CTBS Statement

We at the Center for Translational Behavioral Science unequivocally stand for Justice. We believe in evidence-based practices that reduce police violence such as #8cantwait. We are committed to social responsibility, diversity, and transparency in our work.

Through community-engaged research, we are committed to listening, learning, and introducing just and equitable practices, to improve health outcomes for all. The disproportionate effect of COVID-19 on communities of color and the violence visited on many of those same communities by institutions, directed to serve and protect them, highlight historical social disparities and a ruptured social contract. The marred pandemic response and the stream of violent incidents between the police and the public underscore the fractures in our society that must be addressed. We must do more than address the proximal causes and consequences of disease and racism, in our work and our daily lives. At this critical moment in history, we demand justice for the thousands like George Floyd and Breonna Taylor; and justice in our Tallahassee community for those like Tony McDade and the countless other lives that have been lost.

Therefore, we call upon our institutions leaders and community, state and federal policy makers to prioritize social justice policies such as #8cantwait that can improve the lives of Black, Brown, Latinx and Indigenous communities.

The mission of the Center for Translational Behavioral Science at Florida State University is to promote public health and health equity using a sustainable team science approach for the development and wide spread implementation of meaningful interventions through a continuous cycle of interaction between basic behavioral and biomedical scientists, translational researchers, treatment providers, and the communities we serve.

Please feel free to contact us for resources and ideas for action.

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