# Continuum on Becoming an Anti-Racist Multicultural Organization

## MONOCULTURAL ==> MULTICULTURAL ==> ANTI-RACIST ==> ANTI-RACIST MULTICULTURAL

Racial and Cultural Differences Seen as Deficits ==> Tolerant of Racial and Cultural Differences ==> Racial and Cultural Differences Seen as Assets

#### **Exclusive**

# An Exclusionary Institution

- Intentionally and publicly excludes or segregates African Americans, Native Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans
- Intentionally and publicly enforces the racist status quo throughout institution
- Institutionalization of racism includes formal policies and practices, teachings, and decision making on all levels
- Usually has similar intentional policies and practices toward other socially oppressed groups such as women, gays and lesbians, Third
  World citizens, etc.
- Openly maintains the dominant group's power and privilege

#### 2. Passive

## A "Club" Institution

- Tolerant of a limited number of "token" People of Color and members from other social identify groups allowed in with "proper" perspective and credentials.
- May still secretly limit or exclude People of Color in contradiction to public policies
- Continues to intentionally maintain white power and privilege through its formal policies and practices, teachings, and decision making on all levels of institutional life
- Often declares, "We don't have a problem."
- Monocultural norms, policies and procedures of dominant culture viewed as the "righ" way" business as usual"
- Engages issues of diversity and social justice only on club member's terms and within their comfort zone.

## 3. Symbolic Change

# A Compliance Organization

- Makes official policy pronouncements regarding multicultural diversity
- Sees itself as "nonracist" institution with open doors to People of Color
  - Carries out intentional inclusiveness efforts, recruiting "someone of color" on committees or office staff
- Expanding view of diversity includes other socially oppressed groups

#### *But...*

- "Not those who make waves"
- Little or no contextual change in culture, policies, and decision making
- Is still relatively unaware of continuing patterns of privilege, paternalism and control
- Token placements in staff positions: must assimilate into organizational culture

### 4. Identity Change

Growing understanding of racism as barrier to effective diversity