

Dr. Joseph Guillory was born and raised in Southwest Louisiana where he first encountered health disparities. Determined to improve the circumstances of underserved communities, he pursued higher education and advocacy opportunities at Baylor University and then McGovern Medical School. During his adult psychiatry residency at the University of Texas at Southwestern (UTSW), he began seeking out opportunities that allowed him to serve others outside of the confines of the clinical setting through volunteering with NAMI North Texas and the Association of Persons Affected by Addiction (APAA). During his child/adolescent psychiatry fellowship at UTSW, Dr. Guillory partnered with community organizations to create a community education on mental health recovery and was awarded the American College of Psychiatrists Laughlin Fellowship in 2020. In 2021, he was one of six psychiatrists in the nation awarded the Exemplary Psychiatrist Award by NAMI National. In 2022, Dr. Guillory published a pivotal paper on his community education on mental health recovery. In 2023, Dr. Guillory was awarded the UTSW Center for Translational Science Award Grant, the University of Texas Kenneth I. Shine Education Grant, APAA ROCC Star Award, and entry into the UTSW CTSA Research Catalyst Program. In 2024, Dr. Guillory began pursuing translational research involving peer-led, communitybased interventions for Transitional Age Youth who struggle with suicidality and was selected as an O'Donnell Brain Institute Clinical Neuroscience Scholar and awarded the New Emerging Childhood Mental Health Research Grant by Texas Childhood Mental Healthcare Consortium.

Currently, Dr. Guillory is an Assistant Professor at UTSW where he works as a clinician scholar. In his clinical role, he works in a novel Young Adult Psychiatric clinic that spans across Children's, Parkland, and UTSW. In his research role, he is the principal investigator on several community-based, peer-led studies for young adults who struggle with suicidal thoughts and behaviors. In addition, Dr. Guillory is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of service as President of the NAMI North Texas Board of Directors.