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Dr. Mamie Phipps Clark founded the Northside Center for Child Development along with her husband, Kenneth B. Clark.

Her research was focused on the formation of self-concept, self-esteem and the damaging

effects of segregation on both among African-American children.

She is best known for the research she conducted with black and white dolls and black children, often referred to as the Clark doll experiment. The

experiment demonstrated that black school children were internalizing racial stereotypes. Her research findings were cited in the Supreme Court decision on Brown v. Board of Education, Topeka, Kansas.