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Allison Barlow, PhD, MPH, MA is Director of Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health, which she joined in 1991, and Senior Scientist in the Department of International Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her research and service portfolio focus on working in partnership with tribal communities to create and evaluate public health interventions to address behavioral and mental health inequities for and with Native American children and families. An important concentration is to design interventions for maximum sustainability and scalability. Projects to date have spanned early childhood home-visiting to address parents' and children's substance abuse risk and strengths-based approaches to suicide, depression, and substance abuse prevention. Recent strategies have demonstrated the impact of Indigenous community mental health specialists to deliver brief interventions to address suicide and binge substance use among adolescents; and community-based development, implementation and evaluation of strength-based interventions to promote protective factors for both substance use and suicide, including an elder-delivered resilience curriculum and an experiential youth entrepreneurship program. Her longest line of research has been in the development, evaluation and scaling of the *Family Spirit* home-visiting intervention that now serves over 130 tribal communities across 21 states. Dr. Barlow holds a BA from Dartmouth College, MA in Aboriginal Studies from University of Melbourne, MPH from Johns Hopkins University, and PhD in Social and Behavioral Sciences from University of Amsterdam. She earned the Martin Luther King Social Justice Award in 2007 from Johns Hopkins University, and in 2008 from Dartmouth College for her work to address social and health inequities in the US. She received the 2013 Indian Health Service Director's Special Recognition Award, and the American Academy of Pediatrics Native American Advocacy Award in 2019.