

## 2025 KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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**Maria Trent, MD, MPH, FAAP, FSAHM** is a pediatrician and adolescent/young adult medicine specialist at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health faculty. Dr. Trent, a Bloomberg Professor of American Health, has been consistently ranked by her peers as a "top doc" in the greater Baltimore Metropolitan area. She is also an independent scientist who is the principal or key investigator on multiple domestic and international research projects funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other funding agencies. A significant focus of Dr. Trent's research and clinical interest has been on reducing adolescent and young adult sexual and reproductive health disparities. Her work interrogates the use of technology and clinical decision-making tools for adolescents and young adults in practice. She is also committed to producing the next generation of adolescent health scientists and directs the NIH-funded Adolescent Reproductive Health Training Program at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Trent is a past president of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine. She currently serves on the CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee, co-leads the Institutions, Organizations, and Policies Scientific Leadership Group for the Adolescent Trials Network, and is an active participant within Johns Hopkins Medicine on work designed to increase the operability of patient portals for youth and families with a developmental, legal, and health equity lens. She served as the first author of the landmark 2019 AAP policy statement, *"The Impact of Racism on Child and Adolescent Health,"* while serving as the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Section on Adolescent Health (2009-2019). Since its publication, this article has almost 1000 citations, resulting in major organizational policy shifts and a book, *Untangling the Thread of Racism: A Primer for Pediatric Health Professionals.* She has been considered a health trailblazer for her work, which spans clinical trials incorporating bench science to health services research. Through her clinical service, scientific endeavors, and organizational leadership, she has become an important advocate for adolescent and young adult health in the United States.