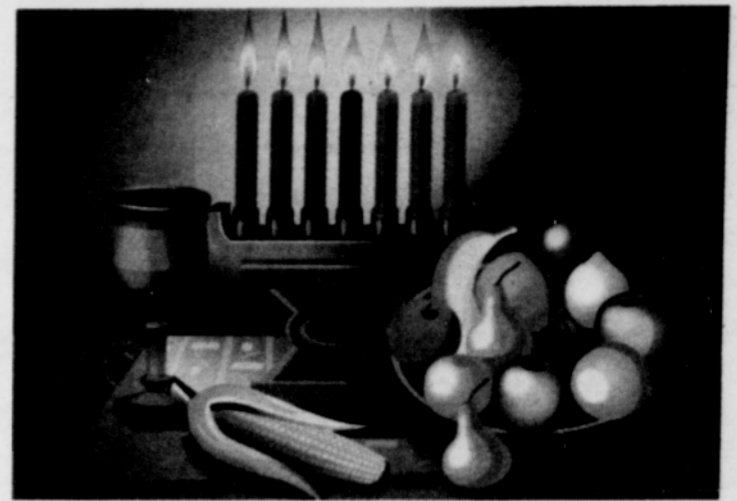


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Dr. Alicia Moreland-Capuia (from left) and members of her 'Healing Hurt People' team, Josh Lathan and Cheryl A. Johnson, oversee the new violence prevention program that helps young people, especially men of color, heal from traumatic injuries and make future adjustments to their lives to help end a cycle of recurring violence and retribution.

# Healing Hurt People

*Trauma-informed program  
assists males of color*

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How do you heal hurt people? Dr. Alicia Moreland-Capuia would like to think she has an answer for young men of color who have been scarred by traumatic injuries and need help to escape a life of recurring violence and retribution.

A licensed and board-certified psychiatrist who is com-

pleting a fellowship in addiction medicine at OHSU, Moreland-Capuia has implemented "Healing Hurt People Portland" a program to heal young people who have suffered serious physical injuries from guns and knives.

The undertaking comes in a partnership between Cascadia Health Services and Legacy Emanuel Hospital to help young patients of color break a cycle of violence with an interdiction

team that includes a social worker, doctor and other support.

Capuia, 32, an African American who graduated from Jefferson High School, says she saw the need to bring more diversity into the medical field early in her life when she became cognizant of the lack of familiar faces in the health professions.

"We had a lot of people in my family who were ill, we'd go to hospitals here in the Portland area and there just weren't a lot of people that looked like us that were taking care of my family," she says.

Her realization manifested itself in later years when she

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