



Perceptions and Value Basic Education for Adults (BEaA)

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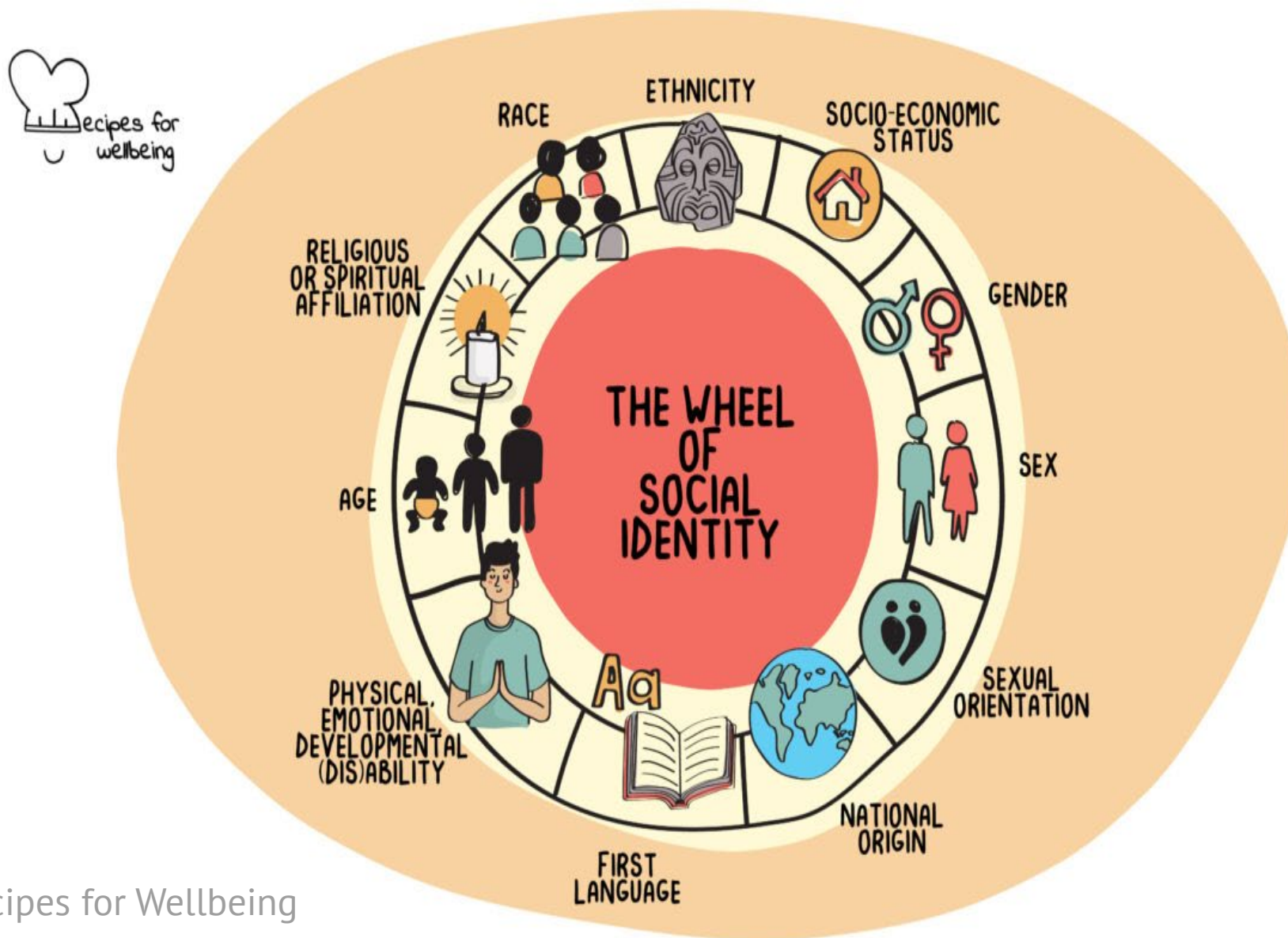
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TODAY WE WILL

- Unpack, understand and shift the value proposition of BEdA.
- Highlight how and why Adult Education is a form of Social and Economic Justice.
- Engage in Re-Education by arranging a timeline of Adult Education in America.
- Commit to creating collaborative partnerships that integrate BEdA providers across our system, colleges and departments.

Wheel of Social Identity



Just to be Here

What are you giving up to be here at the Alliance Meeting?

How does privilege allow you to attend?

What can't you put aside during this convening?

What resources might you need to remain engaged in this work and focused in this space?



For the promise of an education

What do you know about the Basic Education
for Adults programming in Washington?

Nancy Livingston Bates Technical College





Starting with Re-Education; Situating AE History

Timeline of Higher Education/ Adult Education

- Cartwright, M. A. (1945). *The History of Adult Education in the United States*.
- Dancy, Edwards, & Davis. (2018). *Historically white universities and plantation politics: Anti-blackness and higher education in the black lives matter era*
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GUIDING QUESTIONS – TIMELINE HIGHER EDUCATION

1. What are some historical and other factors that have aided in the continued operation of and growth of **public higher education**?
2. Who and what have benefited the most from this continued strength and spread?
3. What are some of the equity issues within higher education?



For the promise of an education

What are the perceptions of adult learners in Basic Education for Adults programs?

For the promise of an education

What do you know or have heard that our adult learners must often give up to attend BEdA programs within our state?



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Centering WA Adult Learners

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SBCTC VISION

Leading with racial equity, our colleges maximize student potential and transform lives within a culture of belonging that advances racial, social, and economic justice in service to our diverse communities.

VISION OF BEdA

To advance racial and economic justice, Basic Education for Adults provides equitable programming for all Washingtonians to realize their potential as they launch on a supported college and career pathway to living-wage employment and strengthen the vitality of their communities.

How We Got Here

- Federal investment in adult education
 - 1966 Adult Education Act, 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- State vision for adult education
 - 1967 Community College Act, 1991 update brought in adult education, 2010 affirmed I-BEST as a leading strategy.

Federal Legislative Notes

- **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (2014):**
 - Create a partnership among the Federal Government, States, and localities to provide adult education and literacy activities.



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FOR THE PROMISE OF AN EDUCATION

How has your perception surrounding BEdA students and/or programming shifted, expanded, or changed?

CALL TO ACTION



- How have you collaborated with your Basic Education for Adults team?
- Is there a pathway into your program that begins with Basic Education for Adults programs?



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Thank you!