

New Brief on the Role of Child Care in Family-centered Approaches to Treatment for Substance Use Disorder

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Amid a persistent <u>maternal mortality crisis</u> in the U.S., substance use is one of the most pronounced issues facing those who have recently given birth and other caregivers in Pennsylvania.

Interviews PolicyLab conducted with key stakeholders and caregivers in recovery across the Commonwealth, along with data and research by state and national entities, highlight the ways absence of quality child care prevents parents from accessing substance use treatment.

In a newly released PolicyLab <u>issue brief</u>, we look at how improving outcomes for pregnant and parenting individuals with substance use disorder (SUD) requires serving the whole family unit, explore the impact access to quality child care can have on a parent's ability to access and sustain SUD treatment, and outline potential ways to improve policy and practice.

Read the issue brief here.



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