

Statement on Systemic Racism and Violence

Disability Rights Wisconsin holds in our hearts those who have been hurt, killed, or forced to live in fear of race-based verbal attacks or assaults. We are horrified by the acts of hate violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders that the country has been witness to, and we grieve with our AAPI neighbors and friends.

The pandemic has laid bare the incredible disparities that have already existed for communities of color in accessing resources, health services, justice, and opportunities. In our work, we see the compounding of these issues and increased vulnerability at the intersectionality of race, ethnicity, identity and disability.

As a civil rights organization dedicated to social justice, Disability Rights Wisconsin unequivocally condemns this racist violence and calls for immediate and meaningful systems reform that protects people of color who are often in vulnerable situations. We stand in solidarity with Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and we renew our commitment to address structural racism through our work, both by looking within, through our client work, and in our pursuit of institutional change.

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