

## Announcing Our Latest Pilot Grant Program Awardees

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Through PolicyLab's [joint pilot grant program](#) with [Clinical Futures](#), we have the opportunity to review proposals for pioneering research studies 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 12 projects since the program's inception and today, I am excited to announce our spring 2023 Clinical Futures and PolicyLab pilot grant funding awardees.

- **April J. Ancheta, PhD, RN, Nadia L. Dowshen, MD, MSHP, Catherine C. McDonald, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dalmacio Dennis Flores, PhD, ACRN, FAAN** — “The Experiences of School Nurses in Caring for Sexual and Gender Minority Youth”
  - Read more about this project [here](#).
- **Jennifer Whittaker, PhD, Xi Wang, PhD, Rebecka Rosenquist, MSc, Meredith Matone, DrPH** — “Understanding the Geography and Role of Crisis Pregnancy Centers in Rural Maternal Health Care Deserts in Pennsylvania”
  - Read more about this project [here](#).
- **David Weber, MD, MSCE, Jonathan Mitchell, PhD, Jessica Decker, PhD, Rachana Shah, MD** — “GLP1a Therapy and Effects on Bone Health and Energetic Behavior Profiles in Children with Obesity”
- **Sarah M. Wood, MD, MSHP, Spandana Makeneni, PhD, Charlotte Schluger, BS** — “Using Natural Language Processing and Clinical Notes to Assess Clinical Guideline Adherence to HIV Prevention Care in Adolescents and Young Adults”

Congratulations to our awarded teams who will conduct these innovative one-year projects. Be sure to visit [Clinical Futures' website](#) and PolicyLab's [pilot grant landing page](#) to learn more the program, as well as a [Cornerstone blog post](#) focused on the awarded projects listed above.



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