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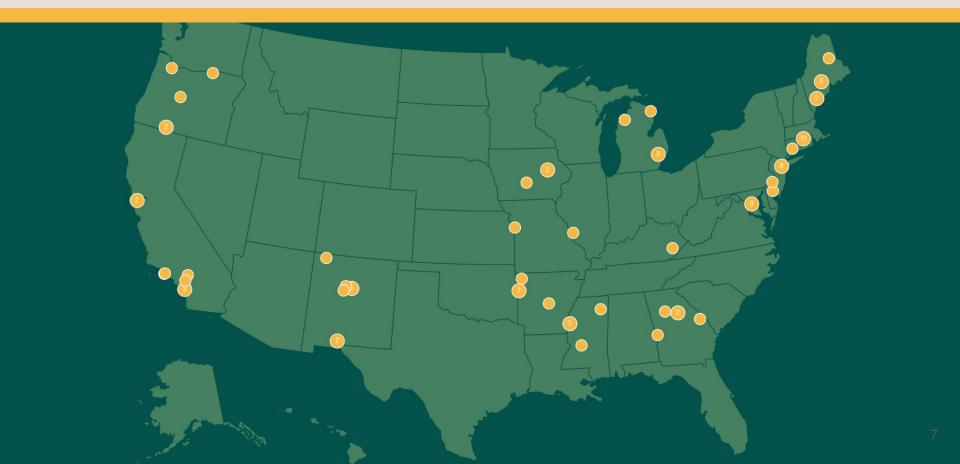
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FoodCorps currently serves more than 250 schools and districts in 16 states and the District of Columbia.



The Lasting Impact



78%

of schools have received taste tests of new menu items in the cafeteria



94%

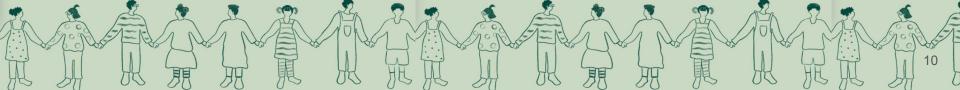
of schools have received support for over 350 school gardens At FoodCorps, we recognize that food access in the United States is rooted in racism.

