

# Supporting Caregivers and Families Impacted by Substance Use

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At PolicyLab, we recognize that individuals impacted by substance use who are also caregivers of children need unique supports that are responsive to family context and experience.

PolicyLab researchers are looking into programs and policies aimed at supporting families with a caregiver experiencing substance use. In current work, we are focused on key three areas:

- **Evaluating** community-based programs that support the well-being of families impacted by substance use.
- **Examining** trends in prenatal and postpartum opioid use, treatment access and retention, and program availability.
- **Advancing** policies and practices that enhance equitable access to care, reduce structural barriers and address intersecting challenges to family well-being.

In this project spotlight brief, we share examples of projects and publications related to this ongoing work.

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