

**Committee on Child Maltreatment Research, Policy, and Practice  
for the Next Decade:  
Phase Two**

**Statement of Task**

Building on Phase 1, an ad hoc committee will conduct a full study that will culminate in an updated version of the 1993 NRC publication entitled *Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect*. Similar to the 1993 report, the updated report resulting from this study will provide recommendations for allocating existing research funds and also suggest funding mechanisms and topic areas to which new resources could be allocated or enhanced resources could be redirected. To this end, the committee will:

- Build on the review of literature and findings from the evaluation of research on child abuse and neglect;
- Identify research that provides knowledge relevant to the programmatic, research, and policy fields; and
- Recommend research priorities for the next decade, including new areas of research that should be funded by public and private agencies and suggestions regarding fields that are no longer a priority for funding.

It is expected that the committee will give special consideration to the following key topics: preventing child maltreatment and promoting wellbeing; intervention and evidence-based practices; implementation and dissemination; strategies aimed at community, society, place-based or system level changes; parent, family and community engagement; biological and neurobiological research on child maltreatment; culturally relevant and meaningful practice; and future directions for child maltreatment research methods and measurement.