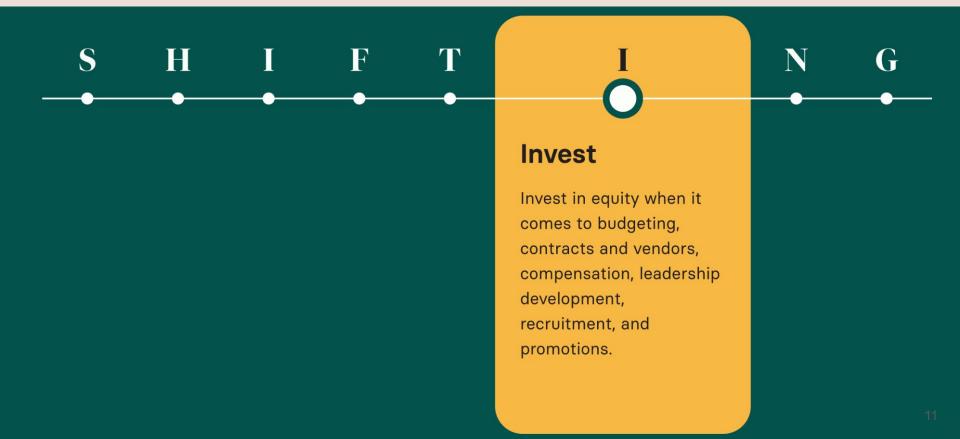


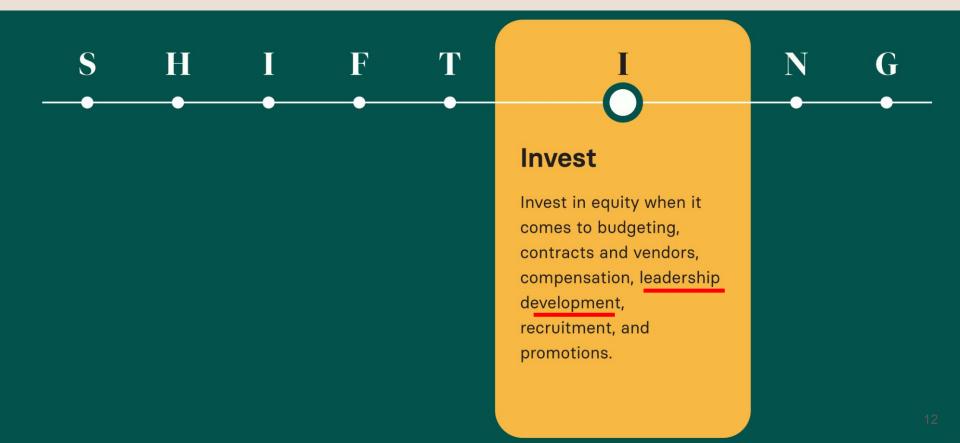
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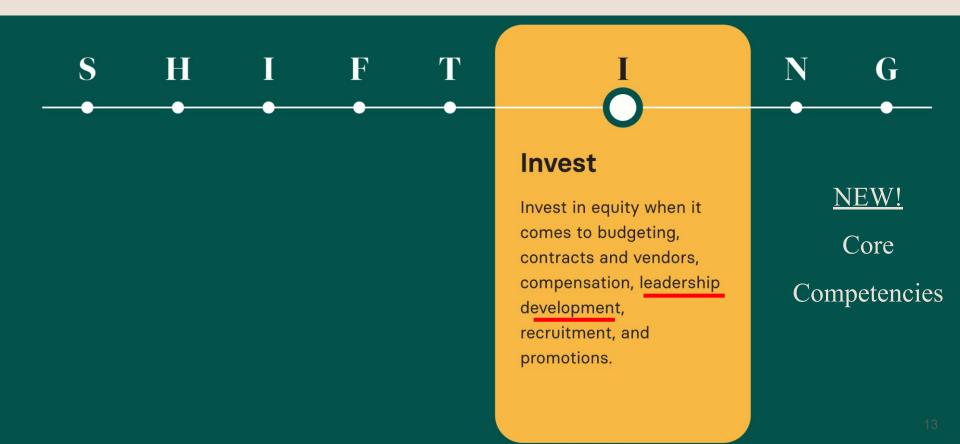
Our work will directly contribute to dismantling systems of racist oppression, particularly as they affect education and food access. We will continue to provide our entire staff and service corps with the education and tools to recognize and interrupt internalized, interpersonal, and systemic racism and set an expectation that they will put the tools to use as a measure of success.

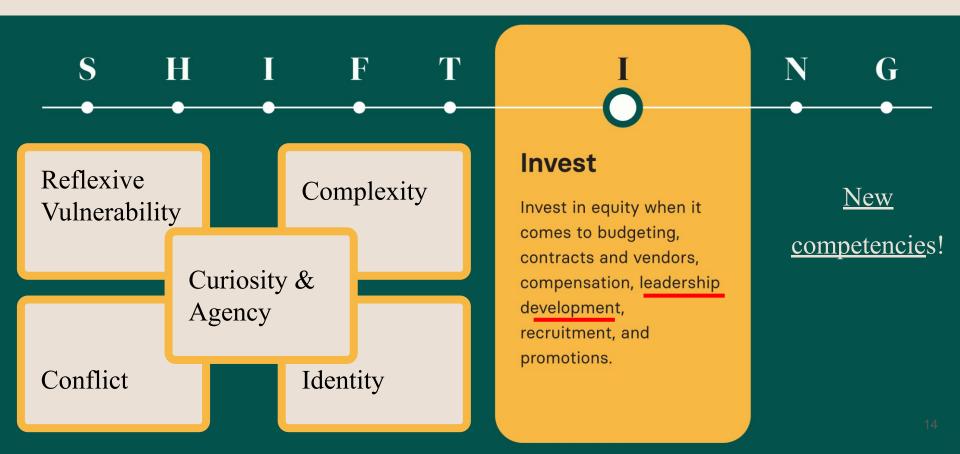
We recognize that the authentic pursuit of justice must shift every day as the world changes around us. The resources we've created for equity, diversity, and inclusion require our own commitment to **S.H.I.F.T.I.N.G.** We created a resource based on that word to guide us in our work, relationships, and decision-making, and to help us keep these commitments front and center:











