THE PROBLEM

Every year, hundreds of thousands of children in the United States suffer child abuse and neglect (USDHHS, 2017). Efforts to break the intergenerational cycles of child abuse can only succeed when innovative science translates into future education and effective interventions. Yet, many child-serving systems remain isolated from each other.

OUR PURPOSE

TO TRANSLATE OUR RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE BY:

• Connecting organizations and professionals across disciplines to share evidence-based science to prevent maltreatment
• Enlisting local communities to work together, integrating research and resources, to promote child welfare

TO SERVE AS A NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER BY:

• Conducting innovative research in child maltreatment
• Disseminating emerging discoveries and interventions
• Training investigators, clinicians, and professionals working with or on behalf of children on best practices for the prevention of child maltreatment

OUR GOALS

Partner with leaders of various community systems-of-care who serve high-risk children and families to support implementation of evidence-based approaches in settings where they will ultimately produce the greatest public health impact, such as: courts, medical/mental health offices, child welfare social services, educational settings, etc.

Interface with various stakeholder groups across multiple child-serving systems (child welfare, legal, education, physical and mental health, law enforcement, advocacy groups, funders and policymakers) through community engagement programing that will lead to dissemination of science and research.

Provide education, mentoring/training, pilot funding opportunities, and career development coaching for early career professionals (graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, early career investigators) to cultivate translational science skills to launch the next generation of child maltreatment investigators and practitioners.

Disseminate research findings via traditional routes (e.g., publications and presentations at professional conferences) along with additional initiatives (e.g., website, newsletter, TRANSFORM-sponsored webinars and conferences, social media, and mobile applications).