

Impact Statement
Dr. Joyce Harrison

Introduction:

Dr. Joyce Harrison, M.D. is being considered for promotion to Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences on the Clinical Excellence Track. Dr. Harrison is one of the most outstanding faculty members in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and her clinical excellence contributions span all areas of the tripartite academic mission emphasized by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine: clinical care, clinical teaching, and clinical research/innovations. Dr. Harrison's specific expertise is in the area of infant and preschool mental health for which her clinical excellence is recognized within the institution, regionally, and nationally.

Dr. Harrison received her B.A. degree in Psychology and Social Relations from Harvard University in 1979. She received her M.D. from Dartmouth Medical School in 1987. She completed an internship in pediatrics as part of a triple board program at Tufts/New England Medical Center in 1988, an adult psychiatry residency at the University of Maryland in 1990, a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship in 1992 at Johns Hopkins University, where she was chief resident. Dr. Harrison spent four years on the faculty at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC after which she came to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center as a clinical associate for three years. She joined the faculty at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in 2005, and in 2012 was recruited to the Kennedy Krieger Institute where she currently works. Dr. Harrison has been board certified in general, and child and adolescent psychiatry since 1994 and 1995, respectively.

Clinical Excellence and Effort:

Throughout her career, Dr. Harrison has demonstrated a clear and consistent commitment to clinical excellence in infant and preschool mental health through delivery of outstanding clinical care, innovative program building, improving local and state models of care for this population, and teaching of residents and fellows. She has worked in multiple community settings and in each location her work has had a major impact on improving the clinical care of young children. Dr. Harrison has received numerous grants and awards for her contributions to this field, and is in high demand for speaking and teaching engagements.

Dr. Harrison served as the medical director of the Johns Hopkins Community Child Psychiatry Programs for 2 years. In this role, she was directly involved in building new programs that improved the care of children in the Baltimore community. First, she developed preschool clinical programs at the Children's Mental Health Center (CMHC) and in 14 Baltimore City public schools. Second, she received a grant from the Stulman Foundation to explore the effectiveness of the Chicago Parent Program, a parenting program for young children (ages 2 to 5 years) at the CMHC. Third, she received a grant from Baltimore Mental Health Systems to revive the East Baltimore Trauma Response Program.

Clinical Performance and Contributions:

Dr. Harrison is an expert in the psychiatric assessment and treatment of very young children. She has seen patients from as far as California and over 30% of her active patients were travelling up to 3 hours to see her prior to COVID-19. 10% of her current caseload is relatives of faculty members. She is periodically contacted by the Department of State for young child assessments and is currently treating a child who lives in France.

Dr. Harrison has developed several innovative clinical programs that are the first of its kind and have had a major impact on the clinical care of preschool children with mental health difficulties within the local and regional community. These innovative programs are described below:

Date	Program	Location	Population	Impact
2007-2012	Multidisciplinary Preschool Intensive Outpatient Program	Bayview Medical Center	Serves children, ages 0 to 5 years with disruptive behaviors and their caregivers	Taught hundreds of parents how to manage their child’s behaviors. Diverted inpatient hospitalization
2012-2016	Maryland's Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP)	Statewide program in Maryland	Provides psychiatric consultation to pediatricians to equip them with the skills to manage preschool mental health programs	Addressed the psychiatry workforce shortage by teaching pediatricians how to manage mental health problems
2016-2020	Kennedy Krieger Institute’s Network for Early Childhood Telehealth (KKI-NECT)	Statewide program in Maryland – particularly in rural areas	Case discussions with pediatricians about how to manage emotional and behavioral problems in preschool children	Improved access to high quality care for preschool children with mental health problems

Recognition of Clinical Excellence:

Dr. Harrison’s recognition of clinical excellence is demonstrated through her multiple leadership roles, invited talks, grants, and awards that she has consistently received throughout her career for her outstanding work in the field. Some of these awards are listed below.

- 2020 Co-Chair, Infant and Preschool Committee
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
(served as member of this committee for 12 years)
- 2020 Johns Hopkins Institute for Excellence in Education
Outstanding Educator Award in Innovation
for the development of KKI-NECT
<https://i95business.com/releases/1762>
- 2007, 2010, 2015, 2020 Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Faculty Teaching Award
- 2018 Appa Rao Award from the Buddhi Clinic in Chennai, India
for contributions to the field of neuropsychiatry
- 2018 Elected President of the Maryland-DC Association for Infant Mental Health,
an affiliate of the World Association for Infant Mental Health
- 2016 American Academy of Pediatrics, Special Achievement Award for Distinguished
Service and Dedication to the Mission and Goals of the Academy
for her work as the co-chair of the Maryland AAP Chapter's Poverty Task Force.

