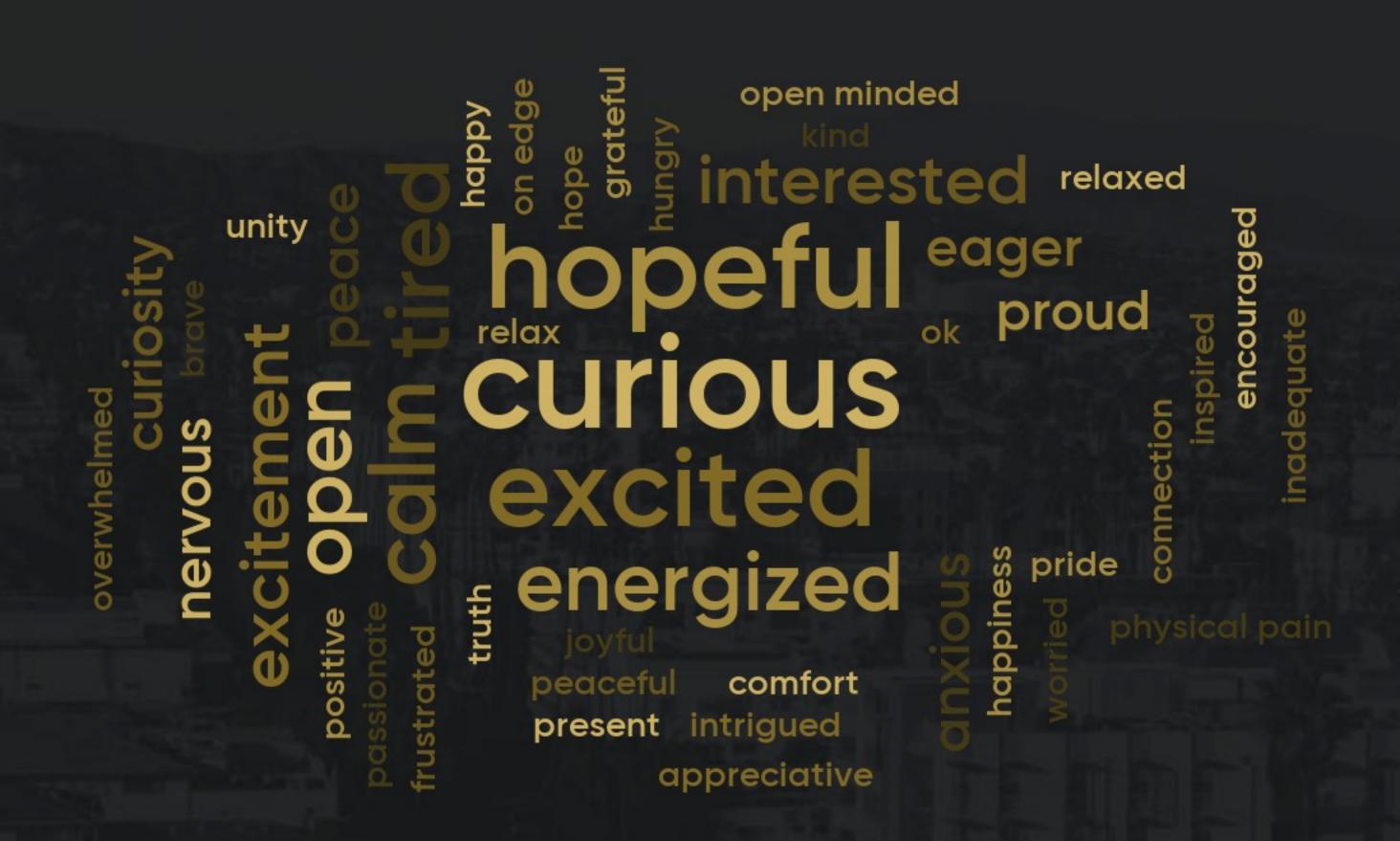
...empathetic

... respectful

... mindful



USING ONE WORD AT A TIME, DESCRIBE THE FEELING YOU ARE BRINGING INTO THIS SPACE:





Internal/Inherent (age; race; ethnic background; sexual orientation; genetic condition)

External/Acquired (religious/spirituality; interest; geographical location; family status; education; travel)

Organizational (job function; management status; seniority; department) Worldview (moral compass; outlook on life; epistemology)

Diversity Recognition of individual differences

By Diversity and Social Impact





What aspects of your identity influence how you see and experience the world, the workplace?







