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KENNEDY KRIEGER'S PROJECT ECHO: EXPANDING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE THROUGH INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSULTATION AND EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

Dr. Harrison will briefly discuss the crisis in young children's mental, emotional, developmental and behavioral health. The Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) model as a workforce multiplier to address this crisis will be presented. Kennedy's regional, national and international ECHO programs will be described. A tool for consultation with sample case discussion will be provided.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Define the current crisis in Mental, Emotional, Developmental, and Behavioral (MEDB) health care, with particular emphasis on children from birth to age five.
2. Describe the structure, purpose, and impact of Kennedy Krieger Institute's Project ECHO programs in supporting MEDB care.
3. Apply the 8S Tool framework to analyze and address the complexity of Mental, Emotional, Developmental, and Behavioral (MEDB) consultation case.

SPEAKER

Dr. Harrison is a child psychiatrist and Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Harvard University and medical degree from Dartmouth. She trained in pediatrics at Tufts University, adult psychiatry at the University of Maryland and child psychiatry at Johns Hopkins. Her areas of interest are infant and preschool mental health, integrated mental health and primary care, and trauma. In 2016, she and her partner Dr. Mary Leppert established Kennedy Krieger's Network for Early Childhood Tele education. They conduct teleconferences using the ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model regionally, nationally and internationally. She is immediate past president of the Maryland-DC Infant Mental Health Association, immediate past co-chair of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry's Infant and Preschool Committee and an executive member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Council on Healthy Mental and Emotional Development.

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