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In 1999, Primm produced a videotape called Black and Blue, highlighting depression in the African American community, encouraging minorities to seek treatment for mental illness. In 2001, she produced the Gray and Blue, Video, helping senior citizens recognize and treat depression. In addition to her work with APA, Dr. Primm maintains a small private practice and is a psychiatric consultant to "On Our Own," a drop-in center for adults with mental illness. She is a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and the recipient of numerous awards for her work in the psychiatry community. She currently lives in Baltimore with her husband, Herbert and daughter, India.

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