## REAL EYES REALIZE "Sustainable Service Aid Model"

## Tool Description – Tell Me More ...

According to **REAL EYES Realize** podcast guest Julia Midland, community-centered programs often focus on "equality", but is that truly the goal?

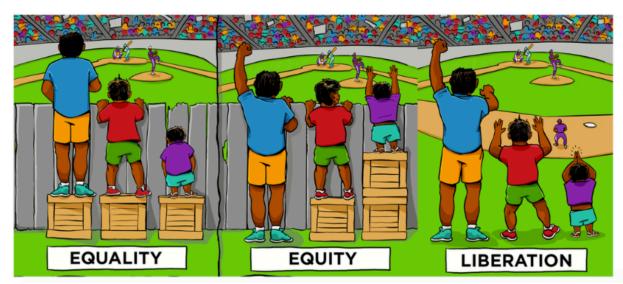


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## **Consider This:**

Equality focuses on providing equal resources to all, irregardless of the needs of each community member. Therefore resources will be granted to those who don't need them and the same resources provided to those it does not help.

An equity model improves the situation by dispersing resources depending on individual needs and helping those who need it most, but how sustainable is it? It still introduces a dependency on outside organizations for resources.

The REAL advancement is that a Liberation model. This model works with the community to identify the obstacles, then works to remove them, thereby providing freedom and rights to all.