

- ▶ **You are a leader of a diverse group for leaders of community organizations. The topic today is race relations and reconciliation in the United States. One member in the group speaks about his/her frustration with racism in the United States and speaks about how Confederate Statues were placed in Black Communities after the Civil War, and Blacks continue to be disproportionately represented in prison. Another member, a little annoyed, highlights that they have been victims to harassment, discrimination, and violence by African Americans and states that sometimes African Americans contribute more to their problems than White people do to them, including police shootings. Members begin to debate over this issue.**
- ▶ **As the group leader what is your strategy to meet the needs of both members whom initiated the conflict?**
- ▶ **You can either role play the problem and solution, or develop a plan as a group.**

This group activity I found really interesting. Confederate Statues symbolize role of racism in America. Confederacy is part of the large debate about the role racism in the country and the treatment of African Americans by institutions of public order and the justice system. The debate in this group was whenever or not statues should be taken down because African American racism. The Confederate Statues also represent the Pro-slavery and Jim Crow laws. Andreile one of the group members wants the statues taken down because it represent racism to her and her people. Andreile also statues are very offense to her and her people it was built by racism. Another member Chris wants the statue to remain it place because he feels it not affecting anyone that it is just a statue. He states that if we take this statue down what next take down the Puerto Rican Flag to please everyone.

I stated to the group that the statue should be taken down because it reminds African American of slavery and the Jim Crow laws. The statue should be placed in a museum for a memorial of what happened to the African Americans and therefore history can always

remember. Jennifer another member of the group agreed that the statue be taken down and
pit in a museum.