



2019 Symposium:
Policy Applications of a Racial Equity Lens
Creating More Equitable Policies for an Economically Vibrant Maryland

Date: Friday, November 15, 2019 | Time: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm | Location: Newton White Mansion
 Dress for Speakers & Attendees: Business Casual

Description: *In America, policymakers have always used a racial lens, either explicitly or implicitly. Use of a “Racial Equity Lens” in policy has positive impacts on effectiveness, societal trust, and outcomes. This symposium will support policymakers in the following ways:*

- *Understanding the need for and benefits of using a racial equity lens in creating more equitable policies for Maryland;*
- *Exploring the impacts of using a racial equity lens on fiscal policy;*
- *“Connecting the dots” regarding impact on Maryland residents; and*
- *Hearing from legislators and administrators who are working to incorporate a Racial Equity Lens in policy about the barriers, challenges, and opportunities.*

9:30 am – 10:00 am	Check-in and Coffee
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Welcome and Introduction
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Overview of Racial Lens in Policy/How More Impactful Policy is Created <i>Representatives from Associated Black Charities and a member of the Maryland General Assembly will give a summary of how policy has been racialized and will lead attendees in the exploration of the impact of “targeted universalism” in policy and the gains from using a Racial Equity Lens.</i>
11:15 am – 11:30 am	Break
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	Economic Impact of Applying a Racial Equity Lens to State and County Fiscal Decisions <i>This session will explore the costs of not using a racial equity lens in budgeting, as well as the benefits of using one. Also, representatives from The Maryland Center on Economic Policy will also offer a blueprint for policymakers interested in applying a racial equity lens to their County budgets.</i>
12:15 pm – 12:30 pm	Break – Lunch Buffet
12:30 pm – 1:15 pm	Deep Dive Into the Human Impact of Hunger <i>Led by representatives from Maryland Hunger Solutions, The National League of Cities, and Montgomery County, this session walks participants through a framework of creating effective national/local coalitions that center a racial equity lens in advocating for more humane and impactful policy solutions using the issue of hunger as a model.</i>
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	Roundtable Discussions <i>Participants from rural and urban counties will share their experiences in bringing a Racial Equity Lens to policy.</i>
2:00 pm	Adjournment

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