

## TSSW professor uses hair-combing routine as trauma therapy

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Marva Lewis (third from left), an associate professor in the Tulane School of Social Work, is partnering with University of Chicago Medicine on a study that aims to help trauma-exposed children and families. She is joined by her team of researchers (from left to right) Michael Gavion, Tameka Cannon, Dale Robinson-Rogers, Annie Laura Hill, Alita Cusher. Not pictured Marcquitte Smith. (Photo by Kenny Lass)

Associate Professor [Marva Lewis, PhD, IMH-E](#), is an expert on parent-child relationships and child maltreatment. That expertise led her to develop an intervention that centers on the simple act of hair combing, an act she describes as an emotionally powerful, culturally valid therapeutic tool especially for families of color.

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