

Announcing New Pilot Grant Program Awardees

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Through PolicyLab's [joint pilot grant program](#) with [Clinical Futures](#), we have the opportunity to invest in research projects aimed at answering cutting edge clinical questions, developing or informing clinical programs, or influencing practice and policy for children and families in our community. PolicyLab has proudly funded eight projects thus far, exploring topics from [menstrual health equity](#) to [disparities in prenatal health care](#) and more. Today, I am excited to announce our newest round of Clinical Futures and PolicyLab pilot grant funding awardees:

- **Kevin J. Downes, MD, Laura A. Vella, MD, PhD, Brian T. Fisher, DO, Sandra Amaral, MD, Leena M. Chehab, MD, Scott Hensley, PhD, Maureen Josephson, MD, Yun Li, PhD** — “Assessment of Immunity in Immunocompromised Children Following Receipt of COVID-19 Vaccination (AIM FOR COVID)”
- **Halley Ruppel, PhD, RN, Chris Bonafide, MD, MSCE, Elizabeth Foglia, MD, MSCE, Michael O’Byrne, MD, MSCE** — “Evaluating the Accuracy of Pulse Oximetry in Children According to Race and Skin Pigmentation”
- **Yuan He, MD, MPH, Joanne Wood, MD, MSHP, Eugenia South, MD, MSHP** — “Examining Impacts of Neighborhood Greening Interventions on Neighborhood Child Maltreatment”
- **Ariel Williamson, PhD, DBSM, Ignacio E. Tapia, MD, MTR, Alexander G. Fiks, MD, MSCE, Jungwon Min, PhD, MS, Zuemei Zhang, MS, Di Shu, PhD, MSc, Christopher M. Cielo, DO, MTR** — “Leveraging Insurance Claims Data to Characterize Medical and Behavioral Sleep Disorder Diagnosis, Treatment, Care Utilization and Health Disparities in Pediatrics”

These talented individuals will conduct innovative, one-year projects that we believe can influence policy and practice changes and produce timely evidence so that the populations we serve receive the care they need. Be sure to visit [Clinical Futures' website](#) and [PolicyLab's pilot grant landing page](#) to learn more about the program.



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