Engagement in Teaching Mission and Mentorship:

Dr. Harrison is committed to teaching and mentorship within and outside of the institution. Within the institution, her greatest contributions have been to the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship. Dr. Harrison is one of the most sought out teachers in the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship, and is the only faculty member to receive the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry faculty teaching award four times.

At the state level, since 2007 she 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. This program has trained about 350 early childhood mental health therapists and professionals in Maryland.

In 2017, Dr. Harrison was invited by the director of the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect to become a master trainer for the state of Maryland in Adverse Childhood Experiences. As the only MD clinician in the original cohort, she provides at least two annual trainings to medical professionals on topics related to Adverse Childhood Experiences. Since 2017 she has delivered 9 presentations to professionals in a variety of settings.

Nationally, for the past 6 years Dr. Harrison has presented a workshop every year at the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry's annual meeting, which has trained attendees from a variety of disciplines in early childhood assessment. She has also organized or participated in a dozen presentations on topics in early childhood at these meetings. She is consistently rated as a top speaker by attendees.

Publications, Presentations:

Dr. Harrison’s extensive list of regional, national and international presentations is evidence that she is a highly sought out speaker. At Johns Hopkins, she has been invited to present Grand Rounds for the Department of Psychiatry twice.

At the regional level, Dr. Harrison has been invited to present at Grand Rounds for Children’s National Medical Center in DC, the University of Maryland Department of Pediatrics, Cumberland General Hospital, Peninsula Regional Medical Center, and Frederick Memorial Hospital on a variety of clinical topics. She has presented at over a dozen statewide conferences on early childhood mental health topics for child care workers, school nurses, primary care providers and other early childhood clinicians. She is also frequently sought out by the media to provide expert advice on preschool mental health problems (e.g., https://www.baltimoresun.com/bs-mtblog-2010-01-a_hrefhttpweblogsbaltimeoresunc-story.html).

Nationally, she is a well-known speaker at AACAP and has chaired or participated in 11 presentations at AACAP’s annual meeting on topics of early childhood mental health and integrated care over the last five years. Her AACAP workshop on early childhood assessment resulted in an invitation by Springer to edit a book in this area. “Clinical Guide to the Psychiatric Assessment of Infants and Young Children” (April 2019).

Dr. Harrison has also been invited to give two international presentations. The first presentation was at the 2018 World Association of Infant Mental Health 16th World Congress in Rome Italy, entitled “Kennedy Krieger Institute Network for Early Childhood Tele-Education (KKI-NECT): A Multidisciplinary Model of Integrated Care for Behavioural, Emotional and Developmental Disorders in Children Birth to Five”. The second presentation was an invitation to deliver the Appa Rao lecture in Chennai, India, where she gave two stellar presentations to over 300 professionals and families on “Neuropsychiatric, Behavioral, Developmental and Somatic Sequelae of Adverse Childhood Experiences”. and “From Development to Care: Lessons from the Kennedy Krieger Institute’s Network for Early Childhood Tele-Education”.

Contributions to JHM Initiatives and/or Committees:

Dr. Harrison has consistently been involved in committees at both the Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins Hospital. These include the following:

Johns Hopkins Hospital Education Committees (ensures outstanding education of child psychiatry residents)

- 2014 – Present Child Psychiatry Division’s Clinical Competency Committee
- 2010-2012 Child Psychiatry Clinical Leadership Committee at Hopkins.
- 2009-2011 Residency Education Committee at Bayview

Kennedy Krieger Institute Committees

- 2013-present Committee on Telehealth (oversees all
- co-chair 2020 telemedicine and telehealth activities), appointed
- 2020 Medical Executive Committee

Summary Statement:

Dr. Harrison is an exceptional clinician who is highly regarded within the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the Kennedy Krieger Institute, as well as nationally and internationally as an authority in infant and preschool mental health. Her work in program building and clinical leadership over the past 15 years has significantly advanced the clinical care of infants and preschool mental health. Additionally, she is a gifted teacher and has educated hundreds of trainees, psychiatrists, pediatricians and community mental health workers on best practices in the care of young children.