

### **Jewel Crawford, M.D. Bio**

Jewel Loretta Crawford, MD is a family physician who is now working in environmental public health in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Crawford is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia where she teaches the Community Health course to first year medical students. She is a graduate of Howard University College of Medicine where she also did her postgraduate training. She received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University. Dr. Crawford is a native New Yorker and attended the Bronx High School of Science.

Dr. Crawford's work in environmental public health took her to some of the most polluted regions of the United States to do site work, including the notorious "Cancer Alley" along the Mississippi River Delta area and the gulf coast of Texas and Louisiana. There she met with community groups impacted by pollution and set up training session for physicians to assist them in dealing with the adverse health effects their patients were experiencing from toxic exposures.

In 1999, Dr. Crawford founded and co-chaired the Environmental Health Task Force of the National Medical Association, now renamed the Environmental Health Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to educate physicians about the adverse health effects of environmental toxins. Other related activities she is involved in include serving on the DeKalb County's Initiative for a Green DeKalb Advisory Board and serving as the Co-Chairperson of the First Afrikan Church Health and Environment Ministry. She is the former Co-chair of Lithonia, Georgia's Citizens for a Healthy and Safe Environment (CHASE). CHASE was instrumental in preventing the building of a huge incinerator that would have worsened air quality and resulted in residents experiencing an increase rate of serious illnesses. Dr. Crawford's civic interest also include addressing the school to prison pipeline and addressing barriers to educational achievement in the African American community.

Dr. Crawford is a published author whose work includes one of a very few articles in the medical literature about integrating environmental health into the medical school curriculum. The paper was published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine in 2011. In addition, she is a contributing author in the book written about African American reparations, "Should America Pay?" edited by Dr. Raymond Winbush. "Can't Lose This Dream," which was originally written as a screenplay, is her first novel. Her interest are varied and include other forms of writing, e.g., poetry and children's books, meditation, yoga, metaphysical philosophy, baking and gardening.

She is the mother of two adult children and has seven grandchildren.