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### **DEDICATION**

This training is dedicated to all those who tirelessly work for social change on behalf of others to bridge the gap between what people need and what programs, systems, and organizations are able and willing to provide.

"We will remember you..."



We acknowledge that the movement to end violence has long been rooted in gender but excluded an intersectional lens. We are dedicated to acknowledge this harm and making the changes necessary to effectively address the violence that is in our culture. The movement to end violence against women took shape and primarily evolved within white-dominant structures, systems, and beliefs that perpetuate racial inequities. A deficit of Black and Indigenous voices and leaders within agencies that have directly contributed to this problem. Lack of representation at the national level reinforces the systems that prevent inequities. Black and Indigenous people often experience disparate, inequitable, and punitive pathways to safety, recovery, and healing. It is important for our nation to recognize that not everyone who has sought after safety, recovery, or healing, has had equitable access to their choice of services and supports. We must also acknowledge that these systems have not supported all pathways to safety, recovery, and healing and we need to focus our influence to address equitable access while also addressing anti-racism within national, statewide, and local standards, policies, and practices. For organizational transformation and community healing, we must examine the deeply rooted structures, systems, and beliefs of white supremacy; implement antiracist practices within our agencies strategically, adjusting to suit the needs of each organization; and shift our priorities toward healing centered engagement and practices.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** 

#### INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND IDENTITY

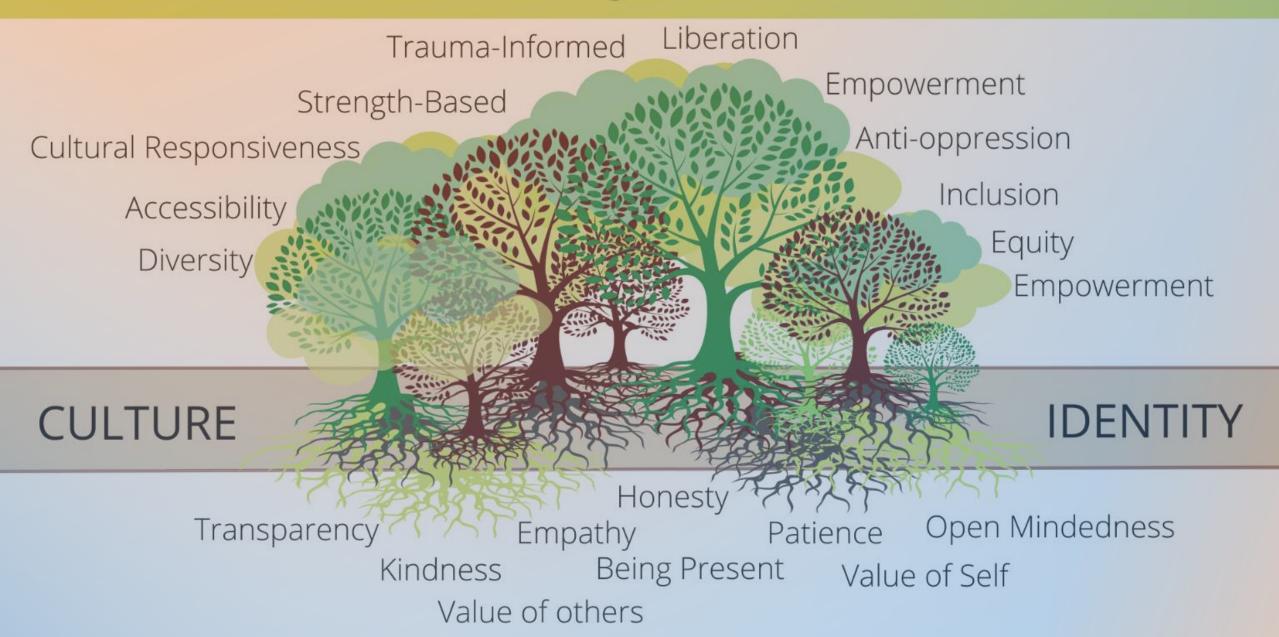
We acknowledge that the land each of us live, learn, and thrive on are the traditional, ancestral, and unceded homelands of Indigenous and tribal nations.

We acknowledge the genocide and systems of oppression that have dispossessed Indigenous people of their lands and we honor and respect the diverse and beautiful peoples still connected to this land.

