

Increase in Serious Physical Abuse Related to Foreclosure Trend

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An [article](#) published by PolicyLab's [Joanne Wood](#) and [David Rubin](#) 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 [1-page brief](#), [press release](#), and [project summary](#).

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