

Promoting, supporting, and strengthening children's earliest relationships prenatal to age six

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CT-AIMH Standing in Solidarity

Last June, amidst outrage, turmoil and calls for profound change following the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless others, the Connecticut Association for Infant Mental Health (CT-AIMH) sent out a statement of solidarity, unequivocally rejecting all forms of racism, violence, and discrimination. We underscored our commitment to doing the intentional and ongoing work of affirming the inherent worth and value of every member of our community.

The Asian and Pacific Islander communities have endured many forms of prejudice and racism over the years, and now in this time of COVID-19, Asian Americans have been singled out, and anti-Asian bias incidents and deadly violence have dramatically increased. In the wake of growing acts of anti-Asian violence in various cities including Atlanta, San Francisco and New York, we join the chorus of voices affirming that racism threatens our community and must be eliminated.

CT-AIMH is reiterating our commitment to building a future of greater opportunity and equity in which racism or discrimination in any form, is not tolerated. We will continue to act by creating equitable and welcoming spaces in our organization, our trainings and our events, and we will continue to support the health, safety and wellbeing of the IMH workforce, and the infants, toddlers and families that they support.

Let all of us stand in solidarity together, in condemning racism and racial violence. Let us act together to do the work of strengthening connections, embracing and supporting all communities and peoples, and creating a future of greater inclusion. We stand in solidarity with Asian and Pacific Islanders, and continue to stand in solidarity with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

In solidarity,

CT-AIMH Board of Directors and Executive Director