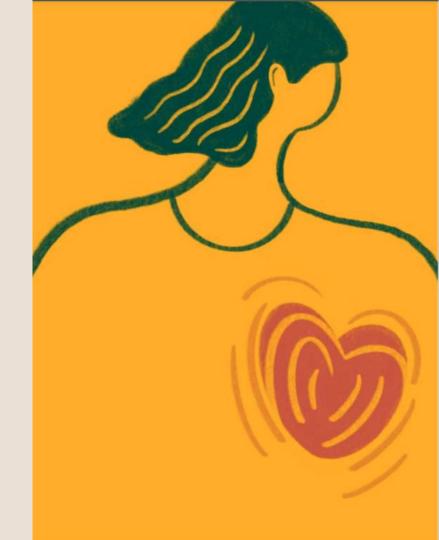
Engage in (reflect) Reflexive vulnerability by noticing how my presence and perspective influence my actions, knowledge, and the experiences I create in the world [with/and for others].

Manage complexity by holding the "both/ands" within humanity, efficacy and accountability.

Engage in conflict to make room for transformation.

Build awareness and understanding of my identity.

Lead with curiosity and agency.



Food is a pathway to justice.



FoodCorps uses an outdated performance measuring process that is not aligned to new organizational competencies, which are rooted in liberation and anti-racist pedagogy.



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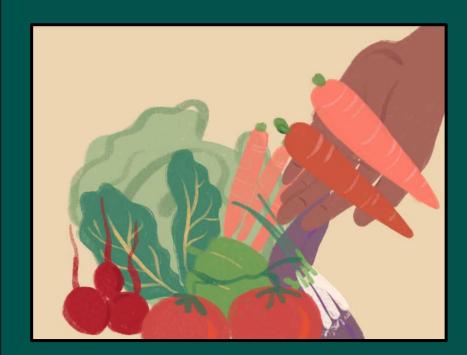
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Buckets of Literature:

- What are the quality components of a performance framework?
- How do organizations ensure staff
 buy-in in a performance framework?
- What are the processes for implementing anti-racist pedagogy in organizations?

Performance
management systems are
used to make
administrative decisions
in fair and consistent
ways.



The cooperation of constituents across an org can dictate the degree of success of a new policy. Regardless of hierarchical structure, relationships within an organization must be collaborative in nature.



When employees don't trust a tool, or don't agree with what the tool is measuring they tend to have hostile attitudes about performance evaluations.



Power and meaning directly affect change willingness. The more influence an employee has on change, the more their feelings of powerlessness decrease.



Advancing anti-racist work in organizations can be riddled with barriers that counter the initiatives organizations intend to implement company wide.



Power wielding people, generally white people, must actively work to dismantle the racist systems in which we live and work.



Conceptual Framework

Food Corps Guiding Anti-Racist Ideas



Food Corps Practices



- FoodCorps Values
- FoodCorps Competencies
- FoodCorps S.H.I.F.T.I.N.G. Ideology
- Continuum on Becoming an Anti-Racist Multicultural Organization

- Organizational Leadership
- Professional Development x
- Performance Framework

Food Corps as a

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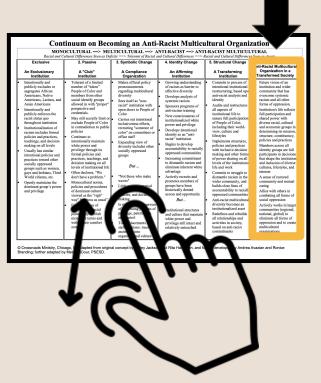
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Exclusive An Exclusionary Institution	2. Passive A "Club" Institution	3. Symbolic Change A Compliance Organization	4. Identity Change An Affirming Institution	5. Structural Change A Transforming Institution	6. Fully Inclusive Anti-Racist Multicultural Organization in a Transformed Society	
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	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 "figh" way" business as usual" Engages issues of diversity and social justice only on club member's terms and within their comfort zone.	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		making and other forms of power sharing on all levels of the institutions life and work Commits to struggle to dismantle racism in the wider community, and builds clear lines of accountability to racially oppressed communities Anti-racist multicultural diversity becomes an institutionalized asset	overcome systemic racism and all other forms of oppression. Institution's life reflects full participation and shared power with diverse racial, cultural and economic oraups in determining a sion, structure, coms acticy, policies and practices Members acro all identity group are full participants il locisions that shape the institution, and inclusion of diverse cultures, life yles, and interest A sense community and mu all caring	

