

National Black Child Development (NBCDI) Policy Recommendations for Alliance Partners: Keeping Racial Equity as a Priority During COVID-19

- **Strategies**

- Reach out and partner with organizations that specialize in engaging communities of color and civil rights. These are organizations that have reach in communities of color and can ensure that families and businesses know how and where to find support.
- Engage faith leaders. They are on the front lines in responding to families' most pressing needs in many communities.
- Share resources to ensure Black educators and families are aware of the supports available to them. See attached e-blast from NBCDI on what Black families need to know about CARES Act.
- Advocate for data disaggregated by race. Data on the issues/problems is essential: death rates, positive test rates, evictions, lack of health insurance, low-quality health care, etc. **We also encourage you to seek out data on disparities in access to resources** to hold policymakers accountable and support them in addressing inequities in access to supports for child care providers, small business loans, paid leave, etc. With so much changing so quickly, we're relying heavily on stories and anecdotal data, which is just as important quantitative data right now.
- Engage with Black educators and child care providers to ensure their voices and experience inform your advocacy.
- Call on our elected officials to release the racial makeup of COVID-19 victims and deaths in order to accurately identify the communities of color that are suffering the most.