



AMERICAN DANCE
THERAPY ASSOCIATION

ADTA Letter to Address Unjust Policing

Dear ADTA Community:

Black Lives Matter. Systemic racism persists. Change is needed now.

The leadership of the American Dance Therapy Association (ADTA) seeks to add our voices and our actions to combat racism at all institutional levels, starting with our own. In addition, we invite our community to take action on local, state, and federal levels. In response to the murder of Mr. George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, and countless others, the spotlight has, again, been turned on racialized police violence and racial disparities in the justice system. Steps are currently being proposed at multiple levels of law enforcement to stop brutal police practices that stem from racism and a place of white supremacy, but they are not enough. As community and mental health professionals, we demand the inclusion of public health perspectives which acknowledge that structural racism must be addressed in creating safer communities.

Join us in calling on our elected officials to acknowledge the need for trauma-informed policing practices, with the clear understanding that racism is a violent act and law enforcement must respond with an awareness of racial trauma.

[Click here to download a template letter](#) to send your local, state and federal representative. Personalize and send this letter to pressure our elected officials to take action at all levels of law enforcement. Simply add your name and contact information. You can also specify in the letter where you work and with whom. Then address this letter to your own elected officials. Find out who they are and how to reach them by connecting to the following links:

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Our voices can make a difference.

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