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Child Abuse Prevention Center

The Child Abuse Prevention Center is deeply saddened by the recent murder of George Floyd and the other black lives that were taken before him due to racism. We extend our deepest condolences to his family.

As racial inequities and injustices continue in our nation, we want to let you know that we hear you, see you, and stand with you. We believe Black Lives Matter. In our mission to prevent child abuse, we see the inequities: children of color are more likely to enter the child welfare system, be in foster care, be unable to access early education opportunities, and die at disproportional rates.

Racial micro-aggression is an Adverse Childhood Experience that causes toxic stress and trauma. That is why the Child Abuse Prevention Center is actively learning and working to increase equitable outcomes for all children and families. We are committed to being anti-racist, to using an equity lens in our policy work and being intentional about addressing and eliminating racial inequities.

We know that families have already been experiencing stress and fear due to COVID19, especially our black and brown communities, due to its disproportionate impact. We know that vulnerable children have been isolated in their homes for months. This most recent tragedy has added to their trauma.

This struggle for a just and equitable society is our struggle. We are deeply committed to working with you to build a California where all children, youth, and families can thrive in safe, stable, and nurturing environments.

As is always our message, we encourage those who can to reach out to those who need support and are suffering in whatever way they can.

Respectfully,

Stephen Walker
Chairperson of the Board

