THE DATA FOR EQUITY MODEL
Our intersecting identities shape our analyses and assumptions about:

• The people and communities we serve
• What we believe to be equitable outcomes
• How we collect and use people’s data

WHAT WE MEASURE REFLECTS WHAT WE VALUE.
BUT

DATA + GOOD INTENTIONS ≠ EQUITY
To achieve equitable outcomes, we must:

- Be aware of and willing to interrogate our own biases
- Include the experiences of directly affected people when defining equitable outcomes
- Develop equity-specific metrics to assess our efforts

WHAT WE MEASURE ALSO REFLECTS OUR BIASES.
“What works” can mean different things for different groups or people.

Program goals may align with a big vision but lack specifics about the desired change.

Evaluation often excludes the perspective of the people represented by the data, creating a definition of “success” that reinforces bias.

Investments in equity can’t succeed or be sustained if we don’t measure equity outcomes.
THE DATA FOR EQUITY MODEL CREATES:

• A shared vision of success, specific equity goals, and ways to measure them

• **Increased emotional bandwidth** for equity work in your organization

• Clarity about why you collect data, what you do with it, and how it shapes your strategies to achieve equity

• Capacity to work toward broader reductions in racial and ethnic disparities
DATA FOR EQUITY FRAMEWORK COMPONENTS:

LEARNING & DISCOVERY
• Interpersonal/cultural equity assessment
• Shared language
• Data inventory and process maps

GOAL SETTING
• Collective vision including community voice
• Defined equity outcomes
• Clear equity indicators & metrics

COACHING & SKILL BUILDING
• Equity-led data analysis & measurement
• Improved program design & evaluation
• Higher team capacity for equity work
Evident Change is a nonprofit that uses data and research to improve our social systems. We believe our systems should help people achieve their greatest potential, not create barriers to their success.

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