



**Dr. Heather L. Fox**

Dr. Fox is a mixed-methods researcher who champions implementing and scaling evidence-based strategies to improve equity in education and child welfare settings. Dr. Fox is a pragmatic researcher dedicated to translating research findings into actionable and anti-racist practices that support the well-being and resiliency of children, youth, and their families. Dr. Fox is contracted by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to facilitate research translation that supports data-informed and equity-centered efforts to improve the experiences and outcomes for children, youth and families engaged in the child welfare system. This work includes designing, conducting, and contributing to mixed-methods research and evaluation studies utilizing quantitative analysis (descriptive, correlational, geospatial, and quasi-experimental); qualitative analysis (narrative, grounded theory, and phenomenological-thematic); and cross-sectional and successive independent sample mixed-method surveys.