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Dr. Patricia A. Newton, Psychiatrist, Behavioral Scientist, Healer, Author, Activist and the Executive Director and Medical Director of the Black Psychiatrists of America (BPA). Dr. Newton is globally astute and is making a positive difference, especially as it relates to a most traumatized demographic in America: Black children. Dr. Newton is an internationally acclaimed lecturer and author on youth violence prevention, early sexual trauma of children and its implications as well as the health effects of human trafficking.

She has worked internationally with psychiatrists and other health care providers in the USA, Africa, South America, and the Caribbean, pioneering techniques for the chronic mentally ill and cultural competency relative to mental health delivery in HIV/AIDS. She is an Ashanti Royal having been enstooled as both a queen mother and female king (Divisional Chief) in Ghana, West Africa where she is known as "Nana Dr. Akosua Akyaa" with full rights and privileges that this esteemed position holds. Her clinical psychiatry focus involves anxiety disorders with special emphasis on PTSD, depression, chronic mental illness and transcultural psychiatry encompassing the interface of Western and Traditional African healing systems. She completed her medical school education at Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis, MO) and her psychiatric training at the same institution. Newton also received her Master's Degree in Molecular Biology from Vanderbilt University Peabody College (Nashville, TN) and a Master's Degree in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Baltimore, MD). She served on the academic faculty for over sixteen years at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine while becoming the first female chairperson of the Department of Psychiatry at Provident Hospital (Baltimore, MD).

Dr. Newton is currently in the process of a book launch entitled, "Post Traumatic Slavery Disorder" which will be published in three languages later this year (English, Spanish and Portuguese).