Government Alliance on Race & Equity

A national network of government working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all.

- Core network 155 members and growing!
- ✓ A half-dozen state agencies
- Expanded network 32 states / 150+ cities
- Provide tools to put theory into action



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How is GARE working with government?

We are a membership network of jurisdictions working to achieve racial equity – Our network shares effective practices, tools, and resources to build a national movement for racial equity.

We offer pathways for new jurisdictions to begin racial equity work – An exciting field of practice has developed over the past decade for jurisdictions to utilize: GARE tools and resources positions new jurisdictions for success and support longer-term members deepen and sustain their racial equity work.

We support and build local and regional collaborations that are broadly inclusive and focused on achieving racial equity

– To eliminate racial inequities, it is necessary to develop a collective approach firmly grounded in community. Government can play a key role in collaborations for achieving racial equity, centering community, and leveraging institutional partnerships at the local and regional level.





Who are GARE Members?

GARE Members have made commitments to advancing racial equity across the breadth (all functions) and depth (from frontline staff to appointed and elected leadership) of their jurisdiction.

Core Members are entire jurisdictions who have made this commitment (crossdepartmental, all levels). **Associate Members** are individual offices or departments who have made this commitment.

This commitment can be demonstrated by development and implementation of a **Racial Equity Work Plan**, integration of racial equity into strategic or operational plans, use of a **Racial Equity Tool** in routine decision-making, and/or **adoption of legislation** that describes the jurisdiction's commitment.

Why Government?

GARE's work is underpinned by the knowledge that we will not be able to advance racial equity without the transformation of government into an effective and inclusive democracy. For government to advance racial equity, we must recognize the historical legacy of government having created and maintained racial inequity, explicitly from the foundation of our country, and implicitly for the last half a century. Therefore, GARE strategically builds the capacity of local government to eliminate institutional and structural racism.

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What does it mean for government to "lead with race"?

- Inclusion = access to decision-making, information, & opportunities
- Diversity = representation
- Equity is about *outcomes*
 - We ask a different set of questions
 - We take a holistic approach to strategy
 - We look at root causes

Race focused, but not exclusive

always bring an "intersectional" analysis





Getting started: Self-Assessment Resources with a racial equity lens

- <u>Overview: Racial Equity Impact Assessments</u> (<u>https://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/RF-RacialEquityImpactAssessment-2009.pdf</u>)
- <u>Race Forward: The Workforce Development Racial Equity Readiness Assessment</u> (<u>https://www.raceforward.org/practice/tools/workforce-development-racial-equity-readiness-assessment</u></u>)
- <u>Coalition of Communities of Color Organizational Self Assessment for Racial</u> <u>Equity (https://racc.org/wp-content/uploads/buildingblocks/foundation/CCC%20-%20Tool%20for%20Organizational%20Self-<u>Assessment%20Related%20to%20Racial%20Equity.pdf</u>)
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- <u>Western States Center Organizational Assessment</u> (<u>http://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/westernstates3.pdf</u>)





Member Benefits & Resources







Membership Benefits

- Peer exchange and mentorship
 - Learn from other members, strengthen racial equity practices
- Technical Assistance from experts in the field and cross-sector collaboration with national partners and networks
 - Adapt tools and resources to reflect your daily work and responsibilities
- Visibility and recognition of your racial equity work on GARE blog and newsletter
 - Members should contribute 2-3 blog posts annually
- Administration of an Employee Equity Assessment (Core Members)
- Innovation & Implementation Fund (Core Members)
- Discount on GARE trainings (Core Members)





Resources

- 12 Subject Area Working Groups
 - Sign up for discussion forums and monthly calls with groups such as Public Health, Libraries, Criminal Justice, Arts & Culture, Equitable Development, Human Resources, and more.
- Skill-building webinars and one-on-ones
- Member Portal & Resource Library
- Access to tools including:
 - Racial Equity Toolkit
 - Racial Equity Action Plans
 - Contracting & Procurement
 - Workforce Equity
 - Communicating About Race
 - Equity Core Teams & Offices





Fast Facts: Staying Connected





GARE Steering Committee Meeting Monthly (governance and leadership) GARE Monthly Membership Calls

4th Monday of

every month



Regional Quarterly Calls



Annual Membership Meeting Annually in April

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How should I get involved?

- Create your portal profile, review new member resources, join subject area groups etc.
- Add our Monthly Membership calls to your calendar
- Review the GARE "Using a Racial Equity Toolkit"
- Review the GARE "Building Racial Equity Core Teams Toolkit"

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 Access the REH self-guided "Advancing Racial Equity 101" training and Racial Equity Tool Template

https://racialequityhere.org/resources/



GARE MEMBER PORTAL







The GARE Member Portal is a members-only website with discussion forums, document libraries, and the central scheduling and exchange hub. Core Teams, Steering Committees, Leadership Team, and GARE training participants are eligible to receive profiles.















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Latest Discussion Posts

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Agenda for the May 20th Monthly Membership Call

By: Rachael Wyant , 18 hours ago

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Monthly Membership call on May 20th at 3PM EST. Download the calendar invitation available in the Events Section or copy the zoom information directly from below. EMERGING ISSUE Blueprint for Belonging Curriculum



RE: Community Engagement Framework By: <u>Aimee Kane</u>, 23 hours ago

Hi Phin, The City of Boulder has an engagement framework based off of recommendations from a Public Participation Working Group made up of members of the community as well as International Association of Public Participation Principles. I uploaded it ...

Member Polls

Add poll

Announcements Add

Where can I find presentations from the Anr Membership Meeting?

By: Rachael Wyant , 9 days ago

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Looking for powerpoints and resources from the Annual Membership Meeting the General Member Group Library and find the folder "2019 Membership Me Presentations." We encourage you to upload your presentations if you led a b session in Albuquerque.





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