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Sandra Bennett-Pagan serves as the Regional Women's Health Coordinator at the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Region II, covering the States of New York and New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and US Virgin Islands. She leads national and regional initiatives in women's health across the life cycle, in collaboration with federal, state, territorial, and community partners, with particular focus on minority women's health, mental health and trauma, prevention of violence against women and girls, and HIV/AIDS. Sandra has organized conferences and community events on National Women's Health Week, the 2012 National Suicide Prevention Strategy, and Regional training on human trafficking prevention for at-risk women and youth. She has helped to establish a national training initiative on trauma-informed practice for community-based health, mental health and social service organizations. Since 2010, Sandra has served on the Federal Interagency Council on Women and Trauma and co-chairs the work group on trauma-informed practice for frontline neighborhood organizations. A Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Sandra has a Master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University and a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the Catholic University of Puerto Rico.