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Fully Inclusive Anti-Racist Multicultural Organization in a Transformed Society



Institution's life reflects full participation and shared power with diverse racial, cultural and economic groups in determining its mission, structure, constituency, policies and practices.

Future vision of an institution and wider community that has overcome systemic racism and all other forms of oppression.

Members across all identity groups are full participants in decisions that shape the institution, and inclusion of diverse cultures, lifestyles, and interest.

Allies with others in combating all forms of social oppression.

A sense of restored community and mutual caring.

Actively works in larger communities (regional, national, global) to eliminate all forms of oppression and to create multicultural organizations.

FoodCorps Pulse Survey

Total Number of Survey Questions



Survey Questions
Directly Related to
Competencies

Response Rate

Over the course of 2 weeks, 65 of 94 participants completed the survey.



Categorizing Survey Questions into Research Questions

Research Question	Total No. Likert Scale Survey Questions
Comprehension : What are FoodCorps employees' comprehensive understandings of FoodCorps initiatives in alignment to their mission and vision?	7
Inclusivity: What perceptions do FoodCorps employees have about what is needed to embrace a culture of anti-racism and liberation?	7
Experiences: What are the experiences of FoodCorps employees in relation to their work and the roles they serve?	14
Receptive : How receptive are FoodCorps employees to change as new interpretations of their mission and vision are enacted?	3

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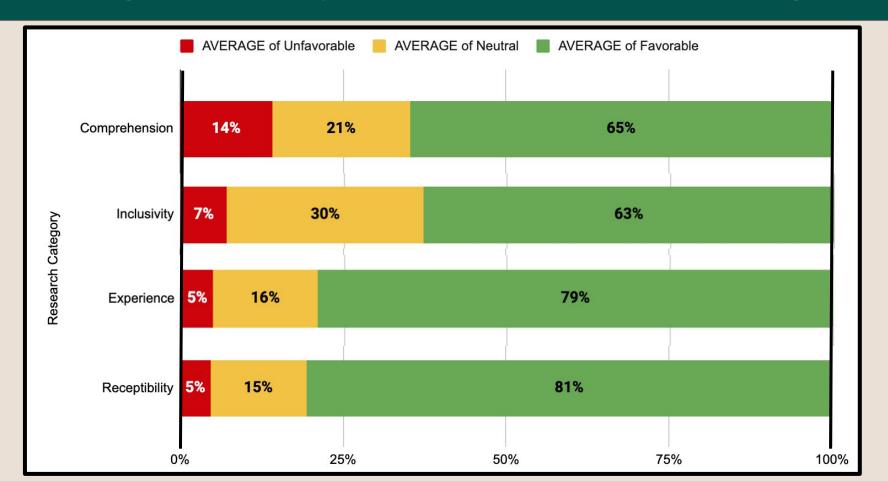


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Average Favorability Across Research Question Categories



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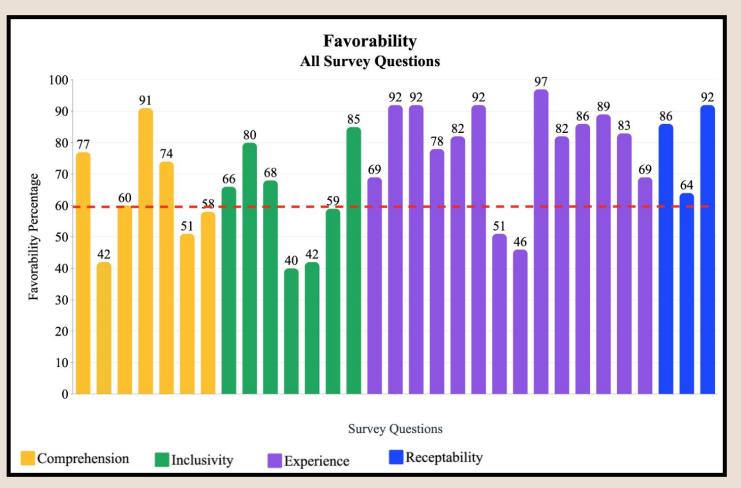




