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## CJC Statement Regarding George Floyd

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The Arthur D. Curtis Children's Justice Center (CJC) would like to express its grief, distress and anger regarding the death of George Floyd and the many other Black lives lost as a result of institutionalized racism and oppression. Already experiencing stress as a result of the disproportionate impact COVID-19, children and families in our black and brown communities watch as brothers and sisters are killed as a result of police violence.

The work of CJC is to support children who have been abused and exploited, and bring their offenders to justice. In working with child victims of violence, we see on a regular basis the traumatic impact oppression and marginalization has on children. We also acknowledge racial disparities within the systems that respond to child maltreatment. We cannot successfully eradicate child abuse and other forms of family violence without addressing institutionalized racism.

We express our condolences to those who have lost loved ones as a result of racism. We also call on our community leaders, partners and members to come together to improve our responses to marginalized populations. We recognize that many in our community are in pain; and we take heart in seeing so many individuals come together to give voice to those whose outcries have been stifled in the past. Please do so lawfully and peacefully. Thank you all for your help in seeking justice and safety for children and families within our community and across the globe.

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