

CIEO Statement on Miles Jackson

We say the name, Miles Jackson, to recognize the life of another Ohio community member taken by Law Enforcement. Miles, age 27, was [described by his girlfriend Jazmine Washington](#), “He definitely believed in God. He loved his kids and me as his kid’s mother a lot, and you know he just really was crying out for help. People make mistakes, but I just feel like this wasn’t...it wasn’t right.”

On Monday afternoon, he was killed inside Mt. Carmel St. Ann’s Emergency Room with Westerville Police Department and St. Ann’s Security officers involved in the altercation. [Franklin County has one of highest rates of fatal law enforcement shootings in Ohio among](#) the highest in the nation. Miles Jackson’s loved ones and Ohio Community members are looking for answers, justice and needed change within policing and law enforcement systems.

As preventionists, advocates and community members working to end sexual violence, domestic violence and intersecting violence and oppression, addressing state violence must continue to be centered in the SV and DV fields, movements and work. We must continue to have difficult conversations on how to reimagine public safety beyond oppressive systems, create and sustain safer communities, and dismantle oppressive systems and practices that harm our communities and set-back our collaborative work towards a violence-free world.

We encourage you to listen in and support the needs of Miles Jackson’s family, loved ones, and community organizers working to create systemic change on the ground in Westerville and Ohio more broadly. We recognize that police violence has always and continues to impact the ways in which survivors of sexual and domestic violence and communities seek resource’s, healing and justice. We encourage community members to center care of community members who are seeking safety, support and justice. We support the calls for further investigation, accountability and justice on behalf of Miles Jackson and his loved ones.