

20TH ANNIVERSARY REPORT

2005 - 2025 AT A GLANCE



KARYN PURVIS INSTITUTE
of
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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Director's Letter



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What began more than 20 years ago with a professor and student committed to bringing hope and healing to children who experienced trauma is now a thriving, multi-disciplinary institute comprised of experts, students, and partners committed to transforming cultures of care around the world.

Trauma impacts what we know and believe about ourselves — whether our perspective matters, whether we matter, whether we feel worthy of love, whether we feel we can negotiate our needs, and whether we see ourselves as precious. Trauma impacts our ability to regulate ourselves—our thoughts, feelings, and actions — or to pull ourselves out of a state of overwhelm or distress or dysregulation.

We believe TBRI® is the antidote to the world's greatest need — the harm and hardship experienced because of trauma.

TBRI is a way of being in relationship — a posture, attitude and mindset that prioritizes dignity, respect, giving voice, sharing power, and seeing the humanity in the child or adult sitting next to you. TBRI principles and strategies provide a roadmap for how to be in relationship — how to respond sensitively, consistently, and unconditionally through our words and actions. Only through healthy and loving relationships can we bring others to a place of healing.

Relationships are also central to community wellbeing. Today, we are committed to transforming cultures of care, with the people and for the people, in every place on the planet. Together, and with trusted partners around the world, the KPICD is working to empower communities with tools for healing and resilience.

Danica Knight

Danica Knight, Ph.D.
Rees-Jones Director

Understanding TBRI®

Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) was originally developed to support foster and adoptive families navigating the effects of early trauma. Over time, it has grown into a flexible, relationship-based approach that empowers healthy interactions in any setting — whether at home, in schools, in healthcare, and across all systems of care.

TBRI is an attachment-informed model built on decades of research in neuroscience, sensory processing, and child development. It is structured around three sets of principles:

- Empowering Principles
 - Address physical and environmental needs
- Connecting Principles
 - Support attachment and relationship-building
- Correcting Principles
 - Guide responses to behavioral challenges

While TBRI is often used to support individuals impacted by trauma, its core focus on connection makes it applicable in a wide range of contexts. Today, practitioners use TBRI to strengthen relationships, improve outcomes, and promote trust across diverse communities and professions.

Who We Are

Mission

To improve the lives of children through research, education, and outreach that addresses the impact of early abuse, neglect, and trauma

Vision

To bring hope and healing to children around the world

What began in 2005 as Hope Connection summer camps has grown into a globally recognized method — TBRI® — for addressing the needs of individuals impacted by trauma.

Today, the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development is known worldwide for equipping students and professionals to transform systems of care through research, education, and training.

TBRI training has grown from 43 US practitioners in 2009 to 8,656 today — with 7,815 in the U.S. (including 3,038 in Texas) and 802 internationally.



Our Founders



Dr. Karyn Purvis



Dr. David Cross

Since our founding in 2005, the Purvis Institute has grown in both the scope of our work and the size of our team. What began with two people and a Vision in Action grant from TCU has developed into a staff of 40+ across five dedicated teams.

We are honored to continue the work started by our founders, Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross. As we look to the future, their leadership continues to guide us. Dr. Purvis's urgency and compassion inspire our commitment to meeting the needs of children and families. Dr. Cross's curiosity and intellect shape our research and global partnerships.

We carry this work forward in memory of Dr. Purvis and in honor of Dr. Cross. Thank you for walking alongside us in our shared mission to improve the lives of children worldwide.



Linked Arms

Expanding Our Network of World-Changers

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“When I think about our 20-year journey as an Institute, I think about the people we've linked arms with along the way. I think about folks I met during my very first TBRI Practitioner Training in 2009, who are now TBRI mentors and trusted partners. I think about individuals I met when I was privileged to travel with Dr. Purvis as her assistant: the timid parents who would approach us at speaking engagements, trusting us with their stories; the professionals who were just starting their TBRI journeys with newly ignited passion in their eyes.

