



A Message from NaBITA

NaBITA joins the nation in expressing our grief, sorrow, and compassion to all those who have been impacted by the recent deaths and violence. We acknowledge the tragic death of George Floyd and frustration following the longstanding history of systemic, racial injustice. We condemn the violence while we support the right of individuals to protest to bring about awareness and change. We condemn the actions of bad police officers and strongly support those police officers and first responders keeping the community safe.

These tragedies and incidents of violence are traumatizing for most of us and we recognize that this may be especially injurious to members of our Black and African American communities and those who work in public safety and law enforcement. In the aftermath of experiencing trauma, it is normal to experience a range of feelings and emotions, such as shock, fear, sadness, anger, helplessness, or guilt. This is particularly true against the cumulative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, historical repression, and racial tensions. NaBITA remains dedicated to addressing systemic racism through our trainings, conversations, and our political influence as an organization. Our community will continue to create a place for these important discussions as we work to bring about systemic social change.

For those members experiencing difficulty, NaBITA past-president David Denino has extended his offer to talk. For those interested, please click [here](#).