

Anti-Racism Resources

Center Statement



Over the last nine years, we have partnered with hundreds of education agencies in work to address racism at the intersection of other oppressions. Many of you have read our publications, looked through our website, joined us in online learning communities and face-to-face for our Equity Leaders Institutes and Summits. You have applied our Equity Fellows policy and practice improvement tools, participated in Girls STEM Institute, shared our resources with your university students, and supported us as we worked to reignite the momentum of the journal *Multiple Voices: Race, Disability, and Language Intersections in Special Education*. At the same time, as your partners in the deep and constant struggle, we urge you to consider alongside your outrage over the systemic violence against our Black communities (and indeed, our BIPOC+ communities more broadly), that this very same systemic violence occurs in our schools. *These* are the traumas that must inform any claim of educators' "trauma informed care": the traumas of suspension, expulsion, tracking, discouragement, silencing, restraining, secluding, segregating, and killing through systems of formal and informal surveillance and policing.

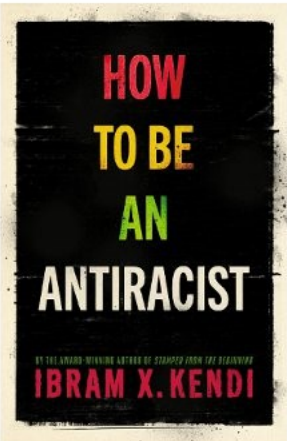
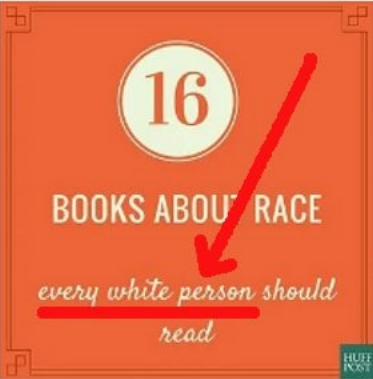
For those who are white (non-disabled, Christian, non-LGBTQIA+, English-only speaking, US born, and otherwise privileged) educators/scholars, we urge you to focus your work on dismantling the racism and ableism, and other oppressions you engage to maintain this systemic trauma for our Youth of Color and intersectionally-marginalized youth, alongside your community of white educators and scholars. Position yourselves as vulnerable and work toward the redistribution of your own power and resources, not the deficit-based fixing of children who are already brilliant and beautiful exactly as they

show up in our schools, classrooms, and online spaces each and every day.

For our Black, Indigenous, People of Color+ partners, including families and students, we will continue work to center your experiences, your leadership, your wisdom, your voices, and all other forms of your expression. We will work to create more healing and loving spaces for you in particular as we move forward in the immediate and long-term future.

In solidarity,
Great Lakes Equity Center/Midwest and Plains Equity Assistance Center

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Ibram Kendi wrote 'The only remedy to past discrimination is present discrimination. The only remedy to present discrimination is future discrimination.'