The Arcs in Colorado have always been and will continue to be civil and human rights organizations. We are pained and heartbroken by the acts of violence and racial injustice impacting our black and brown neighbors, friends and community.

What happened to George Floyd, Ahmed Aubrey, and Breonna Taylor as well as the many others, is abhorrent and unacceptable.

The Arc stands in solidarity with communities of color and victims of police brutality, those with disabilities and those without. We recognize the importance of listening to and hearing individuals who have experienced horrific injustices, and we commit ourselves to furthering our work as a civil and human rights organization.

All people, without exception, should be able to access their community without fear. All people, without exception, should be able to engage in everyday activities without being policed. The disability rights movement is a movement grounded on freedom and independence - it is a civil and human rights movement. We stand for the rights of all people to live, work, learn, love, and play without fear.

If you have thoughts on how The Arc of Colorado can better serve our communities of color, please reach out to me at csosa@thearcofco.org or 303.864.9334 ext. 10