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Nico Trocmé has recently joined McGill as the Philip Fisher Chair in Social Work and the Director of the newly renamed Center for Research on Children and Families. Dr. Trocmé is one of Canada's leading researchers in the field of child welfare. He is the principal investigator for the 1998 and 2003 Canadian Incidence Studies of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect, the most comprehensive source of data on victims of child maltreatment in Canada. Dr. Trocmé also directed the development of a framework for tracking child welfare service outcomes that is being implemented by provincial and territorial jurisdictions across Canada. Additional research activities include analysis of child welfare service trends across Canada, examination of maltreatment related injuries, analysis of child welfare service responses to Aboriginal families, and the evaluation of a risk assessment tool.

Dr. Trocmé is actively engaged in supporting the development of flexible outcomes-based child welfare policy and services across Canada. He recently served as a research advisor for the Ontario Government's child welfare service transformation program and the chair of the National Advisory Committee overseeing the evaluation of the Alberta Response Model. Dr. Trocmé is currently assisting Montreal's Batshaw Youth and Family Centres in developing its research capacity. He has presented expert evidence at several coroner inquests and provides evaluation and service planning consultation to a number of child welfare organizations across Canada. Prior to completing his Ph.D., Dr. Trocmé worked for five years as a child welfare and children's mental health social worker.

As the founding Director of the Centre of Excellence for Child Welfare at the University of Toronto, Dr. Trocmé has spent the last five years developing a Canada-wide network of researchers and policy makers to promote and support evidence-based child welfare policy. As the new Director of the Center for Research on Children and Families, Dr. Trocmé is focusing on developing a McGill-based interdisciplinary community-researcher partnership to conduct and disseminate research for effective programs and policies for vulnerable children and youth and their families.