

# Population Health Sciences: A Snapshot of a PolicyLab Research Portfolio

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Health systems are built to respond reactively to health concerns, but improving health - while reducing health disparities - requires creative thinking and proactive planning at multiple levels within and beyond the walls of the health care system.

In our Population Health Sciences portfolio, we explore the drivers of health and evaluate potential solutions. We're investigating health insurance coverage and underinsurance to ensure families can access the care they need. We're examining the unique experiences of children with special health needs, families' social needs - which are too often unmet - and the role of local environments in impacting children's health. Addressing these issues together enables providers and systems to improve children's health at scale while ensuring health equity for all.

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