Inclusion (choice)

The act of valuing differences and their contributions.

So much more than being asked to dance.



Equality, Equity, Justice (outcome & process)





Equality

Same treatment for all folks.

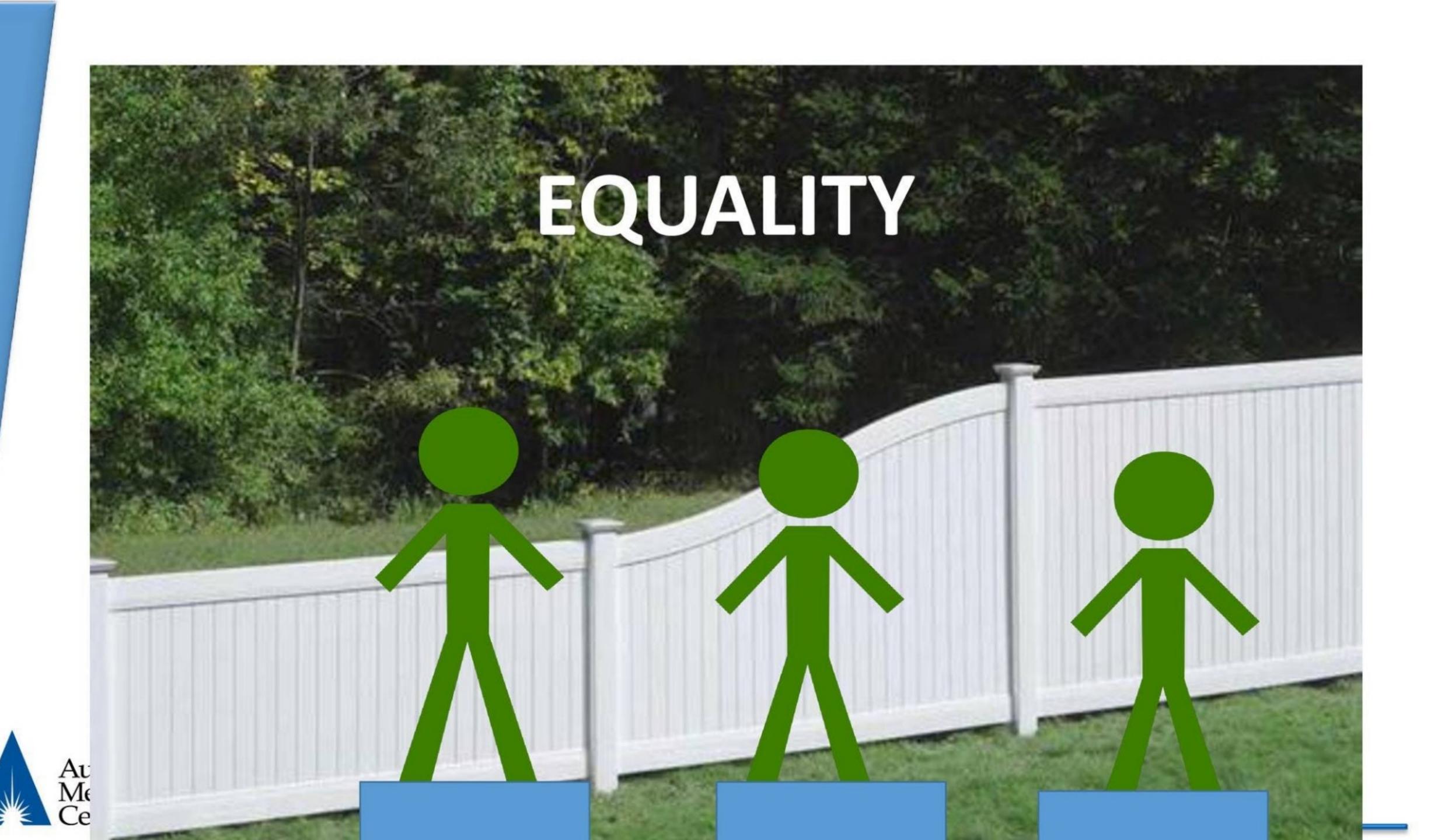
Equity

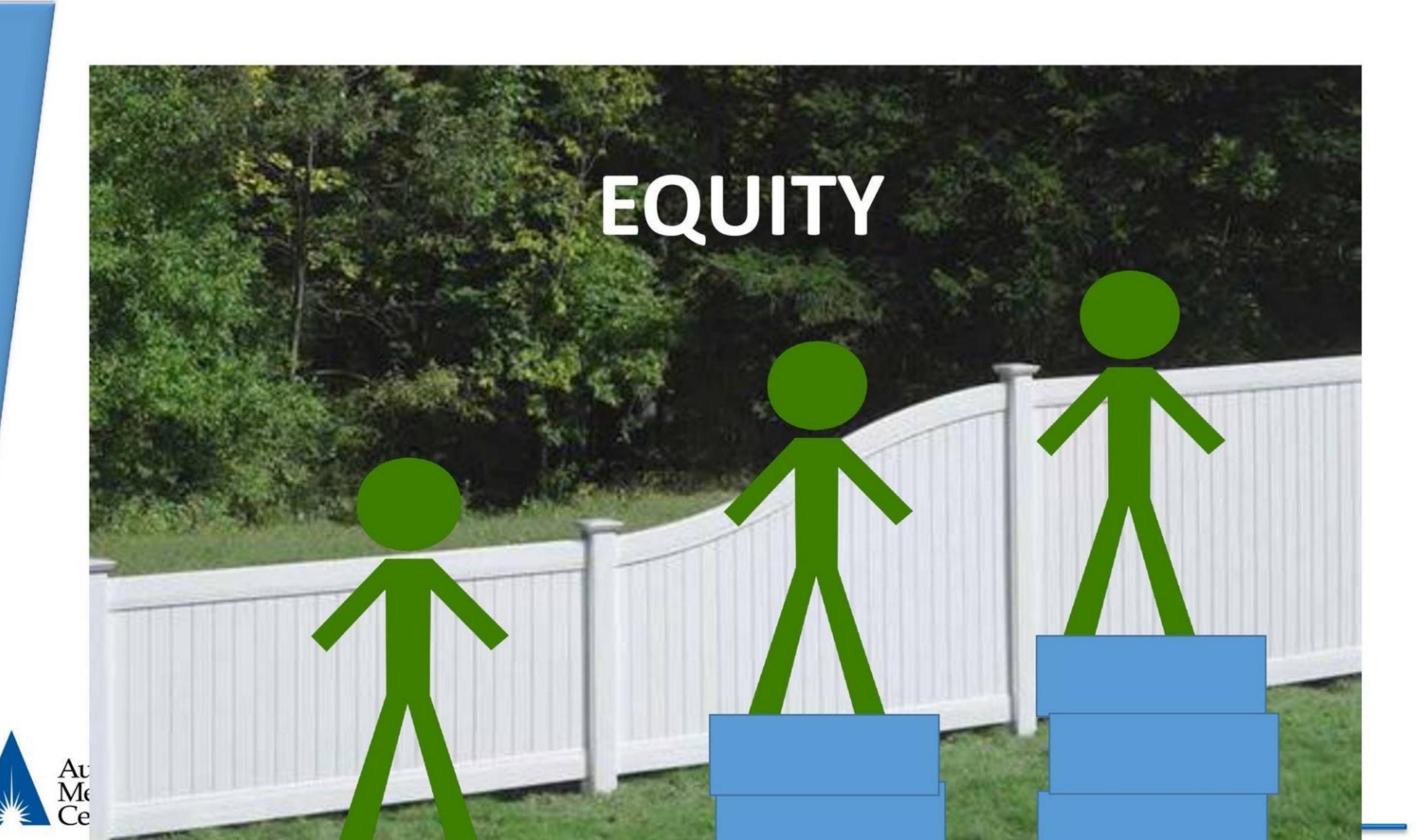
Systems work where treatment is specified to need

