



**Dear Colleagues,**

The Central Office of the Southeast AETC shares the heartbreak and outrage of the nation over the recent events which highlight the impact of institutional racism and violence on many members of our society. Unfortunately, the attitudes and practices that led to the chilling murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis are not new and reflect many of the tremendous challenges the SE AETC faces today as we try to overcome barriers to providing compassionate, expert and unbiased care to all people with HIV. Stigma and its effect on patient care are closely linked to the issues laid bare by the events in Minnesota. We will continue to do our part to deal with stigma and all its negative effects on our patients. We are extremely privileged to work with you all in this time of turmoil and distress.

For information on how to reduce stigma and cultural insensitivity in your practice:

- View the [Stigma Reduction Handbook, Videos and Lessons](#)
- Enroll in the [Cultural Humility Online Curriculum](#)

To watch a webinar on [Medical Mistrust in the Black Community, please visit this page.](#)

To join an upcoming webcast on [Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Treatment of Pain and Its Impact on HIV Management, please register here.](#)

To join an upcoming webcast on [Providing Trauma-Informed Care, please register here.](#)

Please don't hesitate to contact us for help as we work together to heal.