

POLICYLAB

Our care for children and families drives our research, informing practice and policy to improve child health.

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Founded in 2008, PolicyLab is a Center of Emphasis within Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's (CHOP) Research Institute, one of the largest pediatric research institutes in the country.

We develop and implement evidence-based solutions that are responsive to community needs and relevant to child health policy priorities. Collaboration with programs, practitioners, families, and policymakers is imperative throughout our research process because we know we cannot achieve improved child and adolescent health outcomes by ourselves. And since research articles on their own are unlikely to produce change, we invest in translating our work into digestible information for a broad array of program and policy audiences.

OUR RESEARCH

Our work focuses on addressing the health needs of children of all ages, from infants to young adults. We work on a wide array of research projects that coalesce into five portfolios:



Adolescent Health & Well-being

We're seeking to better understand adolescents' reproductive and sexual, mental, and special health care needs, including for vulnerable populations of teens.



Health Equity

We're building evidence for policies and programs that improve health outcomes and promote health equity for marginalized children and adolescents.



Behavioral Health

We're seeking to ensure that children and families receive the behavioral health services they need to be their healthiest selves both physically and mentally.



Family & Community Health

We're building evidence for sustainable, family-centered programs within and outside of the health care system to better the health of children, families and communities.



Population Health Sciences

We're examining factors that impact health and access to care and investigating how to equitably improve outcomes through rigorous population-based interventions.

The strategic alignment of our work through these portfolios allows for collaboration across our diverse research teams on meaningful projects with the scope and expertise required to inform quality child and adolescent health policies at all levels.



VISIT [POLICYP.LAB.CHOP.EDU/OUR-RESEARCH](https://policylab.chop.edu/our-research)

for more information on each of our projects.



OUR PROCESS

Our approach engages with communities to improve child, adolescent and family health. From the traditional public health epidemiological research we do to identify emerging trends in children's health issues to our work implementing innovative interventions in our communities and health care system, these four steps guide everything we do:



OUR RESOURCES

PolicyLab works to turn our high-quality, evidence-based research into actionable program and policy recommendations through:

- Policy Analyses & Briefs
- Population Needs Assessments
- Program Implementation & Evaluation
- Expert Testimony & Commentary

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

Our investigator-led research doesn't operate in a vacuum, but is informed by and responsive to partnerships with key contributors.

We conduct community-engaged research, working with collaborators outside the hospital setting on research grants and through efforts like our Community Partnerships in Research Program. Our partnerships have included local, state, and federal agencies and policymakers; peer research centers; community-based organizations; advocacy groups; school districts; foundations; professional organizations; adult health care settings; other children's hospitals; and communities.



VISIT [POLICYP.LAB.CHOP.EDU/POLICY-TOOLS](https://policylab.chop.edu/policy-tools)

to find helpful resources for policymakers, program developers and other interested groups.



OUR TEAM



Meredith Matone,
DrPH, MHS, Director

PolicyLab's growing team of faculty and professionals is led by Director Meredith Matone, DrPH, MHS, and senior leadership across policy and communications.

We have recruited professionals spanning interdisciplinary fields including medicine, behavioral health, social work, public health, public policy and communications. Across all of our disciplines, we are committed to hiring that reflects the diverse communities we serve and training the next generation of pediatric researchers through a variety of exciting initiatives.

PolicyLab researchers have distinct methodological expertise, including robust observational research, mixed-methods designs, program evaluation and implementation, and community-engaged research. Through this expertise and with the help of an experienced group of in-house policy and communications professionals, we are able to provide solutions from research and policy development through implementation of programs.

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for more information about PolicyLab team members.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Since its start in 1855 as the nation's first hospital devoted exclusively to caring for children, CHOP has been the birthplace for many dramatic firsts in pediatric medicine.

The hospital has fostered medical discoveries and innovations that have improved pediatric health care and saved countless children's lives. CHOP has a long and distinguished tradition of research that has spanned more than a century. The research breakthroughs at CHOP have improved the lives of countless children throughout the world and put the institution on the

course to pediatric research preeminence. Today, the hospital's entire research enterprise is organized under the aegis of the CHOP Research Institute and constitutes a separate organizational, administrative and financial entity within the Hospital. PolicyLab is a Center of Emphasis within the CHOP Research Institute.



The mission of PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) is to achieve optimal child health and well-being by informing program and policy changes through interdisciplinary research. PolicyLab is a Center of Emphasis within the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute, one of the largest pediatric research institutes in the country.

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