Justice

Systems work addressing totality of fairness





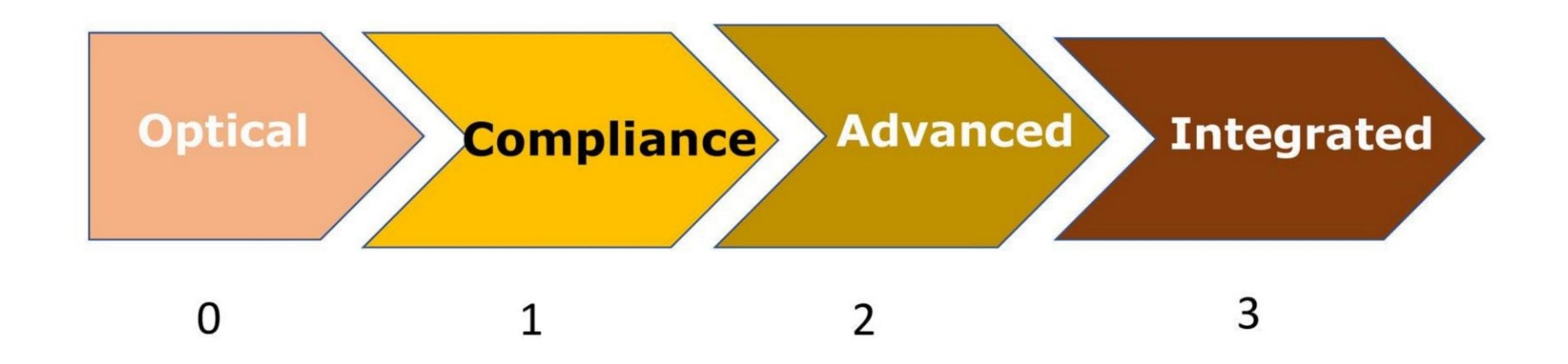




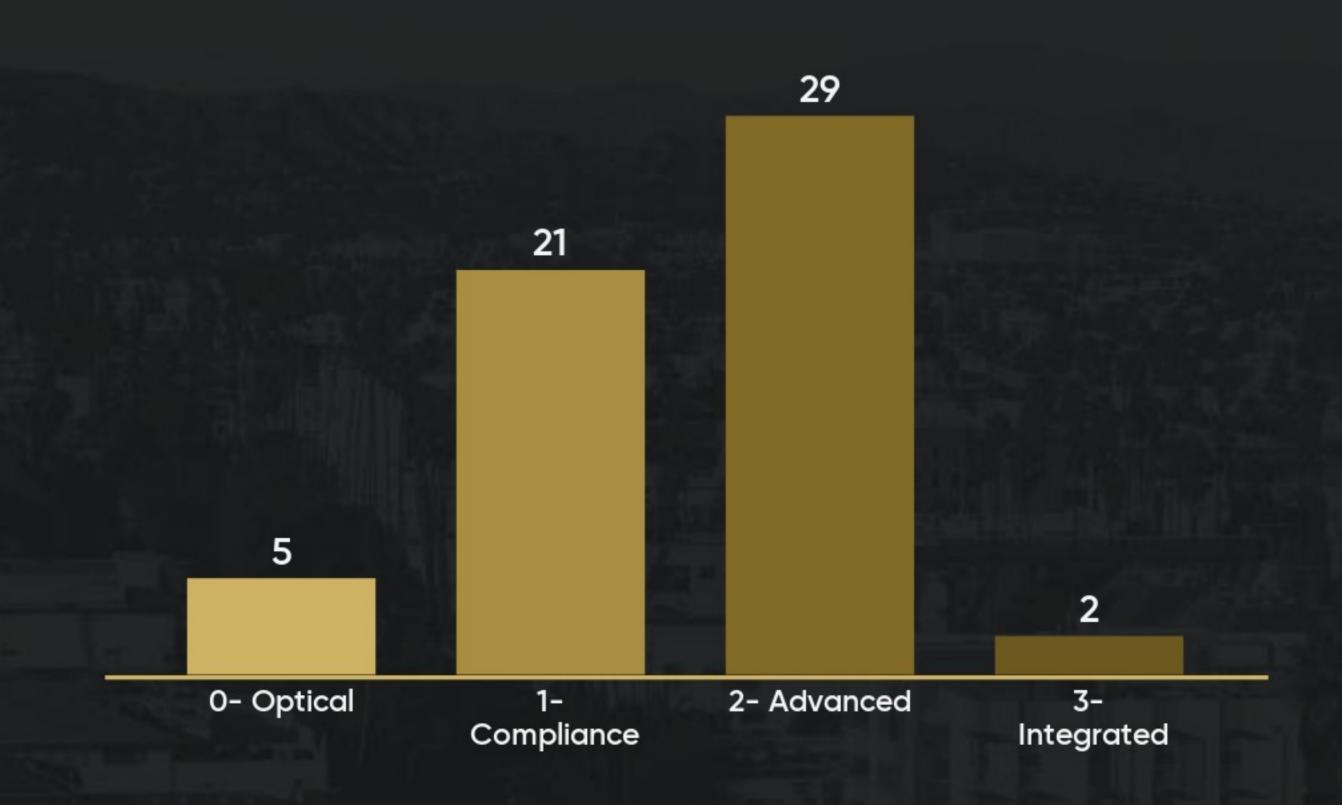




Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Continuum

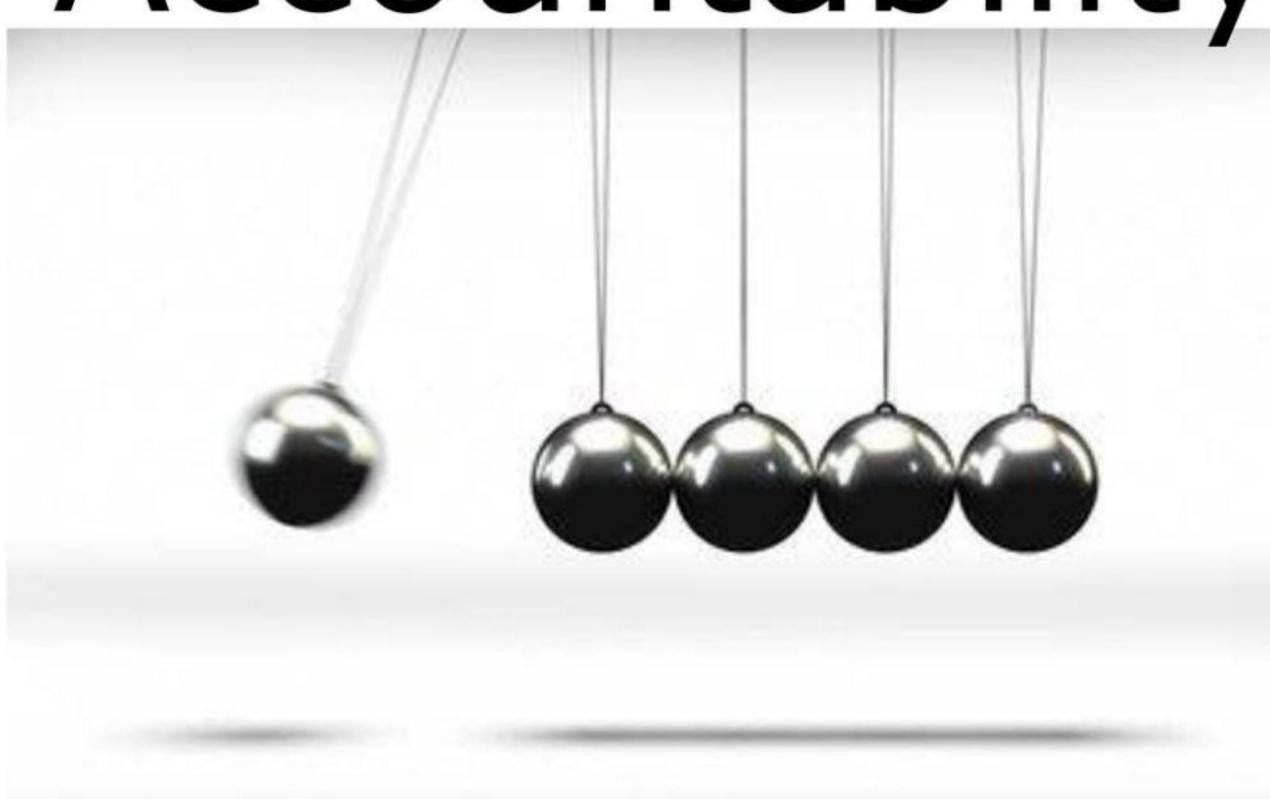


WHERE DO YOU THINK YOUR ORGANIZATION IS ON THE CONTINUUM?





