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Dr. JoNell Efantis Potter is a Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, with joint appointments in the Department of Pediatrics and the School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Research has been an integral part of her academic career. She has contributed to several influential studies over the past four decades that have transformed therapeutic and health practices for women.

Her work has resulted in improved outcomes in women's health across the lifespan. Her specific expertise has been in the realm of design and implementation of comprehensive, multidisciplinary programs to improve care and treatment for patients with complicated health issues.

Focusing on improving access to care and addressing the biopsychosocial needs for some of the most underserved populations in her community, health outcomes have improved, and importantly, these models have been replicated in other communities across the country.

In 2015, as an advisor mentor for medical and law students at UM she became aware of the growing issues related to Human Trafficking in South Florida. Because of this medical and law school collaboration, using her expertise and expansive multidisciplinary network of key stakeholders in the community she collaborated with colleagues including Dr. P. Caralis a Professor in the Department of Medicine and Law, to design a health care model (THRIVE) using an integrative approach for persons who had experienced human trafficking.

She is the Founding Director of the THRIVE program and oversees the administrative and clinical services for primary care, women's health, including obstetrics, gynecology and specialty addiction services, psychiatry and behavioral health for people who have experienced human trafficking. This program has been funded by federal grants and foundations, including the Department of Justice, Office of Victims Services since 2016.