I think of the students who have gone through our Child Development program and are making us proud every day in the spaces where they are serving. This network of mission-minded world-changers has taken Dr. Purvis's dream, "to help all the children of all the world," and made it more of a reality with each passing year.”

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Emmelie Pickett

Communications Coordinator

Then & Now



A Founding Member's Perspective

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“In 2007, when I first arrived at the KPICD as a graduate student, the Institute was deeply focused on developing an intervention to support healing for children who had experienced trauma, work that ultimately became Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®).

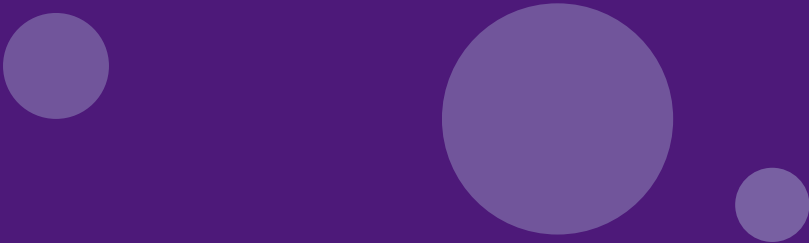
Once TBRI was developed and its effectiveness established, our focus shifted to sharing this knowledge with others through teaching and training. We began with families, then expanded to professionals, and eventually to entire organizations. Most recently, we've experienced another important shift: equipping, training, and supporting whole systems and sectors of care to create wide-reaching, sustainable change.”

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Casey Call, Ph.D.

Associate Director of Education

Associate Professor of Professional Practice



Educating Forward

From Local Roots to Worldwide Reach

What began with a single Child Development major in 2006 has blossomed into a thriving program that now serves 92 majors and 210 minors, making it the second-largest minor at TCU. This extraordinary growth reflects our commitment to preparing future leaders in trauma-informed care and child development.

Undergraduate Excellence

Our interdisciplinary Child Development program draws from nine departments across campus, offering students both breadth and depth in their studies. With 100% of majors engaged in service learning, students gain hands-on experience that bridges classroom theory and real-world practice.

Through Hope Connection 2.0 therapeutic camps and specialized internships, from Child Life practicums at children's hospitals to implementing TBRI® in orphanages, students develop practical skills working with children who have experienced trauma, abuse, and neglect.

Master of Science in Developmental Trauma (DETR)



Our 15-month, full-time master's program immerses practitioners and researchers in cutting-edge theories of complex developmental trauma, attachment, neuroscience, and evidence-based interventions. The 2025-2026 cohort is our largest yet, reflecting growing global demand for trauma-informed expertise.



Beyond Borders

From Localized Instruction to International Accessibility

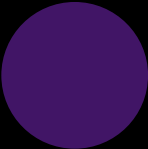
Our 2025 study abroad program in Madrid connected students with NGOs, Spanish mental health care systems, and TBRI® Practitioners, demonstrating our commitment to global learning and cross-cultural trauma-informed care.





Growth & Reach

TBRI® Across the United States



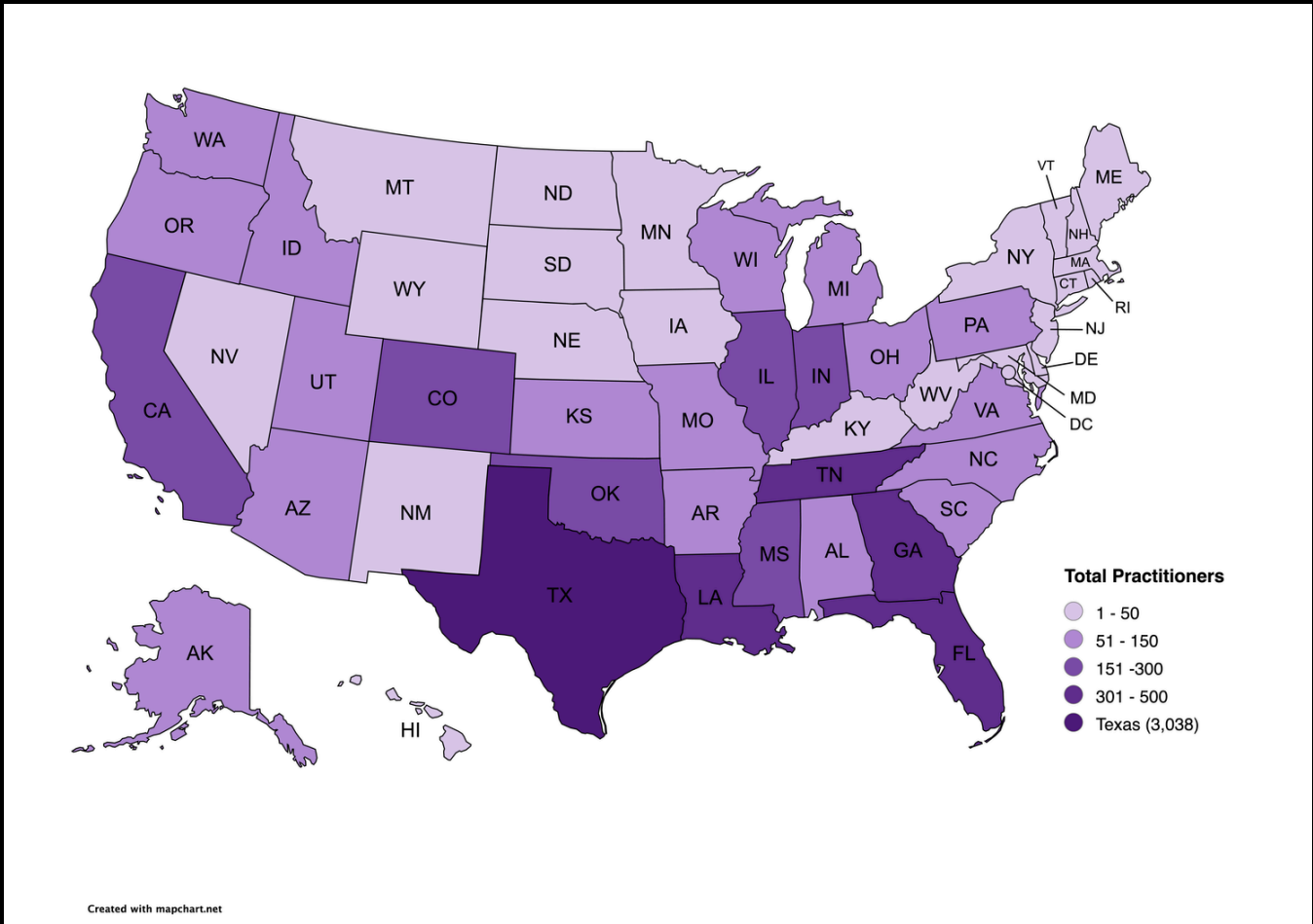
There are now 7,815 trained TBRI Practitioners working in all 50 states, as well as in Puerto Rico and the Navajo Nation. These professionals are applying TBRI principles across a wide range of settings, including education, healthcare, child welfare, and justice, demonstrating its adaptability and growing influence nationwide.

TBRI® Around the World

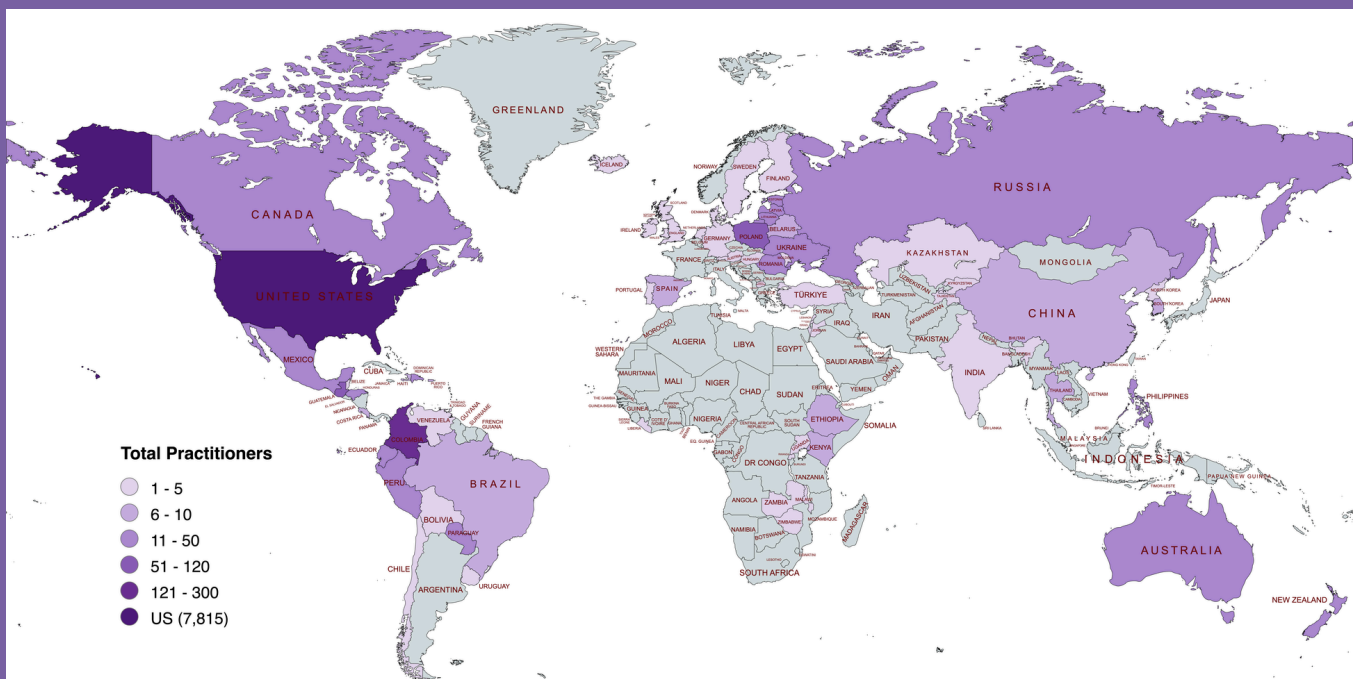


In 2025, there are 841 internationally-trained TBRI Practitioners working in 69 countries across six continents. From Romania to Rwanda, professionals are adapting TBRI to fit diverse cultural and systemic contexts, highlighting its flexibility and relevance in communities around the globe.





TBRI® Practitioners Across the United States



TBRI® Practitioners Around the World

Three circular inset images showing event activities: a speaker at a podium, a speaker addressing an audience, and a group photo of staff.

A man and a woman are smiling and holding small flags of the United States and the Republic of the Philippines. The man is wearing a light blue button-down shirt and glasses, and the woman is wearing a blue and white striped button-down shirt. They are standing in front of a purple circular graphic that frames the image.



Breaking Barriers



Insights from Training Leadership

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"The expansion of our training resources across languages and borders represents a profound shift in accessibility and reach. Twenty years ago, we could only imagine the day when practitioners worldwide would receive training from instructors who share their language and cultural context.

Today, through strategic global partnerships, that vision is our reality — and it's transforming how trauma-informed care is understood and implemented across continents."

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Daren Jones, Ph.D.

Associate Director of Training & Consultation Services

A Life's Work Unfolding

From Curiosity to Calling



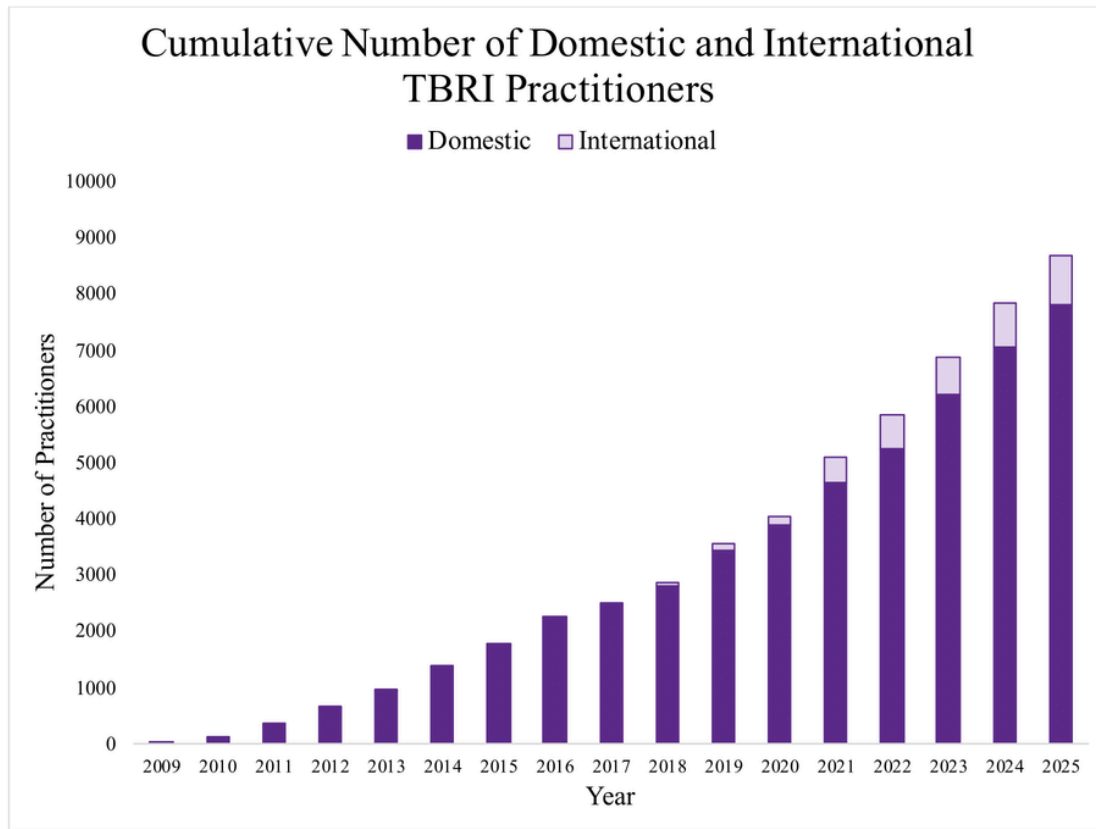
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“When I started graduate school at TCU over 20 years ago, I was intrigued by the Hope Connection camp that Karyn and David created and the fledgling program that was emerging from it.

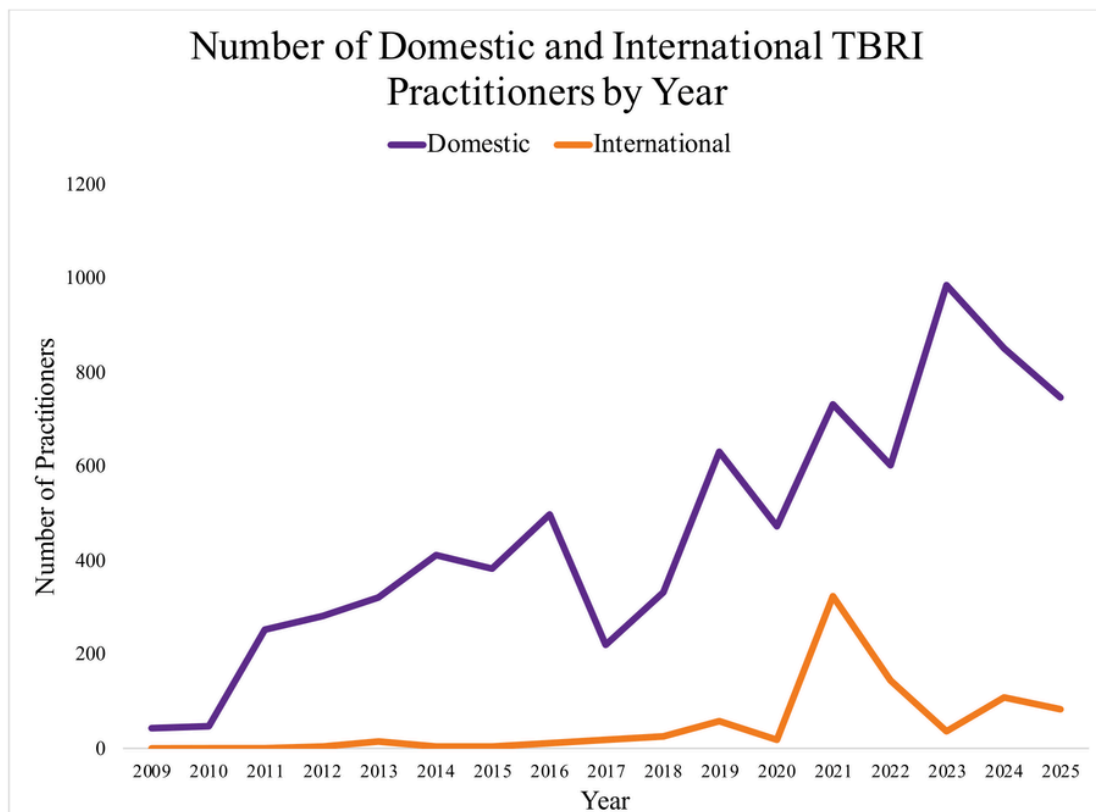
Little did I know it would become my life's work! To see the KPICD grow from a small summer camp to a leader in transforming cultures of care has been humbling and inspiring.”

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Erin Becker Razuri, Ph.D.
Assistant Director of Research



Domestic and International TBRI® Practitioners



TBRI® Practitioner Growth by Year

Advancing the Science of TBRI®

The Research Team serves as the evidence backbone of the KPICD, advancing its mission through rigorous research, continuous learning, and data-informed decision-making. The team designs and implements studies that deepen understanding of child and family well-being, evaluates the effectiveness of TBRI and trauma-informed care, and translates findings into actionable insights for practitioners, policymakers, and communities.

By maintaining high standards of ethical data management, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and supporting capacity-building across partners and staff, the team ensures that the KPICD's work remains grounded in science and leads to meaningful, measurable improvements in the lives of children and families.



Enhancing the KPICD's Impact



Three TBRI® research manuscripts were published in 2025, covering early childhood intervention, Hope Connection camp evaluation, and juvenile justice cost analysis. Additional papers are under review.

The Research Team advanced TCU student researchers, with three graduate students recently earning degrees: two PhDs (Shelley, August 2024; Shelashska, July 2025) and one Master's degree (Rabb, May 2025). Six undergraduate research assistants joined, with five presenting at the TCU Student Research Symposium.

The team expanded TBRI evaluation across all KPICD programs, including multilingual surveys (Spanish, Polish, Ukrainian, Russian) for international trainings. The second annual TBRI Practitioner Impact Survey captured network growth and practitioner needs.

Global research collaborations strengthened TBRI evidence through partnerships supporting projects on four continents.



Collaborating for Greater Impact

Our Ambassador Organizations extend the reach of TBRI® by embedding it into their systems and sharing it with others. These partnerships are key to sustainable growth.

- [All God's Children International](#)
- [CASA of Southeast Mississippi](#)
- [Child Advocates of Montgomery County](#)
- [Crossroads](#)
- [Empowered to Connect \(ETC\)](#)
- [HALO Project](#)
- [Immerse New Zealand](#)
- [Methodist Children's Home](#)
- [Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services \(PCHAS\)](#)
- [Raise the Future](#)
- [Restoration Rome](#)
- [Show Hope](#)
- [Volunteers for Youth Justice \(VYJ\)](#)
- [Williamson County Juvenile Services \(WILCO\)](#)

From Hallways to the World



A Journey of Heart and Healing

“I've had the privilege of being part of KPICD since 2010, back when we were tucked inside the Winton Scott building at TCU, running camps, inviting families into our little hallways, and watching Dr. Purvis and Dr. Cross pour life into every child and caregiver who walked through the door.

What I remember most about those early years wasn't the size of the space or the lack of resources we had, but the size of the hearts we had — people who believed, without wavering, that healing was possible for every child.

To have witnessed this journey from those humble beginnings, sticking together as a small team when KPICD was pushed to its limits, to now a global movement with many TBRI Practitioners supporting families, schools, and systems on every continent, has been one of the greatest honors of my professional life.

And as we celebrate 20 years, I'm reminded that the story of KPICD was never just about where we started, but about how far love, science, and connection can carry us and how much farther we're still called to go.”

**Henry Milton, Ph.D., AAI Certified
Training & Consultation Specialist**



Tools for Change

TBRI® resources have evolved from foundational materials like The Connected Child and TBRI® 101, focused primarily on adoption and foster care, to a collection of training and implementation tools for diverse sectors.

In 2025, KPICD launched two major advancements: the second edition of the TBRI® Caregiver Package and myTBRI®, a new online learning platform offering centralized resource distribution. Future expansions include sector-specific courses, a digital community space, and partner-hosted trainings.

Translation efforts have grown from Spanish in 2013 to approximately 17 languages today, including hosting a TBRI Practitioner Training in Poland in December 2025, where the entire training was offered in four languages.

New resources in development include Early Childhood Home Visiting, Equipped to Care: TBRI for Caregivers in Child Welfare, TBRI for Teens Youth Curriculum, TBRI in Schools (Spanish), TBRI on the Inside, and Trust-Based Workplaces.

Moving forward, KPICD will balance fidelity with flexibility, empowering Practitioners to adapt resources for their unique cultures and communities while expanding translation efforts to meet growing global demand.



A Pathway to Serve

Bringing Hope to Ukraine



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“The KPICD team helped me bring TBRI® to my home country – Ukraine, at a time when our children and families deeply needed connection, healing, and hope.

KPICD gave me more than an education. It gave me a pathway to serve my community in its most difficult moments. Everything I’ve learned about connection, healing, and resilience now flows directly into the work we do with Ukrainian children and caregivers.

Together, we are building the capacity, resilience, and hope needed to support children and families across Eastern Europe.”

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Raya Shelashska, Ph.D.
Associate Research Scientist



Leadership Team



Our leadership team brings expertise, passion, and dedication to the KPICD. They guide research, finance, and communication while translating findings into resources and educational programs.

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Building the Foundation

Supporting Excellence Worldwide

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“Over two decades, our operations have expanded not only in scope but in purpose. Our expanded operational support ensures that practitioners, partners, and organizations have what they need to deliver TBRI® with excellence.

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From contracting and compliance to logistics and communications, our team is proud to stand behind the work that is transforming cultures of care around the world.”



Melondy Doddy-Muñoz, Ph.D.
Assistant Director of Operations

Advisory Board

Our advisory board provides strategic insight and helps ensure our work remains relevant, ethical, and impactful.

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Thank You

From early grants to long-term partnerships, funding has played a vital role in our growth. We're grateful to those who have invested in our mission — and invite others to join us.

To follow along with KPICD activities, visit child.tcu.edu or follow us on social media.



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