

#### Difficult Conversations & Conflict Resolution

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#### **Check-In**



# **Considering Context**

- Personal power & privilege
- Institutional positionality
- Relationship





#### Silence Breakers (Nailah & DiAngelo, 2013)

- I'm really nervous/scared/incomfortable to say this...and/but...
- It feels risky to say this and/but...
- I'm not sure if this will make any sense, and/but...
- This is what I understand you to be saying...Is that accurate?



# **Active Listening**







### **I** Statements

I feel \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_ and I want to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Emotion
- Present situation
  - Impact
  - Solution





# **Emotion Regulation**

- Grounding Skills
- Timeout
- Mindfulness
- Self Awareness





# **Questions or Clarifications?**



#### Practice