



Dear HFNY,

Over the last year, our country has experienced tragic losses and has witnessed extreme acts of racially-motivated violence. Most recently, we have seen horrendous acts of violence, xenophobia, and misogyny against our Asian American and Pacific Islander community members. We want to extend our support and compassion to our Healthy Families staff, families and communities that are dealing with the impact of this violence. We are pained by the immediate suffering and sense of exclusion that these attacks have brought many of you.

During these challenging times, it is even more important than ever that we continue to support one another and stand together as a HFNY family. We are united in our support of all members of our community who feel under attack, unheard and unprotected. We are hopeful that the lessons learned during the past year will continue to serve us. We have demonstrated that we are a resilient and compassionate community, and that we are able to uphold our values while interacting in a remote environment.

As members of the HFNY Central Administration – OCFS, PCANY, and CHSR – we want you to know that we are holding space and reverence for you and the families you serve, and we are here to facilitate ways that we can be supportive to one another. We will be reaching out to your individual programs to offer our support. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to us at any time, even if it is just to talk. We can lend a listening ear. We also can offer personal and professional resources for you and your program families to help sustain you both, and hopefully, to facilitate positive change.

Sincerely,

All of us at Central Administration.