Transit Planning 4 All Forum

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Need & Value of Inclusion in Mobility Planning



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DEFINING INCLUSION

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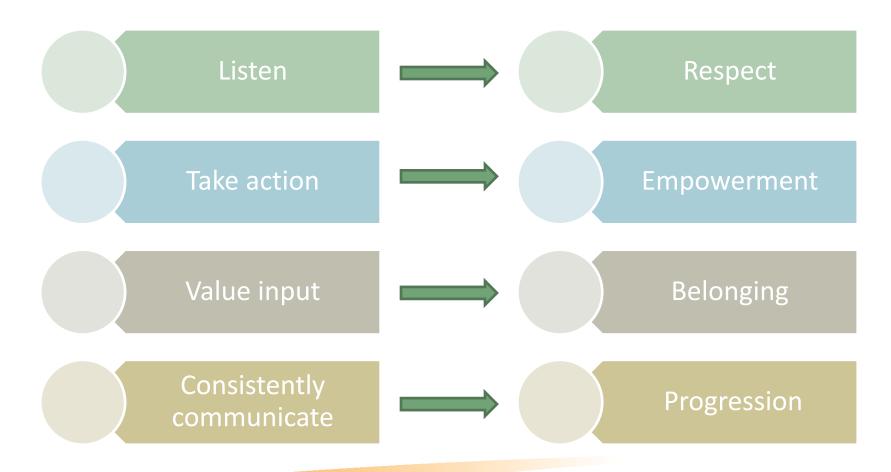
What does inclusion mean to you?

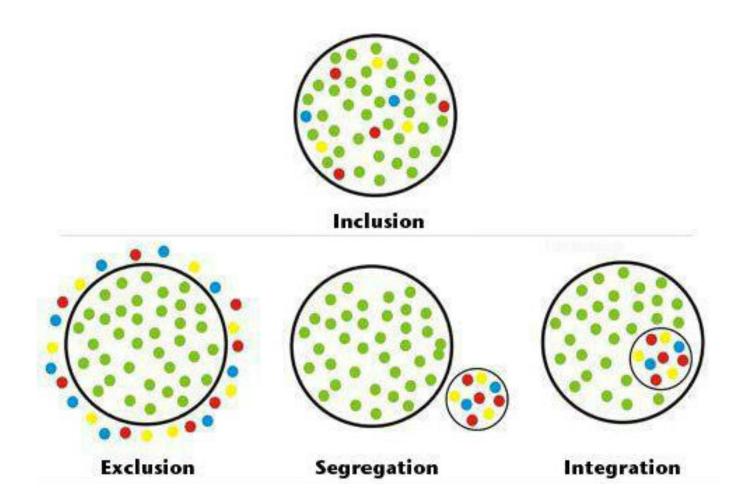
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"Inclusion refers to how diversity is leveraged to create a fair, equitable, healthy, and highperforming organization or community where all individuals are **respected**, **feel engaged and motivated**, and their contributions toward meeting organizational and societal goals are **valued**."

Source: Global Diversity and Inclusion Benchmarks: Standards for Organizations Around the World

Fostering a Culture of Inclusion







INCLUSIVE TRANSIT PLANNING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

"Our decisions about transportation determine much more than where roads or bridges or tunnels or rail lines will be built.

They determine the connections and barriers that people will encounter in their daily lives - and thus how hard or easy it will be for people to get where they need and want to go."



• Elijah Cummings



What kind of planning occurs regarding mobility?

Where are the opportunities to get involved?



Are the opportunities to get involved in planning in general **sufficient**?





2021 Pierce County Coordination Transportation Coalition (PCCTC) Needs Assessment Survey

Need a Ride? Get a Ride!

The <u>Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition (PCCTC)</u> is a dedicated group of people who understand that reliable transportation is important for people to stay independent and healthy in their community.

We want your feedback on how we can improve transportation in Pierce County. Please take five minutes to fill out this brief, anonymous survey. Your answers will help us develop and coordinate transportation services for people with limited or no transportation options.



