

## **★ Commonalities Among Families of Color ★**

- ★ Primacy of the group or family over the individual
- ★ Marked by some type of extended family structure
- ★ Authority over children may not be vested as much in parents as in elders or others viewed as having authority in the family structure
- ★ High levels of reciprocity and responsibility for those outside the nuclear family structure
- ★ Focus on interdependence rather than independence
- ★ High levels of spirituality and its importance as a part of the family system and values
- ★ Composition of families may vary more over time