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James Guevara, MD, MPH, is a Professor of Pediatrics & Epidemiology at the Perelman School of Medicine (PSOM) at the University of Pennsylvania and an attending physician at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). He was a founding member of PolicyLab, a center of emphasis at CHOP that seeks to provide research evidence to inform policy decisions. His research interests lie at the intersection of early child development, behavior, and health inequities. He has been the recipient of numerous awards from the National Institutes of Health, Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Maternal Child Health Bureau, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. His research involves partnerships with community-based organizations, government agencies, and parent advocacy groups to address important policy-relevant questions aimed at reducing inequities in early childhood and in the research workforce. Currently, he is conducting studies of family navigation for early intervention referrals among young children with developmental delays and disabilities and a social media-based parenting program for women suffering from postpartum depression. He is a vice chair for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Informatics and a Lead Diversity Search Advisor at PSOM. He co-directs a graduate level course on health disparities research and mentors physician fellows, doctoral students, and other trainees at CHOP and Penn. He was until recently a standing member and chair of the Healthcare and Health Disparities (HHD) study section at NIH, is a member of the executive committee of the Council on Early Childhood at the American Academy of Pediatrics, is a co-director of the Master of Science in Health Policy Research at PSOM, and is an Associate Editor at the peer-reviewed journal Academic Pediatrics.