

## **Becca Ames**

Becca Ames is a doctoral student at Cornell University in the Department of Human Centered Design. Her research draws on her background in psychology and social science research, as well as six years of design strategy industry experience, to provide evidence-based recommendations to improve human health and wellbeing. Human-environment interactions occur in both built and natural environments, and her research and publications span topics across these settings, such as evaluating the application of trauma-informed design to residential treatment settings for youth, considering the use of color in NICU environments, and understanding the role of community-engaged research as an approach for tackling community violence. Her passion for translational research guides her research approach, aiming to create positive change through design by bringing practitioners and researchers together around shared goals.