

The Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical & Translational Science  
2025 KL2 Mini-Symposium Series:

*Family-Based Clinical Research Symposium*

**“Innovative family-based prevention and treatment approaches to promoting child and adolescent health”**

**Tues, May 20, 2025**

**12:00 Noon -1:30 PM EST**

**2115 Wisconsin Ave NW,**

**Room 186, Washington, DC 20007**



**HOST & KL2 SCHOLAR**

**Dr. Erica Coates** is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Georgetown University Medical Center and Clinical Psychologist at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital. Dr. Coates directs the Black Early Stages of Social and Emotional Development (BLESSED) Research Group, which collaborates with Black families with young children living in the DC metropolitan area to gain an understanding of the numerous culturally specific protective factors families use to support their children's development. As a GHUCCTS KL2 Scholar, her research focuses on the identification and promotion of culturally specific protective factors among African American families with young children, and the integration of the factors into family-based mental health care.



**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**



**Dr. Andrea Chronis-Tuscano** is a Joel & Kim Feller Endowed Professor of Psychology at the University of Maryland and Director of the UMD ADHD Program and UMD SUCCEEDS College ADHD Clinic. Dr. Chronis-Tuscano's research interests focus on understanding early predictors of developmental outcomes for children with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and developing novel treatments which target these early risk and protective factors. In particular, a primary focus of her research has been on addressing issues related to maternal parenting, maternal depression, and maternal ADHD. Dr. Chronis-Tuscano's most recent R01 evaluated a novel treatment for mothers with ADHD and their young children with ADHD using a hybrid effectiveness-implementation design. She is also the author of Supporting Caregivers of Children with ADHD: An Integrated Parenting Program.

**Dr. Velma McBride Murry** holds the Lois Audrey Betts Endowed Chair, is Co-Chair of Vanderbilt University Medical Center Program for Population and Engagement Research, and is University Distinguished Professor in Departments of Health Policy and Human and Organizational Development at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Murry has conducted research on rural African American parents and youth for over 15 years and identified proximal, malleable protective factors that deter youth risk engagement. This work has advanced current knowledge of the impact of contextual factors, particularly racism, on African-American family functioning through the development of novel strength-based family prevention interventions, including the Strong African American Families Program and the first technology, e-Health family-based prevention program, Pathways for African American Success. Both programs are designed to enhance parenting, family processes, and youth interpersonal protective processes to promote positive behavioral health outcomes among youth, with sustaining protection from middle childhood through young adulthood.

**Space is limited for in-person attendance**

**Lunch will be provided\*\***

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