Accountability



Is intent matched with impact?
How do we support each other in this journey?

Is there transparency on who is responsible?



Four Stages of Psychological Safety

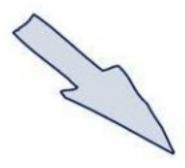
Stage 1:

Inclusion Safety
Informal admittance
to the team.

Stage 3:

Contributor Safety

- An invitation and expectation to perform tasks.

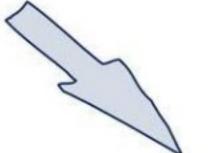




Stage 2:

Learner Safety

- Safe to engage in discovery process



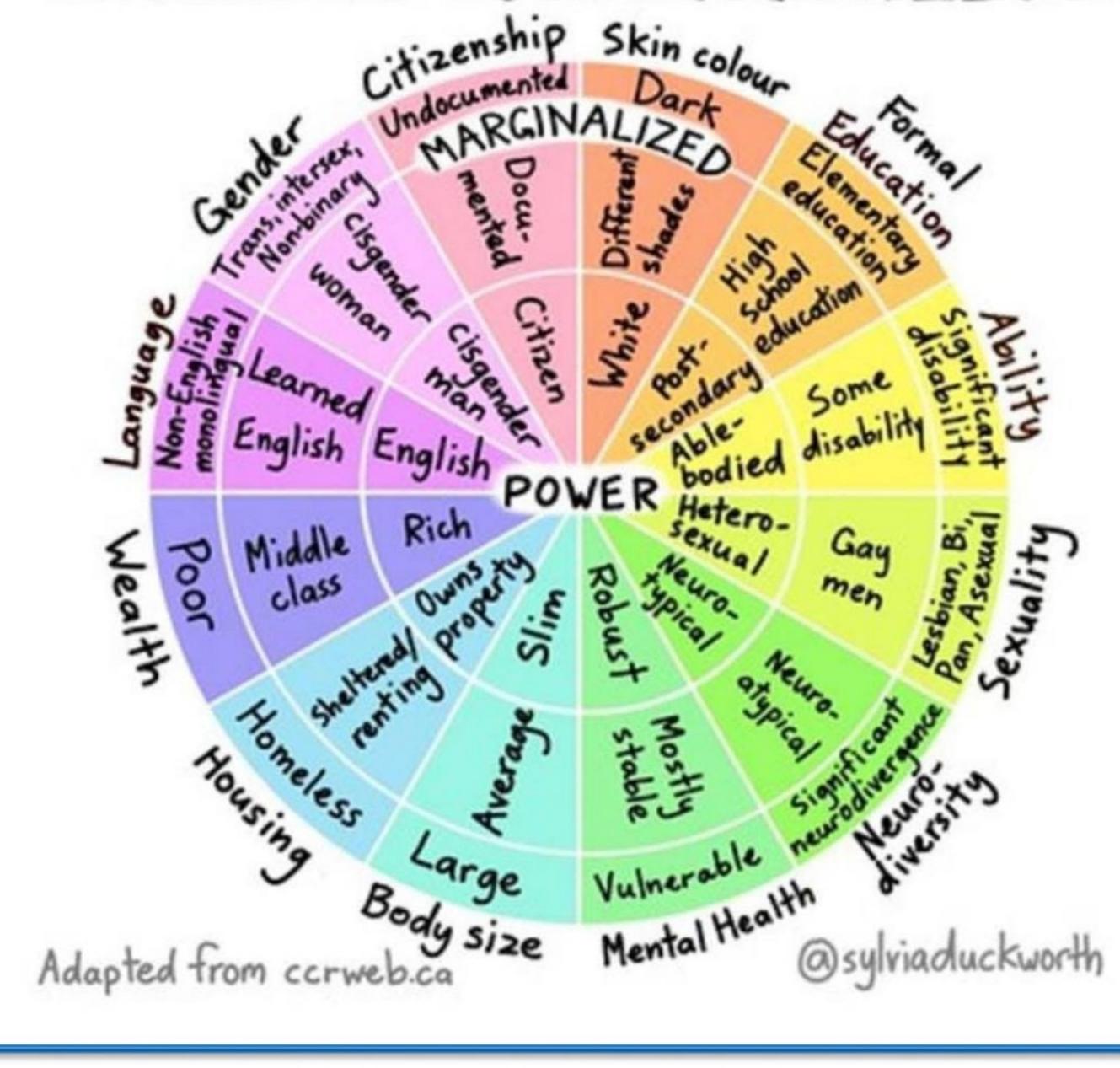
Stage 4:

