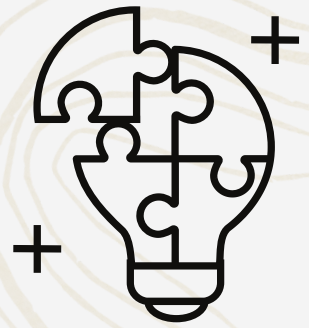




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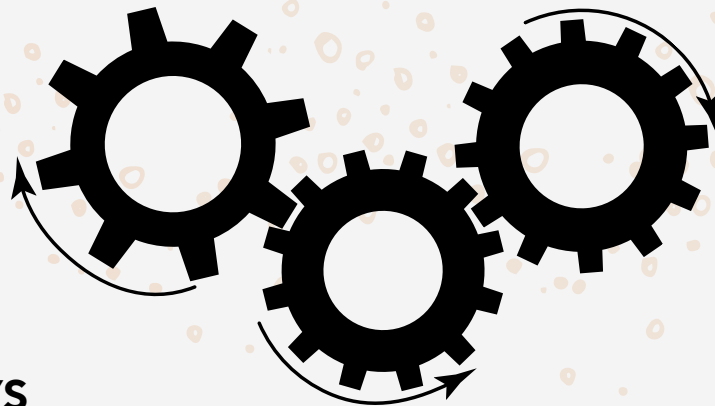
Black SEL & Innovation

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SESSION DESCRIPTION

The time for innovation is now. Here's why...

The time is now to innovate because the old way is not meeting the needs of all students (and staff too). In this breakout session, hear why the time is now to shift away from antiquated practices, which are rooted in deficit thinking. You will learn how to begin recognizing and responding to the unmet needs of Black youth. Importantly, you will hear practical strategies of how to meet the unmet needs of Black youth through innovative practices. You will leave this session energized, inspired, and ready to move toward action.



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The “old way” relies upon identifying and leveraging the worst in people. The old way prioritizes a person's weaknesses and deficits.
- The new way is a more strength-based approach.
- It recognizes and responds to the needs of people.
- Innovation means nothing without action. Creativity is thinking up new things. Innovation is doing new things.
- You can innovate by starting within your sphere of control and then scaling to your sphere of influence.
- Most importantly, innovation in the space of SEL comes from these three things:
 - Recognizing and responding to the needs of people (it's human-centered)
 - Fixing injustices, not kids... We must systemically disrupt inequities at scale
 - Black Innovation is elevating youth voices, designing equitably, taking action

