



UnityWorks Training Institute

** What People Are Saying **



The training has been an eye-opener, for me and my staff. I'm really excited about the things we've come away with. Not only will our building and our school be a better place, but as these kids go out in society, I think they're going to make the world a better place.

Luz Juarez-Stump, Principal
Hoover Elementary School



Without addressing what we've been learning this week, we can't really get to the heart of the academic piece. So if we're truly talking about what's best for kids... just like we teach everything else explicitly (reading, math, writing), we also have to teach how to function in the world.

Maria Lucero, Principal
MLK Elementary School



Prior to coming, I thought: a whole week?! Don't they know I have [a lot] to do? I've already had two courses on it, but this training was much more in-depth. It's very relevant. I'm excited. Everyone should have this opportunity. We all have prejudice. We have to make an intentional effort.

Frank Reed, Assistant Principal
Barge-Lincoln Elementary School



I became an educator to help others, UnityWorks has given us the tools. It's definitely a need. I now sense there is hope. We have to address the issues and now we know how.

Alejandra Rodriguez, Assistant Principal
Hoover Elementary School



I'm so glad I went through the weeklong training. It was well worth it. I hope that all staff members have the opportunity to take this training.

Sydney John, Assistant Principal
MLK Elementary School



The rest of my UnityWorks team had gone through the training last summer and came back just enthused! I was an active part of the team this year, but didn't have the benefit of this awesome training. The one thing I didn't catch was that same level of excitement that I now understand. UnityWorks! It really, really does!

Jana Hoberg, English Teacher
Washington Middle School



UnityWorks opened my eyes. Even though I'm young, I can make a difference. Others say I can't, but I can!

Joy Mendoza, Student
Davis High School



I feel confident that we are headed in the right direction.

Sharon Harris, Assistant Principal
Stanton Academy Alternative High School



When I first heard about UnityWorks, I wondered what could we possibly talk about for five days! But I've been amazed. Each topic has been relevant and every day we've learned something new. Everyone in the district should learn about this. It's so valuable!

Arasely Gainer, School Counselor
Davis High School



I came in here with an intellectual lens. Through the experiences this week, it's gone from my brain to my heart."

Craig Olden, Counselor
Hoover Elementary School



I'm now OK with having that difficult conversation. It's changed the way I look at the world. I feel energized and hopeful.

Blanca Garza, Counselor
MLK Elementary School



It's really easy to say, "What if I can't do this? But, what if we *can*?"

Jamie Garcia, Teacher
Hoover Elementary School



Because of this training, my hope in humanity will never be lost.

Edith Godinez, Education Advocate
Educational Service District 105



More Comments From Our Training Participants



"Thank you for giving us hope and tools to be the 'Change' our society needs."
—**Sarita Williams, Principal, Meridian Middle School, Kent, WA**



"You lit a fire in me of which I was not yet aware."
—**Janae Iverson, Spanish Teacher, West Valley High School, Yakima, WA**



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"I am reading about all this anti-Asian activity and I worry that it's not getting any better for the human race. We truly need UnityWorks more than ever."
—**Alan Matsumoto, Principal (retired), Garfield Elementary School, Yakima, WA**



"You have made a huge impact. I have found my purpose again."
—**Relyn Strom, Assistant Principal, Satus Elementary, Wapato, WA**



"It's small groups like us that will make a difference. Racism, classism, sexism... are part of us all I believe. Recognizing these biases, being honest about them and confronting them is the work." —**Craig Church, Principal, Totem Falls Elementary School, Snohomish, WA**



"What an amazing 90 minutes spent with two unbelievably articulate, knowledgeable and skilled presenters around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, today."
—**Priscilla Treviño, Executive Director, Yakima Schools Foundation**



"Thank you so much for an awesome presentation. It was exactly what we were looking for! The work you do will have an impact on our community, our country, and our world for years to come." —**Jamie Shores, Community Engagement Manager, United Way of Central Washington**



"I hope to see such an excellent program expand to schools and districts around our state." —**Kevin Chase, Superintendent, ESD 105**



"The entire workshop was excellent! Anchoring this program is a true understanding of how to start and continue conversations about race. Bravo Team UnityWorks!"
—**Dr. Candace Veacock, Assistant Professor, University of Nottingham, China**