We at Early Childhood CARES are angry, disappointed and saddened by what happened to George Floyd in Minneapolis, and to many of our neighbors, friends, and loved ones who are Black/African American in recent months and throughout our history.

We stand in solidarity with our Early Childhood CARES children and families, our staff and their families and our community, but especially our communities of color, who may be impacted by the recent news and events across our country. Know that you are seen and heard.

We believe Early Childhood CARES has an obligation and an opportunity to model and teach kindness, humanity and equity/respect for all people. When one group or person in our community is targeted with hatred or inequality we all grieve and suffer. We are committed to being allies and advocates in services to children and families and to increase awareness of the destructive ways racism manifests and will work to eradicate the sources of fear that have taken hold of everyday actions that should be safe.

This effort will take every one of us, to make sure that each child, family and person of color experiences the same opportunities, education, safety, and security that our white neighbors do. Silence, apathy, or leaving it to someone else is not an option.

You can expect to see a reflection of this statement in our services to children and families. From daily acts of listening, to teaching that reflects and is relevant to children of color, we aspire to be allies within our communities.

Below are some resources that may be helpful in talking to children about racism.

https://www.embracerace.org/assets/embraceracetipsenglish-(2).pdf

https://psychologybenefits.org/res/

https://bouncebackparenting.com/resources-for-talking-to-kids-about-race-and-racism/

https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/kids-discrimination

https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/publications/beyond-the-golden-rule