

# CULTURE, COMMUNITY, AND COLONIZATION: HEALING AND RESTORATION OF AFRICAN/BLACK FAMILIES

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## Overview

### Reflections on the Works/Contributions of Dr. Nancy Boyd-Franklin

Boyd-Franklin has authored numerous influential articles and books. All of which focus on her special interests of ethnicity and family therapy, home-based family therapy, marital and couples therapy, the multisystems approach to the treatment of poor inner-city families, issues for women of color, the development of a model of therapeutic support groups for African-American families living with AIDS, and issues in working with African-American children and adolescents. She has written five books including: "Black Families in Therapy: A Multisystem Approach"; "Children, Families, and HIV/AIDS: Psychosocial and Therapeutic Issues"; "Reaching Out in Family Therapy: Home-Based, School and Community Interventions" with Brenna Bry, PhD; and "Boys Into Men: Raising Our African American Teenage Sons" with Anderson J. Franklin, PhD. In 2003, the second edition of her book "Black Families in Therapy: Understanding the African American Experience" was published.

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Currently, Boyd-Franklin is the co-director with Bry of the Rutgers/Somerset Counseling Program. A tireless clinician, mentor, scholar and advocate, Boyd-Franklin's career reflects her lifelong passions of mentoring the next generation of culturally competent psychologists while enhancing and challenging the field through innovative clinical interventions. She has received numerous awards from professional and community-based organizations due to her efforts. In addition, she was invited by President Clinton to present at the first White House Conference on AIDS. Boyd-Franklin received an honorary doctorate from the Phillips Graduate Institute, and awards for her outstanding contributions from the American Psychological Association, American Psychiatric Association, Association of Black Psychologists and American Family Therapy Academy. She received the Janet Helms Award for mentoring and scholarship and the Ernest E. McMahon Award for creative, multilevel community interventions.

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