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**SHHP MAKES A STATEMENT IN REACTION TO ONGOING SOCIAL INJUSTICE**

LOUISIANA - The Louisiana STD/HIV/Hepatitis Program (SHHP) denounces all forms of racism and racial violence.

SHHP staff stand in solidarity with communities of color, specifically African Americans, in Louisiana and across the country during these painful and difficult times. We honor the memory of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and all other people killed as a result of racism, while we simultaneously work toward health equity and social justice.

As James Baldwin said, "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

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