

Statement in Response to Charlottesville Incident August 2017

In response to the recent racially driven violent event in Charlottesville, the members of Counselors for Social Justice division of the American Counseling Association, make this statement.

We abhor the senseless acts of violence and displays of hatred towards our brothers and sisters. We "value an inclusive society where people are accepted regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, culture, physical ability, religion, age, or sexual identity. Any discrimination is harmful to the well-being of the individual and our society (ACA, 2017)."

As a division that works to promote social justice in our society through confronting oppressive systems of power and privilege that affect professional counselors and our clients and to assist in the positive change in our society, we respond to this event with this statement and social justice action.

We will be providing lists of ideas of actions that can be undertaken in response to this act soon.

For more resources and information visit: <u>https://www.counseling.org/news/updates/2017/08/14/aca-responds-to-charlottesville-violence</u>