This interactive workshop will help teachers explore strategies for facilitating critical conversations with students and colleagues. Participants will engage in personal reflection and examine some common beliefs and biases that can affect their ability to engage in productive conversations. They will learn strategies for creating supportive learning environments that encourage risk-taking during critical conversations. Finally, they will investigate methods of teaching about implicit bias, race and other critical topics.

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN TO:
• Identify strategies and resources to create a positive and respectful learning environment where critical conversations can take place.
• Reflect on personal assumptions and learned biases and recognize their impact on classroom practice.
• Develop skills and confidence for engaging in and facilitating conversations about race and other critical topics.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
• K-12 educators, administrators, counselors, curriculum specialists/coaches
• Pre-service K-12 educators

COST:
Members: $95
Non-Members: $135

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Montgomery County Intermediate Unit has partnered with Teaching Tolerance to offer professional learning opportunities that address Act 70 guidelines. Act 70 suggests that a high priority should be placed on educating students in understanding the importance of protecting human rights and the potential consequences of unchecked ignorance, discrimination, and persecution. For a more detailed understanding of Act 70, visit: https://tinyurl.com/mciuact70