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Dr. Tyreasa Washington, Child Trends' senior program area director and distinguished senior scholar for child welfare, is a nationally and internationally recognized leading scholar in the child welfare field. Her primary research interest is on kinship care families and how resources and policies affect these families. Currently, Dr. Washington is the principal investigator of two Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)-funded studies. One study examines the impact of family on the social, academic, and behavioral outcomes of African American children in kinship care, and the other examines the risk and promotive factors of health (e.g., Alzheimer's, stress) among African Americans providing kinship care.

Dr. Washington has experience in both academia and in practice, she is a licensed clinical social worker who has worked in child welfare and mental health settings. She was a professor in the Department of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG), she is a faculty affiliate to the Social Policy Institute at Washington University in St. Louis, and the founding director of the African American Families and Kinship Care Lab.