

Increase in Serious Physical Abuse Related to Foreclosure Trend

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An <u>article</u> published by PolicyLab's <u>Joanne Wood</u> and <u>David Rubin</u> shows a significant increase in children admitted to children's hospitals due to serious physical abuse over the last decade. The study also found a strong relationship between a region's rate of physical abuse admissions and its local mortgage foreclosure trend, a hallmark of the recent recession. These findings are based on data from 38 children's hospitals and contrast with national child welfare data, which show a decline in child physical abuse over the same period. Read the <u>1-page brief</u>, <u>press release</u>, and <u>project summary</u>.



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