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Stories to Light Our Way

Honor Diversity • Nurture Character • Deter Bullying "Stories have the power to change the world"

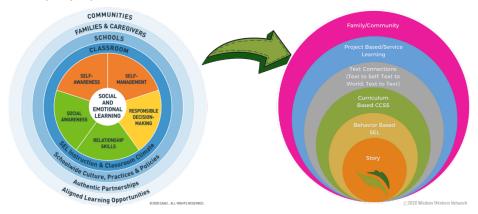
What does inclusive mean to you?

Let us help you welcome students back to a more *inclusive* school climate.

Especially coming off the challenges and stress of remote learning, we combine the much-needed SEL support with equal need to address the State's call for a more Culturally Responsive Framework.

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Using our award winning multi-cultural "Stories to Light Our Way," aligned to both CASEL's (collaborative for social emotional learning) SEL competencies and Character.org's character strengths we can help you simply create a framework for (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion).



What we offer

Award winning multi-cultural wisdom stories with activities and lesson plans aligned w both the SEL competencies and character strengths integrated into CC and next gen ELA standards.

As a stand-alone or compliment to any of your existing SEL/character education frameworks.

Teacher training in using culturally diverse resources to gain another perspective and critical thinking.

Custom alignment with existing school wide "pillars" for building wide affirmation.

Assemblies and small group workshops to make everyone feel welcome and make sure all voices are heard

Leadership team facilitation in best means to include all constituents in a culturally responsive community framework. Help design and facilitate parental engagement opportunities.

How — We will understand what you have in place and help you establish goals — **Simple to implement** as a stand-alone or a complement to any existing program.

Easy to teach approach and integrate into any classroom setting or building wide framework Easily internalized by students

Successful in both urban and rural settings in school, afterschool, and summer programs **Stories connect diverse communities from schools to parents to workplaces**



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We are aligned with these key state and national guidelines (clickable links)

- 1) Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework
- 2) NYS Board of Regents Framework on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in New York's Schools "the danger of a single story"
- 3) The Aspen Institute, How Learning Happens











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We were just featured in SAANYS April newsletter- Good People Doing Good Work -

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Ralph Singh's recent op-eds

 $\underline{https://www.syracuse.com/opinion/2021/01/to-go-from-intolerance-to-inclusion-lets-create-a-shared-narrative-commentary.html}$

https://www.syracuse.com/opinion/2020/06/for-an-inclusive-society-teach-our-children-a-new-story-commentary.html



We are a proud Fetzer Institute partner. Fetzer, was the original funder of Daniel Goleman's research in Emotional Intelligence, and the original convener and funder of CASEL which they continue to fund today.

We help children find their stories then go out and change the story of the world ~ Ralph Singh, Chair of Wisdom Thinkers Network