Challenger Safety

- Challenge the staus quo without reprisal



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Connecting Circles Effort

What is it?

- A diversity, equity, and inclusion share board.
- Employees are invited to submit:
 - An established activity/practice
 - A previous chalenge/experience
 - An idea not yet incorporated into the Center's practice



Connecting Circles Effort

Why incorporate?

- Breaking down silos .
 - Leveraging power.
- Advancing feed forward process.
 - Building capacity.



Examples of Current Activities

ANTI-OPPRESION
DISCUSSIONS
DURING TEAM
MEETINGS

ROTATING TEAM
LEAD FOR
MEETINGS

BIPOC
DEDICATED
SPACES

MONTHLY
TRAINING ON
DIFFERENT DEI
TOPICS

NOTES "PARTY" FOR THERAPISTS/CLINICI ANS **DEI BOOK CLUB**

PARTICIPATION
IN CENTERWIDE
ACTIVITIES AS A
TEAM

Examples of Past Experience/Challenges

ADVOCACY FOR STAFF

POLICY RELATED
TO GENDER NONBINARY/TRANS

EHR SYSTEM

ALL GENDER BATHROOM S

DEI RECRUITING
AND HIRING

RACIAL EQUITY
TRAINING PAUSE

Aurora Mental Health Center

Examples of Future Ideas

DOOR DECOR

HEALING CIRCLES MORE ERGs

DEI PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Lunch and learn sessions

Hired DEI director

Book club

All positions are posted internally and externally

Pronouns in emails

Monthly Cultural Consultation group

Hired a DEI consultant



Training and accountability structures

We are having work groups to express the need for continued improvement efforts

Updating policies

Intentional dEl conversation in team meetings

Including EDI lense on all policy decisions

Happy hours virtuallyAlso celebrations of births, birthdays etc...

Love the DEI book club idea!!!! We want to incorporate in team meeting and add to our team meetings

Advocacy in the expansion of language needs

Banner recognizing different cultures



To have it be more than just a "nice look" for the organization

In-depth DEI study group for leadership

ERGs, round tables, anonymous surveys asking for feedback, talking about DEI topics in a variety of meetings.

Training opportunities for all staff

Gender Affirming Letter writing policy and training

Book club, equity statement, erg, training plan development, changing question on horing matrix and exit interviews

Diversity trainings for the BOD

Monthly Cultural Committee meeting

Include pronouns when introducing self



Challenge leaders that don't allow for change

Celebrate cultural holidays

Movie viewing and discussion

21 day racial equity challengePride month bingo with activities to support LGBTQIA

Lunch and learns

DEI Media Discussions

Pronouns on electronic communicationa

Consult group for clinicians who do work with clients that is not English

A Cross functional committee of mix of managers, clinicians and admin to identify and integrate JEDI into the organization.



Created an equity statement

Breaking down data by race and gender to identify disparities.

We have established a companywide DEI committee with all staff invited.

Implement culturally competent model of clinical supervision

Integrated DEI as a pillar of our business model.

Inclusion of DEI initiatives on procurement templates

Providing a space for people to safely share experiences that do not follow DEI policies

Prounouns in email

Board training ongoing and dedicated time in each board meeting to discuss DEIJ and how we integrate into our governance model.



Creation of EDI committee

Reactivated our BiPOC employee resource group

Building a partner community of DE&I thought leaders

Dei interview questions

Celebrate heritage months with info in newsletter and on intranet

Discussion of vaccine mandate from DEI lens



Thank You

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