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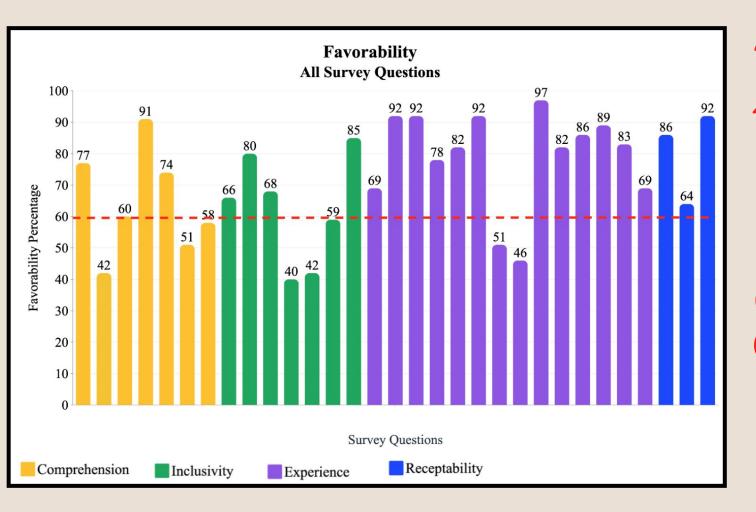


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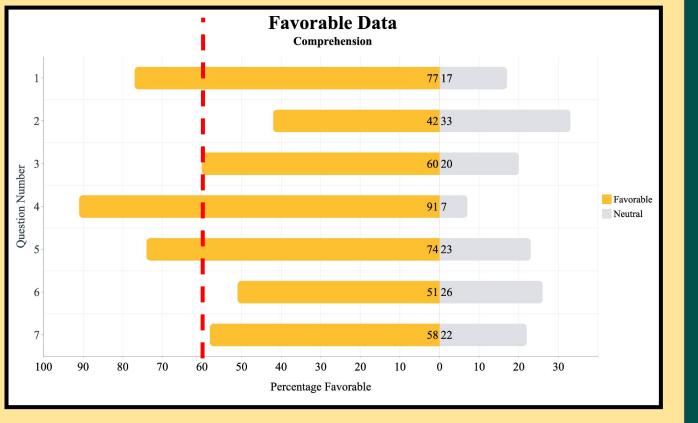


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Comprehension: What are FoodCorps employees' comprehensive understandings of FoodCorps initiatives in alignment to their mission and vision?



91% | I have a clear understanding of our org values.

74% | I understand what being a justice organization means for our work.

51% | I have a clear understanding of our new org competencies.



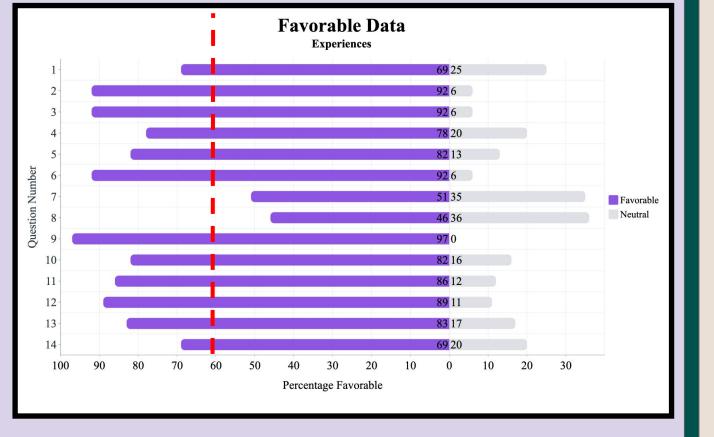
Inclusivity: What perceptions do FoodCorps employees have about what is needed to embrace a culture of anti-racism and liberation?



85% | I feel personally aligned with our org values.

