

**THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS AND CHILD REMOVALS**

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One of the many indirect costs of opioid crisis is the impaired ability of parents to care for their children. In the most extreme circumstances, opioid use disorder can lead to children being removed from their homes and placed in foster care. Removal has been associated with many deleterious effects on children, including higher rates of juvenile delinquency and teen motherhood, mental and physical health problems, and higher rates of adult criminality. This webinar will explore the association between the rate of child removals and the opioid prescription rate. The presentation will feature findings from published analyses of Florida, California, and the U.S.



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Dr. Quast is an economist who received his doctorate in Economics from the University of Florida and his Master's degree in Economics from The University of Texas. His research interests include the impact of opioid crisis on children, the relationship between economic fluctuations and health outcomes, and the impact of natural disasters on health status and the utilization of health services. He has been awarded research funding by the National Institutes of Health to examine the treatment of children displaced after Hurricane Katrina and has an interest in using large data sets for analysis of population health issues.

[Florida study](#)

[California study](#)

[U.S. study](#)

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