### BUILDING BLOCKS: CREATING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

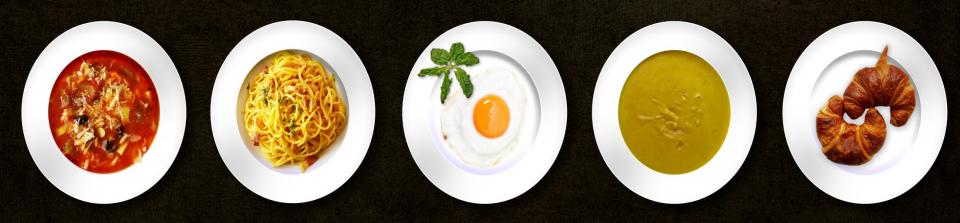




# DIVERSITY, EQUITY INCLUSION

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### A collection of differences.





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# INCLUSION

A welcoming environment where everyone has an opportunity to fully participate.

When experiences and perspectives contribute to a culture of acceptance, appreciation, and feeling valued.



A normal black person ya' Know? "

## STEREOTYPES

Exaggerated assumptions that have gone too far

#### Satisfy our need to understand

Cell phones, Internet, e-mail, television, radio, newspapers, books, conversations

105,000 words

Internal and external influences

### MICROAGGRESSIONS



A subtle but offensive comment or action directed at a minority or other non-dominant group that is often unintentional or unconsciously reinforces a stereotype

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"You're not like the rest of them. You're different."

"You speak such great English!"

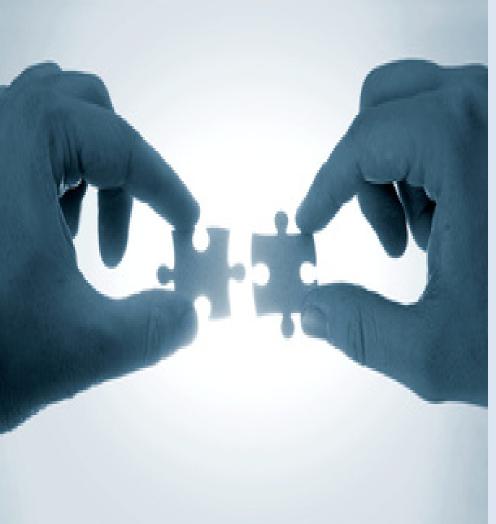
"That is so retarded."

"You are being so sensitive. Is it that time of the month?"

"I don't even see you as a color."

"When are you going to have a child?"

### **UNCONSCIOUS + BIAS**



The part of your mind that contains feelings and ideas that you are not aware of and cannot control

An unfair and irrational preference that influences your judgment and treatment of others

### **EXAMPLES OF BIAS**

**Blind auditions** 

Hurricanes

Names

**Occupations** 

"You remind me of someone I know..."







# CURRENT TRENDS.

By 2050:

The White population will decrease 49%
The Hispanic population will increase 30%
The African-American population will increase 15%
The Asian population will increase 9%
American Indians and Alaskans will increase 2%
The immigrant population of 1.5M will increase to 2.1M





### INTEGRATION

The creation of a welcoming and inclusive community that creates a sense of home and belonging

**Respect and preserve the current culture** 

Step outside of your comfort zone and take a risk

Not for everyone.

### AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY...

**Appreciates differences. All differences.** 

Provides full access to resources, and promotes equity and opportunities.

**Engages residents in decision-making processes** 

**Collectively eliminates all forms of housing discrimination** 

**Responds quickly to incidents** 







### **CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM/PLAN**

#### Triage

Have key players already in place, but one spokesperson (Typically a Mayor, Council Member, Police Chief, or Communications Director)

**Transparency = Trust** 

**Develop appropriate messages** 

Host community conversations

**Evaluate and create** 