80% | I have the tools to identify and address interpersonal racism in my workplace.

68% | I have the tools to identify and address structural racism in my workplace.



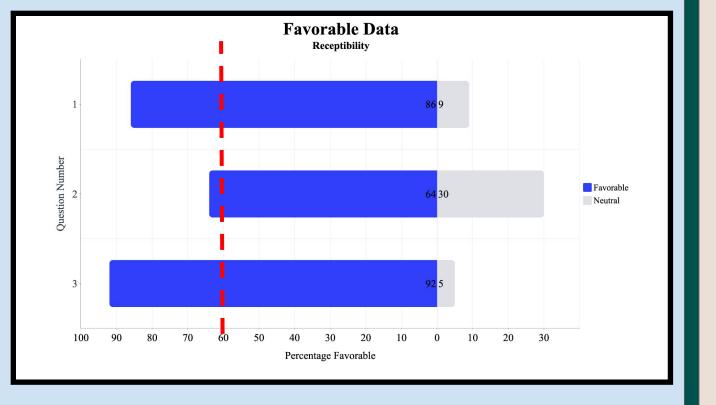
Experiences: What are the experiences of FoodCorps employees in relation to their work and the roles they serve?



97% | My manager/supervisor makes the effort to get to know me and what I uniquely bring to FoodCorps.

92% | I am proud to work for FoodCorps.

92% | When at work, I feel like I am part of a team.



Receptibility: How receptive are FoodCorps employees to change as new interpretations of their mission and vision are enacted?



92% | I feel justice is the right positioning for FoodCorps' mission, vision, values, and activities to achieve 2030 goals.

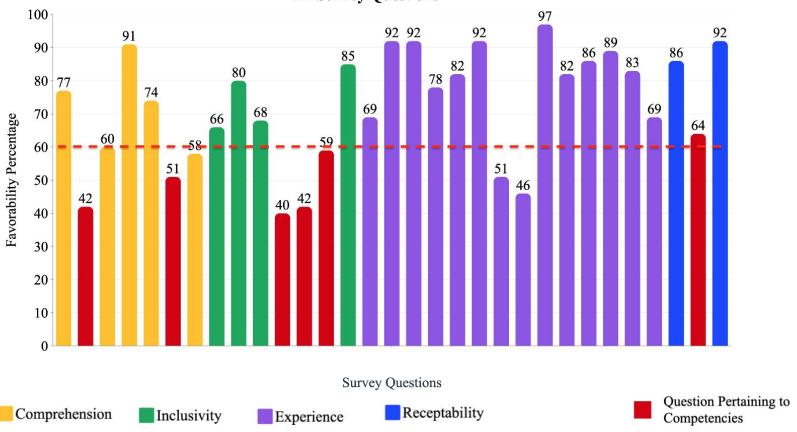
86% | I know what I need to do to be successful in my role.

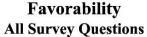
64% | I agree with FoodCorps choice of competencies.

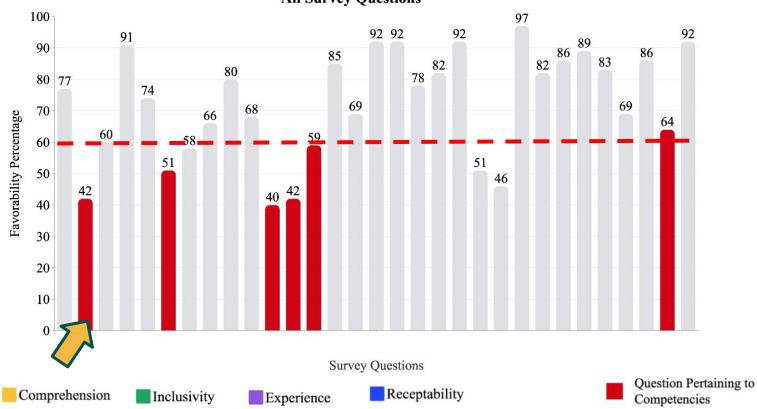
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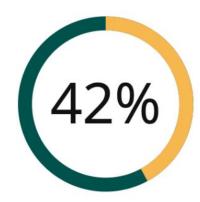
Understanding organizational culture to inform the design of a performance framework, based on competencies that are rooted in liberation and anti-racist pedagogy.

