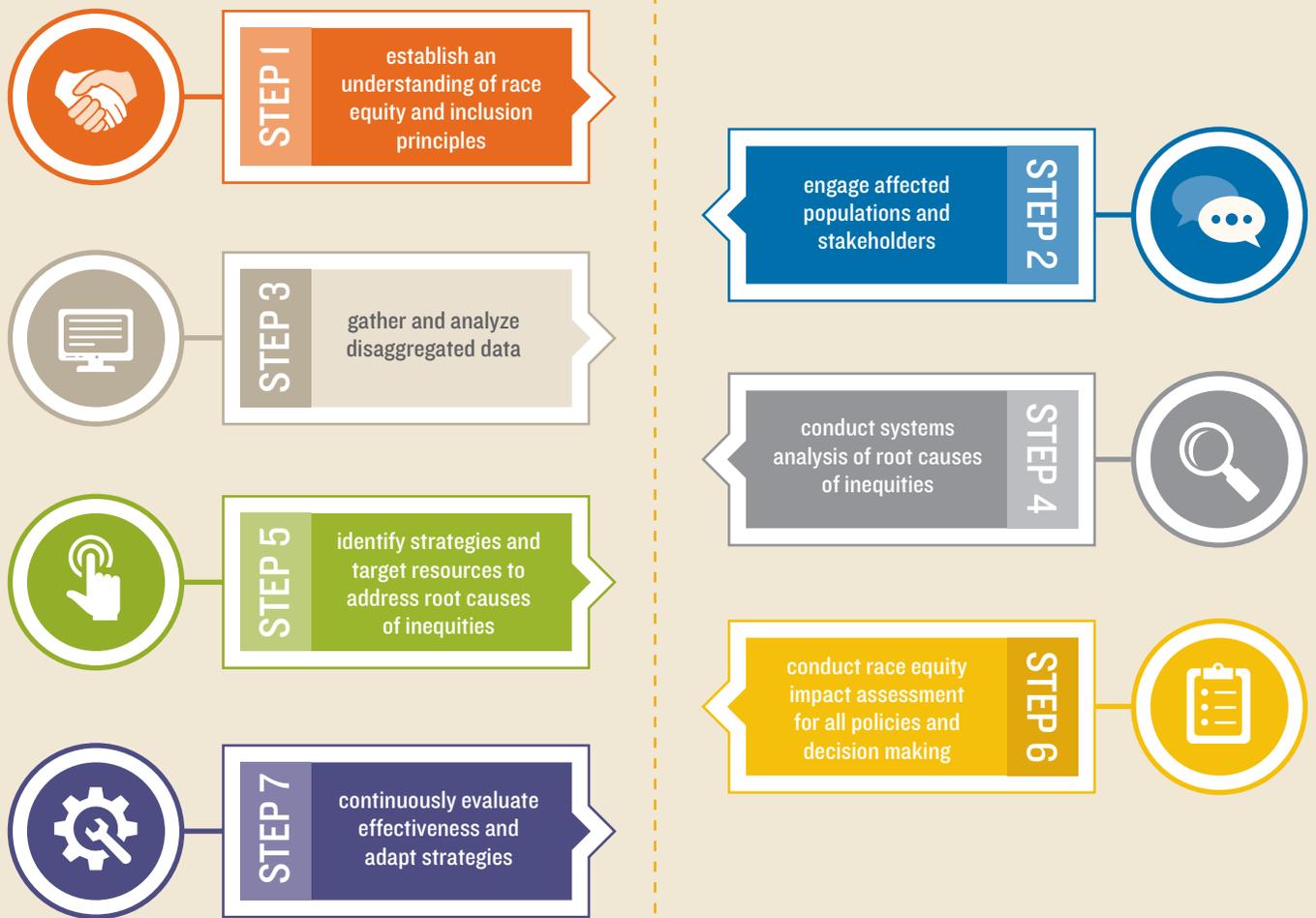


7 KEY STEPS

Advancing race equity and inclusion can sometimes seem daunting and often leaves many wondering how and where to start. The steps in this guide help to provide a clear frame for undertaking this important work.





STEP 5

IDENTIFY STRATEGIES AND TARGET RESOURCES TO ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES OF INEQUITIES

After conducting a systems analysis to identify the root causes of inequities, you can then begin to surface possible strategies and solutions for addressing the problems. Through thoughtful planning and engagement of key stakeholders and partners, you will create ways to shift your investments and resources to move solutions forward that can have transformative impacts on systems and communities.

Organizations and systems should target programs, resources, investments and strategies to those groups of people who are being left behind and to those who need them most. Ideal strategies and investments promote and advance increased opportunities and decrease disparities simultaneously. Racially equitable solutions and policy proposals have an explicit goal of eliminating racial disparities and increasing racial equity. It is tempting to use proxies such as socioeconomic status or place, but race requires specific, distinct and sufficient attention.

Reflect positive and shared values in your proposed solution — such as fairness, justice, equity, inclusion, dignity and unity. Proposed racially equitable solutions need to be

concrete and viable. Effective racial equity strategies should be specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and timely. Be sure your proposal includes realistic mechanisms to attain, sustain and expand success through sufficient funding, staffing, documentation, public reporting, accountability mechanisms and evaluation.

Conscious consideration of racial equity during planning and decision making helps counteract implicit or unconscious bias and prevent negative racial impacts.

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The following questions can help ensure that targeted strategies and investments yield the greatest impact for children, families and communities of color.

1. What racial disparities do you want to eliminate, reduce or prevent?
2. What groups most adversely affected by the current problem do you want to benefit?
3. How can those most adversely affected by the issue be actively involved in solving it?
4. What is a specific change in policy that could help produce more equitable outcomes?
5. How will your proposed solution address root causes and advance systemic change?
6. What change do you ideally want (not just what you would settle for)?
7. What positive principles or shared values are reflected in this proposed reform?
8. Does the proposal have clear goals, plans and timetables for implementation, with sufficient funding, staffing, public reporting, accountability and evaluation?
9. Who can be allies and supporters and how can they be engaged?