# **METAVERSE FOR** PUBLIC SERVICE

How virtual reality can help people build empathy, reduce bias, and step into positive behavior change

Public sector workers make important decisions every day that have significant impact on people's lives. It is a responsibility that demands certain skills and experience in understanding human dynamics. AVENUES is an award-winning learning method that uses immersive virtual reality and experiential learning to transform hiring, training, and continued skill development for frontline staff across the public sector.

**AVENUES** aims to help users come to a deeper understanding of their own thought processes in terms of how they make decisions and develop opinions. Left unexamined, those processes can lead to decisions that are made in the flash of an eye. AVENUES offers an opportunity to broaden each worker's ability to observe, inquire, interpret, and reflect in a way that informs a more robust and firmly grounded professional opinion.



#### The **AVENUES** Learning Method

#### **IMMERSION**

AVENUES immerses users into highly realistic scenarios designed to evoke a response. It uses actors filmed on green screen and stitched into

carefully dressed locations. The experience is voice activated so that users have the sense that they are sitting across the table from another person who is looking them in the eye and conversing.

## REFLECTION

Next, we bring groups of users together in carefully curated seminars. These interactive workshops prompt reflection about how each of us behaved in the headset and create an opportunity for users to learn from one another.

### MANALYSIS

Finally, **AVENUES** is maintained on a platform that leverages user analytics. This gives us the ability to see how large groups of people are behaving in the headset and drive future learning agendas.

# Experiential Learning AMERSION **AVENUES** Learning Logging Method Behavior Science

#### **Content Library**

#### **SOPHIA - Safety Assessment**

An opportunity to practice observing, inquiring, and interpreting human behavior, especially when what people say and what they do don't match up



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#### **MONICA - Safety Plan**

An opportunity to practice navigating power dynamics and managing conflict, particularly when it might rise to the level of violence



#### **TORY - Race Equity**

An opportunity to deepen our understanding of how and when racial bias enters our decision-making process



#### **ALAYNA - Trauma/ Mental Health**

An opportunity to focus on how trauma impacts us over generations and to consider ways to help people begin to heal



#### **MS. GARCIA - Early Childhood**

An opportunity to practice understanding what young children are trying to tell us when they are not using words to do it



#### **PATRICIA - Income Eligibility**

An opportunity to practice empathy with families trying to navigate the complexities of public assistance programs



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