## **PROJECT FOCUS**

To understand which factors (including, but not limited to newly licensed child-placing agencies) quantitatively impact Upbring's foster care census.

## **DELIVERABLES**

- Development of a data model that quantifies the impact of a new CPA on Upbring's foster care Census
- Set of recommendations for mitigating the impact of a newly licensed CPA on Upbring's foster care Census
- Slide deck summarizing findings, recommendations for mitigation, and areas for further research/consideration



Upbring's mission is to break the cycle of child abuse by empowering children, families, and communities. It delivers innovative programs and services across the state of Texas that make measurable progress toward five key markers of every child's success: safety, health, education, life skills and vocation. These programs include foster care, adoption, education, residential treatment and community services.

## **CONNECT FELLOW**



KIM MCERLEAN

DOCTORAL CANDIDATE

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS