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Kimberly Howard Robinson is a researcher and child development expert with over fifteen years of experience in research and policy related to children, families and educational programs. She is an executive vice president of the Forum for Youth Investment and managing director of the Forum's Weikart Center.

Her work focused on evidence use and continuous improvement to support children and families has spanned academia, public education, philanthropy and nonprofit sectors. Most recently, she worked at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, one of the largest private philanthropic institutions in the country, where she focused on developing and implementing continuous improvement processes to support programmatic strategy and effectiveness and created a portfolio of investments aimed at increasing data accessibility and utility in communities. For several years prior, she had worked in K-12 public education in New York City and Baltimore City, focused on leveraging data and research evidence to improve decision making in districts. In Baltimore, she led several initiatives on behalf of the district, including the transition to online assessment and new teacher and school leader evaluation systems. Through forging a partnership with researchers and community leaders, she led the district's efforts to improve student literacy and graduation rates and ensure that students were prepared to transition to college and careers. In New York City, her work was also focused on evaluating district initiatives and using data to better understand and tell the story of the district's progress over time. She has also taught undergraduate and graduate level courses in psychology, child and lifespan development, children in poverty, and research methods.

Kim earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana, and a master's degree and a Ph.D., both in developmental psychology, from the University of Notre Dame. She is an avid runner who has run 6 marathons and 30+ half marathons. She also has a passion for drinking tea out of fancy teacups, celebrating holidays of all kinds, and making things- usually crafty and/or food-related.

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