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Allison is a developmental psychologist with expertise in child development and family systems and a commitment to improving child and family outcomes and advancing equity. Metz specializes in the implementation of evidence to achieve social impact for children and families in a range of human service areas, with an emphasis on child welfare and early childhood service contexts. Her research interests include the role of trust, power and relationships in evidence use, competencies for supporting implementation, and co-creation strategies to support sustainable change. She is particularly interested in the development of a workforce for supporting implementation of research evidence in public systems.