

# **JOYCE HARRISON, M.D.**

## *2025 Paula U. Hamburger Child Advocacy Award*

**Joyce Harrison, M.D.** is a child and adolescent psychiatrist at the Center for Developmental Behavioral Health at Kennedy Krieger Institute, with a special focus on infant and preschool psychiatry. Dr. Harrison is the Project Director for Kennedy Krieger Institute's Network for Early Childhood Tele-education (KKI-NECT), which provides teleconsultation to pediatric primary care providers in rural and underserved areas for children aged 0-6 with behavioral, emotional and developmental concerns. She also serves as an associate professor of psychiatry at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.



Dr. Harrison is recognized nationally and internationally as an authority in infant and early childhood mental health. She has demonstrated a passion and commitment to this field through her clinical work, program building, efforts to improve local and state models of care for this population, and teaching of residents and fellows. Since 2007 Dr. Harrison has been a faculty member for the Maryland State Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate program, teaching sessions on early childhood psychiatric assessment and developmental comorbidity. In 2017, she was invited by the director for the Maryland State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect to become a master trainer in adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), and in 2018, Dr. Harrison became the first elected president of the Maryland-DC Association for Infant Mental Health, an affiliate of the World Association for Infant Mental Health.

Dr. Harrison's leadership and advocacy have enhanced public awareness about the urgency of addressing behavioral health concerns in infancy and early childhood and promoted a better understanding of the unique needs of the early childhood population among policymakers, providers, stakeholders and the population at large.