

2018 Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Research and Policy Conference

Errata Sheet

Date	Time	Session	As Shown in Final Program/Abstract Booklet or Agenda-At-A-Glance	Change After the Program/Agenda Went to Print
March 7	10:00 – 11:45 a.m.	A-4	Comparing Alternatives for Estimation from Nonprobability Samples Richard Valliant	Title correction
March 7	3:15 - 5:00 p.m.	C-1	Topic Interest in Voting Surveys: Experimental Evidence Colin MacFarlane (Fors Marsh Group), Carl Turner (Fors Marsh Group), Jonathan Mendelson (Fors Marsh Group), Krysha Gregorowicz (Fors Marsh Group)	Paper Withdrawn from Conference
March 8	8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	D-3	The Role of Opioid Misuse in Child Welfare Caseloads Robin Ghertner, Annette Waters, Laura Radel, Christopher Jones (all from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS)	Inclusion in Session D-3 of Program
	ABSTRACT	D-3	<p>The Role of Opioid Misuse in Child Welfare Caseloads Robin Ghertner, Annette Waters, Laura Radel, Christopher Jones (all from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS)</p> <p>Substance use – including opioid misuse –can have damaging effects on families, including reducing parents’ ability to safely care for their children. After years of decline, the national foster care caseload has been rising over the past five years. Between 2011 and 2015, the number of children in care rose from 397,000 to 428,000, an 8 percent increase. This increase has caused concern among child welfare practitioners and policy makers, and the opioid epidemic parental substance use is often cited as the cause for this increase. Despite the anecdotes, until now there is no nationwide empirical evidence to support this assumption.</p> <p>This study provides the most rigorous evidence yet of a causal link between the opioid misuse and child welfare. Using five years of data for counties across the US and instrumental variables methods, we have four key findings. First, we find a positive, causal relationship between opioid misuse prevalence and rates of reports of child maltreatment, substantiated reports, and foster care placements. Second, the effect of opioid misuse prevalence differs somewhat by urbanicity, with a stronger relationship found in large metropolitan areas and rural areas, relative to small metropolitan and micropolitan areas. Third, opioid misuse has a comparable effect on caseloads as other substances, though alcohol use has a higher impact than any substance. Finally, higher opioid prevalence predicts more complex and severe cases, with cases more likely leading to removal of children from their parents and placement into foster care. Qualitative evidence supports these findings, showing that caseworkers are having difficulty in finding other family members who can safely care for children, parents that are unable to recover sufficiently to retain custody, and community institutions that are less able to step in to support children when families cannot.</p>	

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March 8	10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	E-2	Discussant: Rosario Palmieri	Discussant: To be determined
March 8	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Plenary II	Additional Panelists Include: Mary Bohman (Economic Research Service) Jeri Mulrow (Bureau of Justice Statistics) Sally Thompson (Bureau of Economic Analysis) William Wiatrowski (Bureau of Labor Statistics)	Name added to Panelist list Additional Panelists Include: Margaret H. Graves (U.S. Acting Chief Information Officer) Mary Bohman (Economic Research Service) Jeri Mulrow (Bureau of Justice Statistics) Sally Thompson (Bureau of Economic Analysis) William Wiatrowski (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
March 9	3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	J-2	Presenter Name on Agenda-At-A-Glance Jointly Predicting U.S. Recessions and Restaurant Downturns: Integrated Models using the ERS Food Expenditure Series Timothy Park	Added Presenter name: Jointly Predicting U.S. Recessions and Restaurant Downturns: Integrated Models using the ERS Food Expenditure Series Timothy Park Howard Elitzak