Are they **inclusive** of people with disabilities and older adults? BARRIERS TO INCLUSION FROM A DISABILITY PERSPECTIVE: EXAMPLES



Space that is not physically accessible

Materials not in accessible formats

Online collection of input that is not accessible

Online forums that lack accessibility

Lack of broad outreach to the disability community

Lack of transportation to participate in planning activities

Lack of pro-active consideration of needs of disability community (e.g., interpreters, captioning, etc.)

What **strategies** for inclusion of people with disabilities in planning have you found to be successful?



CREATING A DISABILITY INCLUSIVE CULTURE



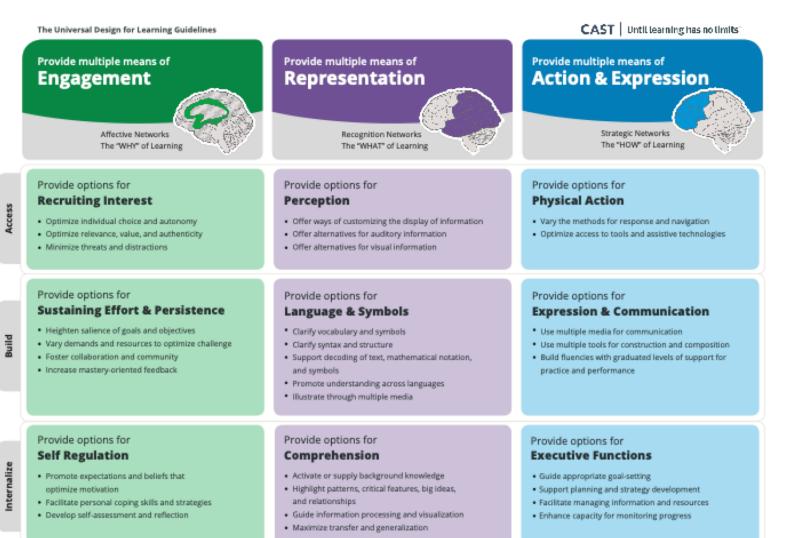
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Information and materials that feature people with disabilities

Specifically noting engagement of persons with disabilities as essential to the planning process

Pro-actively soliciting and welcoming accommodation requests

Universal Design for Learning



Expert learners who are...

Goal

Purposeful & Motivated

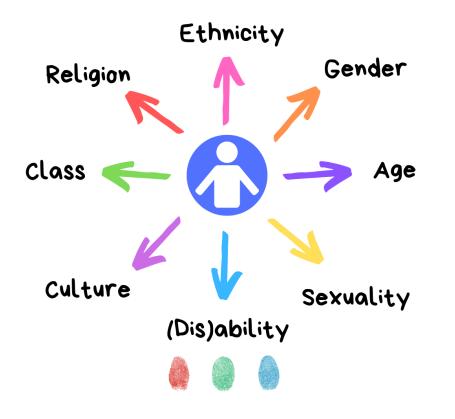
Resourceful & Knowledgeable

Strategic & Goal-Directed

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DISABILITY INCLUSION & INTERSECTIONALITY

Inclusion & Intersectionality: Identity Beyond Disability



Intersectionality highlights each individual's uniqueness based on various identity markers.

Inclusion invites individuals to show up as their full and authentic selves and embraces multiple identities. Inclusive for Whom?: Intersectional Approaches to Disability Inclusion

- Explore intersectional and qualitative data
- Work towards equity
- Improve cultural and linguistic competence
- Adapt to the communities being served
- Leverage partnerships

JOIN US FOR AN UPCOMING VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSSION!

Lessons Learned on Partnerships for Inclusive Transit Planning

Speakers: Joe Bellil, Easterseals Massachusetts; Jaime McKay, TransIT Services of Frederick County Maryland

Monday May 16th - 2:00 to 3:00 PM eastern

Registration is required. Visit www.transitplanning4all.org.



Thank you!

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