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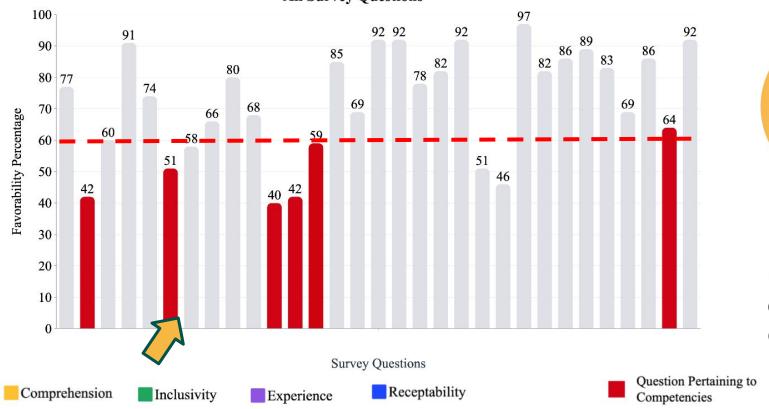


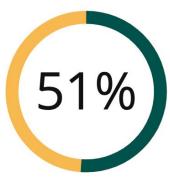




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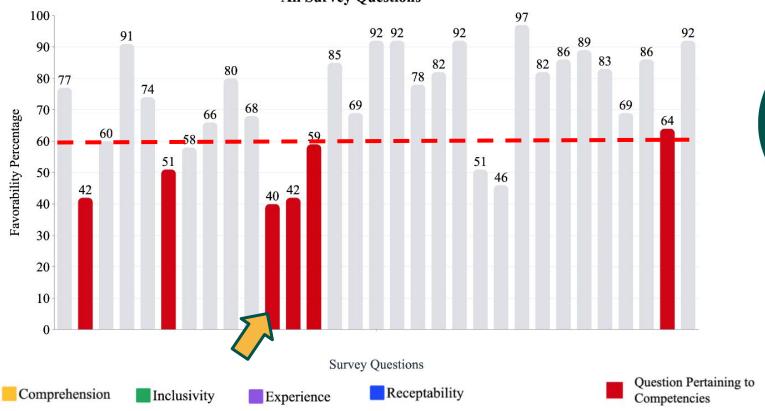
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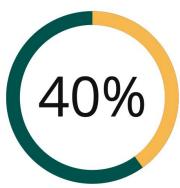




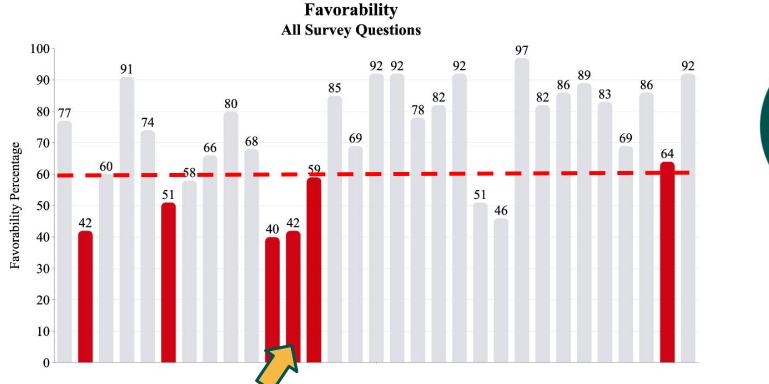
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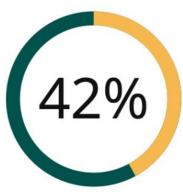
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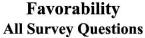
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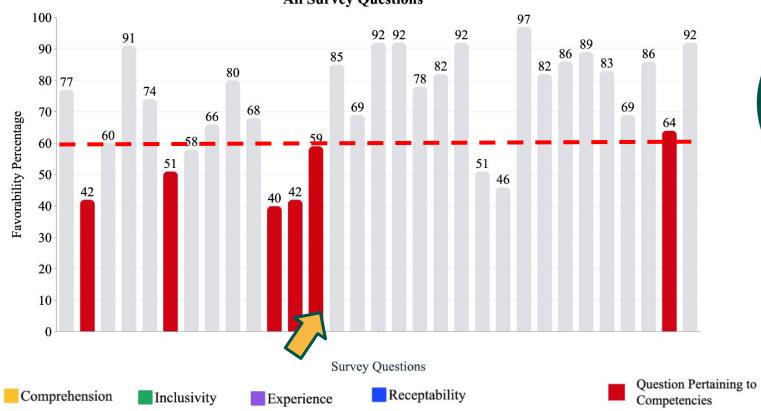


