

ANTI-BIAS STRATEGIC PLANNING SHEET:

Reading your Setting to form Goals and Actions

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I. Establish Baseline

Landscape: What are the significant **contextual factors** you need to consider about your program and local community with regard to diversity and equity work? (i.e., demographics, politics, history, values, resources, culture, geography)

What aspects of my **Learning Environment** (center and classrooms) might affect anti-bias change?

Who are the **stakeholders** in my program and what are my impressions about their readiness and capacity for anti-bias work?

What are some of the key aspects of the **culture and history** of my program (e.g. values, rituals, informal and formal policies, celebrations, relationships) that might affect anti-bias change?

Who are the **gatekeepers** in the community? (Who or what can deny or provide access to resources)

(Nimmo & LeeKeenan, rev 2018)

II. **Analysis:** Drawing from the information on the previous page, respond to the following questions.

Who are the **allies** (people who will support you & understand your purpose) you have already identified? (i.e., administration, teachers, parents, community members, friends)

Who are some **potential allies** I could reach out to next?

What **resources or opportunities** can I identify for diversity/equity work? (e.g. grants, classes, experts, time, money, commitment, etc.)

What **barriers/obstacles** do I see to anti-bias work? (i.e., financial, demographic, education, etc.)

What **fears or concerns** do I have about shifting the program to an anti-bias approach?

What is my assessment of the **readiness** of myself , staff, families and community to shift toward an anti-bias program?

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III. Develop Anti-bias Goals and Plan of Action

What are the three most important **long –term goals** you have for diversity/equity work at your program/center?

1.

2.

3.

Considering all the responses above, where do you want to start? What are three specific ***strategies/actions*** you feel you can commit to this year?

1.

2.

3.

Anything else?