Keck School of Medicine of USC

Department of Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences



The Department of Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences at Keck School of Medicine of USC has been selected as an Awardee of the Decoding Disparities QuickFire Challenge!

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The Department of Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences has been awarded \$100,000 from Johnson & Johnson Innovation together with Janssen Scientific Affairs LLC to develop an embedded and culturally matched counseling service through an innovative approach that delivers empowering community mental health services within cultural centers for Black collegians. Through this cost effective, culturally consistent model of providing therapeutic services, the program aims to effectively increase mental health access, engagement, and wellbeing among Black identified college students.