At the Intersection of Child Welfare and Juvenile Legal System Involvement: Research Strategies for Policy and Practice Change

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This report highlights the unique needs and outcomes of youth involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, emphasizing gaps in research on risk factors, service access, and long-term wellbeing. It calls for coordinated, trauma-informed approaches and multi-system collaboration to improve outcomes and reduce system involvement. Finally, it outlines priority research areas, including preventive interventions, cross-system policies, and strategies to amplify youth voices in shaping programs and policies.

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