



National PLACE response to the current civil and human rights crisis

Please see the statement, below, which we are posting on our social media today and sharing with other family-led organizations for their sign-ons. Please feel free to use any or all of this statement in your own statements in your state or community. We are also collecting sign-ons from other family-led organizations including Parent Centers, Family to Family Health Information Centers, Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health state organizations and chapters, and Parent to Parent USA affiliates, among others. Please let us know if you would like to add your organization's name to the statement below.

Statement of National PLACE

The National Center for Parent Leadership, Advocacy and Community Empowerment (National PLACE) is heartbroken as we watch the violent response of our government to the pain, agony, and justified anger of African-American people and allies over yet another death at the hands of racist police. And those are not the only deaths that result from racism in our country today. African-Americans are far more likely to die from COVID-19 than whites. African-Americans die of heart disease at twice the rate of whites. Black infant mortality is twice the rate of white infant mortality. Racism takes its toll every day on our nation's children and families as Black people have far fewer opportunities for living wage employment, quality early childhood, education, health, mental health, and access to other services and are far more likely to live in substandard housing and polluted neighborhoods that actually make them sick.

The National PLACE fights every day to expand the voice and impact of families and family-led organizations in decisions that affect our children and families. We know that it is only when those who are impacted by our national, state and local policies are at the table in meaningful ways that we can address longstanding inequities and overcome historical and current trauma and disparities.

On behalf of National PLACE and our 65 national, state, and local family-led organizational members, we commit to redoubling our efforts to lift up the voices and experiences of families and work together to end racism, and ensure that every child and family in our nation can equitably partake of our nation's resources.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments. Thank you for your support!

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