

# DHSP Race and Equity Initiative



#### **Our Vision:**

The Department of Human Service Programs will eliminate racism within the Department

#### **Strategic Objectives**

- 1. Expand, create and enhance learning and skill-building opportunities for all DHSP staff to eliminate racism.
- 2. Build capacity of all DHSP staff to take leadership in eliminating racism.
- 3. Ensure that our internal systems and policies support the elimination of racism.
- 4. Cultivate a culture where staff openly communicate about race.



## **Training Sessions**

Title	Sessions	Who Attended
10Cs of Awareness and	22 Sessions/ Dr. Ulric	220 FT Staff, 200+ PT
Change	Johnson and Jeremy	Staff
	Phillips	
Identity 101	12 sessions/ Joyce	220 FT Staff
	Johnson Shabazz and	
	Robert Dungy	
Structural Racism	3 Sessions/ Joyce	60 FT Staff/Plan for
	Johnson Shabazz	160 FT Staff
Cultural Proficiency: A Way of	4 Sessions 2 part	80+ FT and PT Youth-
Being	series/DHSP Staff led	serving Staff



## **Leadership Development Sessions**

Topic Examples	Who Attended	Timeframe
Initiative planning	12 FT Staff	Monthly 2016-Present
Initiative Principles	40 FT Leadership Staff	January 2018
DEAL Leadership/Peer	40 FT Leadership Staff	April 2018
Coaching		
Non-Blameful	40 FT Leadership Staff	June 2018
Communication		
Leadership Expectations	40 FT Leadership Staff	October 2018
Dialogue Circles	40 FT Leadership Staff	December 2018
Affinity Group/Allyship	40 FT Leadership Staff	January 2019



### **DEAL – Drop Everything and Learn**

Monthly learning opportunities for all DHSP staff

Examples of activities:

- ➤ Video/Reflection "Color Brave not Color Blind" Melody Hobson
- ➤ Article/Reflection "To the Parents of my Black Son's Friends", Maralee Bradley
- ➤ Space Audit Teams of DHSP Staff looking at our spaces through a racial equity lens



### What We've learned...

- ✓ Keep the work front and center, otherwise day to day tasks can eclipse the work.
- ✓ Challenges are inevitable and they can't stop the work from moving forward. Comfort is not necessary.
- ✓ Opportunities to practice talking about race are important
- ✓ Relationships matter
- ✓ Expect that you will hear more about race and racism