



## UnityWorks Training Institute

### \*\* What People Are Saying \*\*



The training has been an eye-opener, for me and my staff. I'm really excited about the things we've come away with. Not only will our building and our school be a better place, but as these kids go out in society, I think they're going to make the world a better place.

**Luz Juarez-Stump, Principal**  
**Hoover Elementary School**



Without addressing what we've been learning this week, we can't really get to the heart of the academic piece. So if we're truly talking about what's best for kids... just like we teach everything else explicitly (reading, math, writing), we also have to teach how to function in the world.

**Maria Lucero, Principal**  
**MLK Elementary School**



Prior to coming, I thought: a whole week?! Don't they know I have [a lot] to do? I've already had two courses on it, but this training was much more in-depth. It's very relevant. I'm excited. Everyone should have this opportunity. We all have prejudice. We have to make an intentional effort.

**Frank Reed, Assistant Principal**  
**Barge-Lincoln Elementary School**



I became an educator to help others, UnityWorks has given us the tools. It's definitely a need. I now sense there is hope. We have to address the issues and now we know how.

**Alejandra Rodriguez, Assistant Principal**  
**Hoover Elementary School**



I'm so glad I went through the weeklong training. It was well worth it. I hope that all staff members have the opportunity to take this training.

**Sydney John, Assistant Principal**  
**MLK Elementary School**



The rest of my UnityWorks team had gone through the training last summer and came back just enthused! I was an active part of the team this year, but didn't have the benefit of this awesome training. The one thing I didn't catch was that same level of excitement that I now understand. UnityWorks! It really, really does!

**Jana Hoberg, English Teacher**  
**Washington Middle School**



UnityWorks opened my eyes. Even though I'm young, I can make a difference. Others say I can't, but I can!

**Joy Mendoza, Student**  
**Davis High School**



I feel confident that we are headed in the right direction.

**Sharon Harris, Assistant Principal**  
**Stanton Academy Alternative High School**



When I first heard about UnityWorks, I wondered what could we possibly talk about for five days! But I've been amazed. Each topic has been relevant and every day we've learned something new. Everyone in the district should learn about this. It's so valuable!

**Arasely Gainer, School Counselor**  
**Davis High School**



I came in here with an intellectual lens. Through the experiences this week, it's gone from my brain to my heart."

**Craig Olden, Counselor**  
**Hoover Elementary School**



I'm now OK with having that difficult conversation. It's changed the way I look at the world. I feel energized and hopeful.

**Blanca Garza, Counselor**  
**MLK Elementary School**



It's really easy to say, "What if I can't do this? But, what if we *can*?"

**Jamie Garcia, Teacher**  
**Hoover Elementary School**



Because of this training, my hope in humanity will never be lost.

**Edith Godinez, Education Advocate**  
**Educational Service District 105**

## **Additional Comments from Participant Evaluations**

- This was an amazing week. Time well spent!
- A week of insight and world changing knowledge!
- Best professional development I ever attended! I want more!
- All teachers and administrators should take this course.
- I felt empowered. I left feeling hopeful!!!
- These are topics that people believe they know about, only to come to the realization that it wasn't even close.
- I now have the tools to engage with my students about their culture and life.
- In its approach, content, organization, pacing, tone and relevant, immediate and practical applicability, UnityWorks' Summer Diversity Training Institute made the mark!
- Most times when I go to a training, I'm "spent" by the end of the day. I felt energized.
- This week has been very powerful and inspiring for the upcoming school year.
- The work you are doing is truly transformational!

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