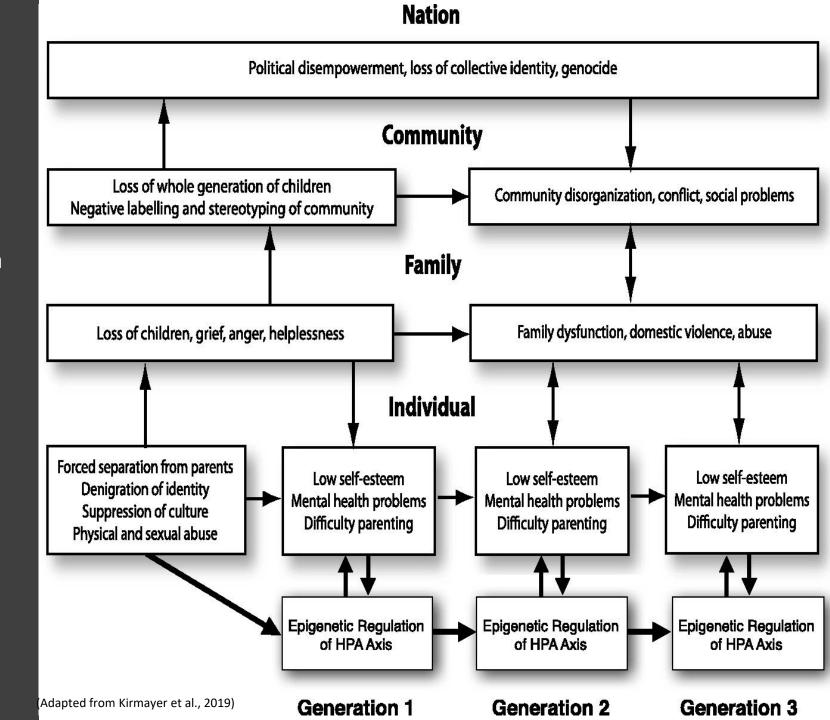
We acknowledge the preservation of our languages, traditions, rituals, and cultural knowledge; and, just as important, the reimagining of our lives through storytelling.

We are more than the harm that has been done to us! We are brilliant, joyful, strong, hilarious, kind, giving, loving, caring, connected, honorable, respectful, gracious, authentic, and thoughtful relatives.

### **Healing Centered**



The diagram depicts some of the hypothetical pathways through which the effects of trauma and loss may be transmitted across generations through processes at multiple levels, including epigenetic alterations of stress response; changes in individuals' psychological well-being, self-esteem, and self-efficacy; family functioning; community integrity and cultural identity; and the continuity of identity and collective efficacy of whole nations or peoples.





# QUESTION: Why is dehumanization and violence so closely connected?

#### **Answer:**

- As social creatures, we're wired to empathize with our fellow human beings, and we get uncomfortable when we see someone suffering.
- Once someone is dehumanized, we usually deny them the consideration, compassion and empathy that we typically give other people.



## The Science

Dehumanization can even affect our brains: When we look at people we've dehumanized, there's less activity in the medial prefrontal cortex, which is the area of the brain responsible for social processing.



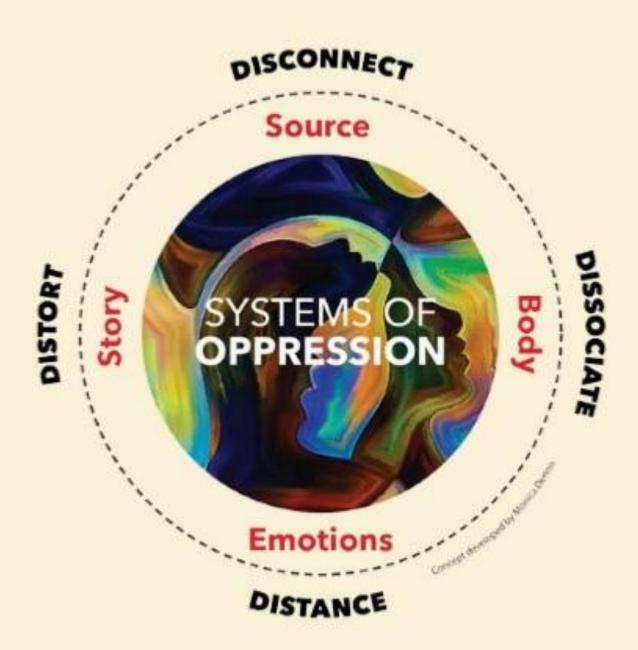
# The Cruel Practices of Using Language to Dehumanize Others

- Holocaust, Jews ......"VERMIN"
- Rwandan genocide, Tutsis ..... "COCKROACHES"
- Associating women to animals ...... Greater tendency to SEXUALLY HARASS & ASSAULT
- Arabian people ......TORTURE, targeting civilians & even bombing entire countries.
- African American people ...... Portrayed as APE-LIKE
- Declaration of Independence ....... Merciless Indian SAVAGES
- Immigrants ......RAPIST, DRUG DEALER, INFESTATION

# Dehumanization

QUESTION: When you hear the word "addiction", what things come to mind?

When people become things, the logic follows, they become dispensable, and any atrocity can be justified.





### Safety to Healing Centered



"Compassion is not a relationship between the healer and the wounded. It's a relationship between equals. Only when we know our own darkness well can we be present with the darkness of others. Compassion becomes real when we recognize our shared humanity." -Pema Chodron

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

-Maya Angelo







#### I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE ME

I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF YOU