I have the resources I need to engage with the competencies.

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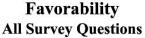
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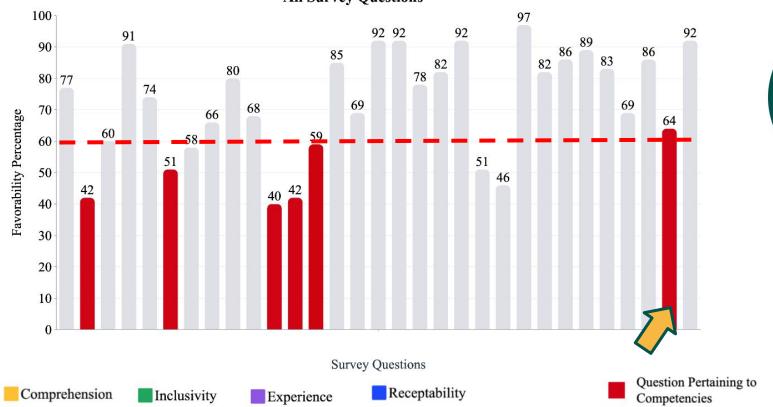


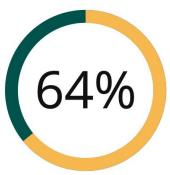




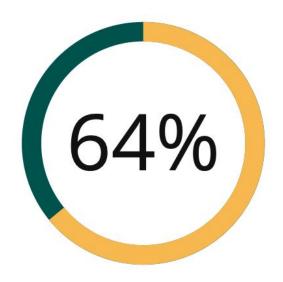
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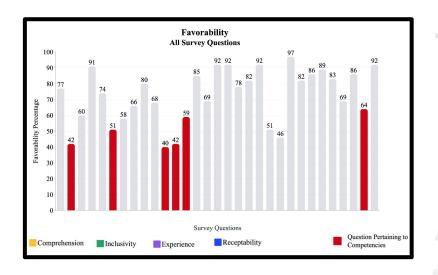
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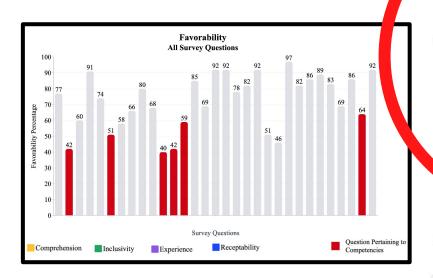


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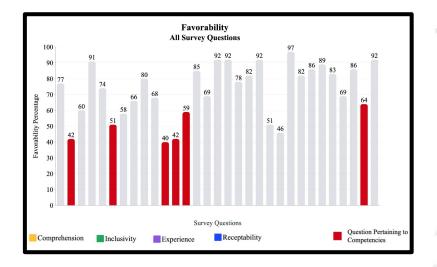
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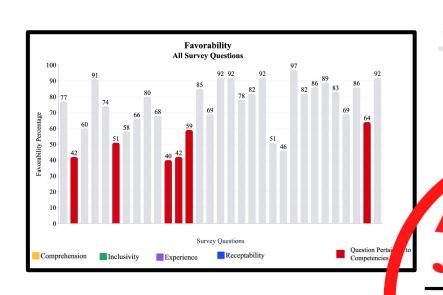
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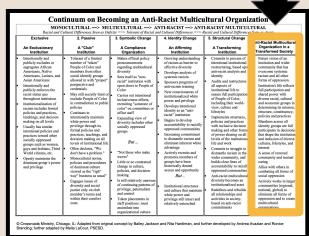
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