As a woman of color, I profoundly understand the importance of eradicating illnesses that disproportionately impact racial and ethnic minority populations. Since its onset, COVID-19 has had a clearly disparate effect on African American communities. Data suggest that African Americans are dying at a rate 2.5 to 3 times higher than other groups. While we are aware of the infection and death rates, little is known about how COVID-19 is shaping other elements of African American lives - namely mental health, employment, parent-child interactions, and food security. Giving voice to underrepresented groups has always been an important component of my research agenda. I am hoping that this study will shed light on the imperative work that needs to be done to improve the lives of African American children and families. This study aligns nicely with my previous research, as I have focused on African American populations, day-to-day family processes, and health disparities.