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**Statement from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Against
Anti-Asian Violence and All Forms of Hate and Violence**

The forces of intolerance, bigotry, and hate again remind the nation of their presence among us. We see these forces every time someone is victimized because of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or national origin. The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community has been the recent target of such hate and violence. The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](http://www.ncjfcj.org) (NCJFCJ) rejects violence, hate, and discriminatory conduct directed at any person or community.

Hatred and violence cause trauma that impacts the nation's children, families, and communities in a myriad of ways. The AAPI community is a valuable part of American society and to the NCJFCJ; in the court system, among our membership, and within our organization. We stand with the AAPI community, and all targeted communities, in calling for respect, acceptance, and understanding consistent with principles rooted in the American Constitution and the laws of the United States.



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