



Homelessness, Trauma, Financial Education and Racial Equity

March – April 2023



Please join us for a new training series brought to you by the 3 County Continuum of Care and the Western Mass Network. Presented by Racial Equity Partners (REP), the series offers 5 online sessions, each exploring a topic that will deepen participants' understanding on the impact of structural racism. The goal of the sessions is for attendees to gain a better understanding of the history of race and white supremacy, the impact of racial trauma, racial disparities in homelessness - and the importance and value of people with lived experience to affect systems change; and discuss their ideas for strategies to address racial inequities and to strengthen our relationship with people with lived experience.

***Participants should plan to attend all five training sessions - and need to register to attend.**

Session details are below. Each session has its own registration link. Once you have registered, you will receive log-in instructions by email.

Wednesday, March 1 1:00pm - 2:30pm/EST

Defining Lived Experience

This Session will review the concept of "lived experience" and "lived expertise" and share how organizations work to center and integrate PLE into decision making, advocacy and systems change. We'll also discuss fundamental knowledge about organizations and federal housing programs (construct, acronyms, language) - and the different ways to engage with them – from services to advocacy - in the work to end homelessness.

[Click to register for session 1 here.](#)

Wednesday, March 15 1:00pm - 2:30pm/EST

The History of White Supremacy and Becoming Antiracist

Session will provide some history on race and white supremacy in America, discuss white privilege and how it has advantaged and disadvantaged groups and strategies for becoming antiracist.

[Click to register for session 2 here.](#)



Wednesday, March 29 1:00pm - 2:30pm/EST

Understanding and Overcoming Trauma

Session will introduce the trauma-informed care framework to complement the work of racial equity. Attendees will learn the connection between racism and trauma and intergenerational trauma; they will also learn how to respond both to others and to self- in order to move through the experience of trauma towards healing. Trauma-resiliency and self-care will be highlighted, necessary to fuel the work of racial equity and inclusion.

[Click to register for session 3 here.](#)

Wednesday, April 12 1:00pm - 2:30pm/EST

Deconstructing Capitalism: Foundations of our Financial System

Session will show the connection between structural racism and asset building and break down basic financial system concepts (e.g. the market, stocks & bonds, credit and equity). Gain an understanding of these and related concepts to help build your knowledge for financial stability.

[Click to register for session 4 here.](#)

Wednesday, April 26 1:00pm - 2:30pm/EST

Historical Barriers to Home Ownership & Finding a Path Forward

Session will provide an understanding of the structural barriers that have impacted home ownership for people of color. Get an overview of the steps and terms related to home ownership and what's needed to lay your own foundation for the future.

[Click to register for session 5 here.](#)

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