

# April Care Package

Partnerships for Culturally Relevant Learning



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## Bite (5-10 minutes)

### Quick watch or read:



Check out some of the bite size resources below! Choose a video or article around how culture impacts student learning and development. Reflect on how your own culture has impacted you as a learner and educator. How are our students influenced and what can we do to incorporate and make space for their cultural identities in our classrooms?

### Video

- [Introduction to Culturally Relevant Pedagogy | Learning for Justice](#)

### Article

- [Your brain on culture \(apa.org\)](#)
- [UCLA Researchers Show That Culture Influences Brain Cells | UCLA Health](#)

### Ask Yourself

- How might I share this information and practice with my colleagues?
- What ways might you already embrace and engage in culturally relevant learning?
- What community partners might be able to help expand my own understanding?

## Snack (30 minutes)

### Option 1: Listen and Reflect – Falling into Belief

- [Young & Indigenous: S2 | Ep. 005 | Falling into Belief on Apple Podcasts](#)
- Listen to this episode created by Tribal youth looking for and creating an outlet to “express opinions, voice ideas and concerns, and share stories that have been, until now, untold. ”



### Option 2: Listen and Reflect – Clam Jam

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### Reflect

- How can you leverage cultural belief and identities to create stronger community among your students?



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- YAI states: “By listening to the voices of our ancestors, we are reclaiming our narrative and preserving our way of life” how might this belief connect with other students or learners you interact with?
- How might this insight into cultural knowledge help you as the educator create understanding/relationships with your students, families, community?

## Meal (90 minutes +)

### Engage & Reflect: Culturally Responsive Curriculum Scorecard

#### A Self-Reflective Approach to Culturally Responsive Material



“The Culturally Responsive Curriculum Scorecards were developed collaboratively by NYC parents, students, educators and researchers, as a tool to help determine the extent to which curricula are (or are not) culturally responsive.” [Culturally Responsive Curriculum Scorecard - EJ-ROC | NYU Steinhardt](#) This is a great initial step in looking at our curriculum, learning

materials, and classrooms through a critical culturally responsive lens. The Culturally Responsive Curriculum Scorecard is of course, one means of working toward identifying curriculum needs and target areas; It is crucial use tools and create think partners that work best to fit the needs of each specific situation and team engaging in culturally responsive work.

#### Discussion Questions for Your Team

- How can we approach this work with a critical eye and collaborative frameworks?
- How can this work be framed to align with current work to support the diversity of the students and community we serve?
- What are some simple changes you can apply now? What are some long term high leverage goals that have been identified through this process?

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