

<u>Discrimination Rapid Response</u> Duluth NAACP

We are here for you when you experience acts of race-based discrimination. Our volunteer team will work with you in order to provide you with a compassionate and prepared response.

How it works:

- 1) Complete the form below with all of the details that you have about your incident. Once submitted, the form will be sent to a secure database.
- 2) Rapid Response Team volunteers will review your case and contact you in order to schedule an appointment
- 3) In your appointment, advocates will review all aspects of your case. From here, we will get to know your wishes and create an advocacy plan.

What does the team do?

As a team of volunteers without legal training, we can offer three things:

- 1) Advocacy: Our main focus as a branch is to fight systemic inequity through policy change. We know the inner-workings of systems and people know us. We can provide publicity for your case or accompany you in meetings in order to share the power that we hold in the community. We can connect you with individuals that work closely with discrimination in our education, healthcare, and criminal justice systems.
- 2) Support: Fighting discrimination is hard work. Sometimes you just need a friend at your side who understands the challenges that you are up against. Whether it is accompaniment at court/hearings or somebody to debrief with, we will do our best to be a shoulder to lean on.
- **3) Connecting Resources:** We have relationships with local agencies, attorneys, and services. We can help connect you with the resources that you need.

^{*} NAACP Rapid Response Teams do not have any legal training. Thus, we cannot provide legal support at any time.

Name:
Address, City, State, & Zip Code:
Facility (If incarcerated):
Case worker (if applicable):
Phone Number:
Email:
Date(s) of Incident:
Place(s) of Incident:
Name of Person(s) or Organization(s) Who Committed the Discriminatory Act(s):
Name(s) of Witnesses to Incident(s):

What is your attorney's name:
Describe the incident:
What support are you looking for from the NAACP:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO <u>CRIMINALJUSTICE@DULUTHNAACP.ORG</u> OR MAIL TO PO BOX 494; DULUTH, MN 55801