



# MassAIMH

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION FOR  
INFANT MENTAL HEALTH

In keeping with our dedication to the Irving Harris Foundation's Diversity-Informed-Tenets, The MassAIMH Board of Directors and Policy Committee firmly supports the [Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health's public statement](#) on the impact of structural racism on the nation's babies, families and infant mental health workforce.

Generations of inequity and racial oppression, including the brutality against families and communities of color, has gone on for far too long. The mission of Infant Mental Health as a field of study and practice *is* social justice work; striving to ensure that every child born has access to supports to reach their developmental potential.

How a family gets treated affects a child's development for a lifetime. Families' rights are children's rights. We in the field of IECMH are in a unique position to actively interrupt the cycle of historical trauma before it continues to permeate into future generations.

As MassAIMH members we encourage you to stand and be counted as Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health professionals who will not tolerate hate and discrimination, as well as advocate for equitable policy and legislation reforms to education, health, economic and justice systems.

Thank you for your strong voices and unity as we work together for lasting change at this critical moment.