



Birth Beyond Bars

MCH Leadership Lab Student Project

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Pregnancy In Prison Statistics

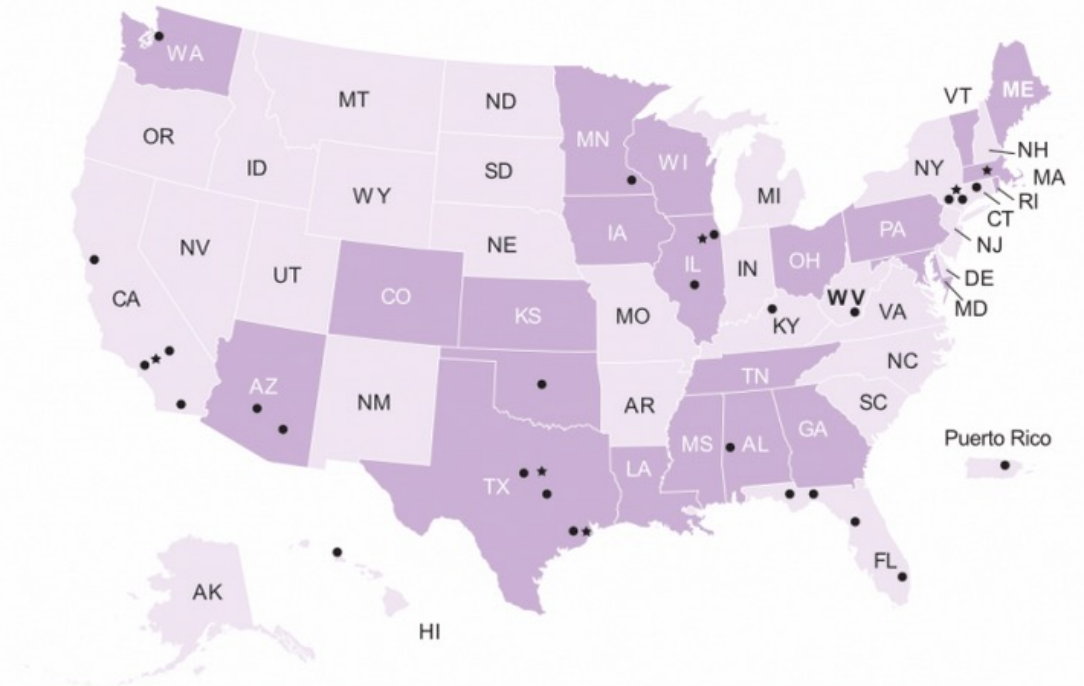
Incarcerated Pregnant People in a 12 Month Period

Collecting Data on Incarcerated Pregnant People

From 2016-2017, statistics were collected on pregnancy outcomes from all federal prisons and a sample of state prisons and of large jails across the US, representing 57% of females in prison and 5% of females in jail. Participating prisons and jails reported aggregate data on a monthly basis for one year.

- State Department of Corrections
- ★ Jails
- Federal Bureau of Prisons

Outcomes reported for 22 state DOCs, all Federal prisons, and 6 jails.



US PRISONS



1396

Admissions of pregnant people

4%

of females entering state prison were pregnant

~3,000 admissions of pregnant people to U.S. prisons each year

Pregnancy Outcomes in US Prisonsⁱ



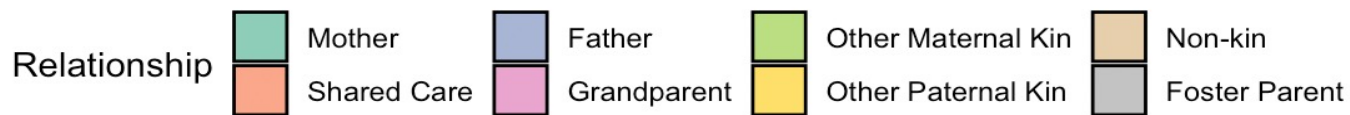
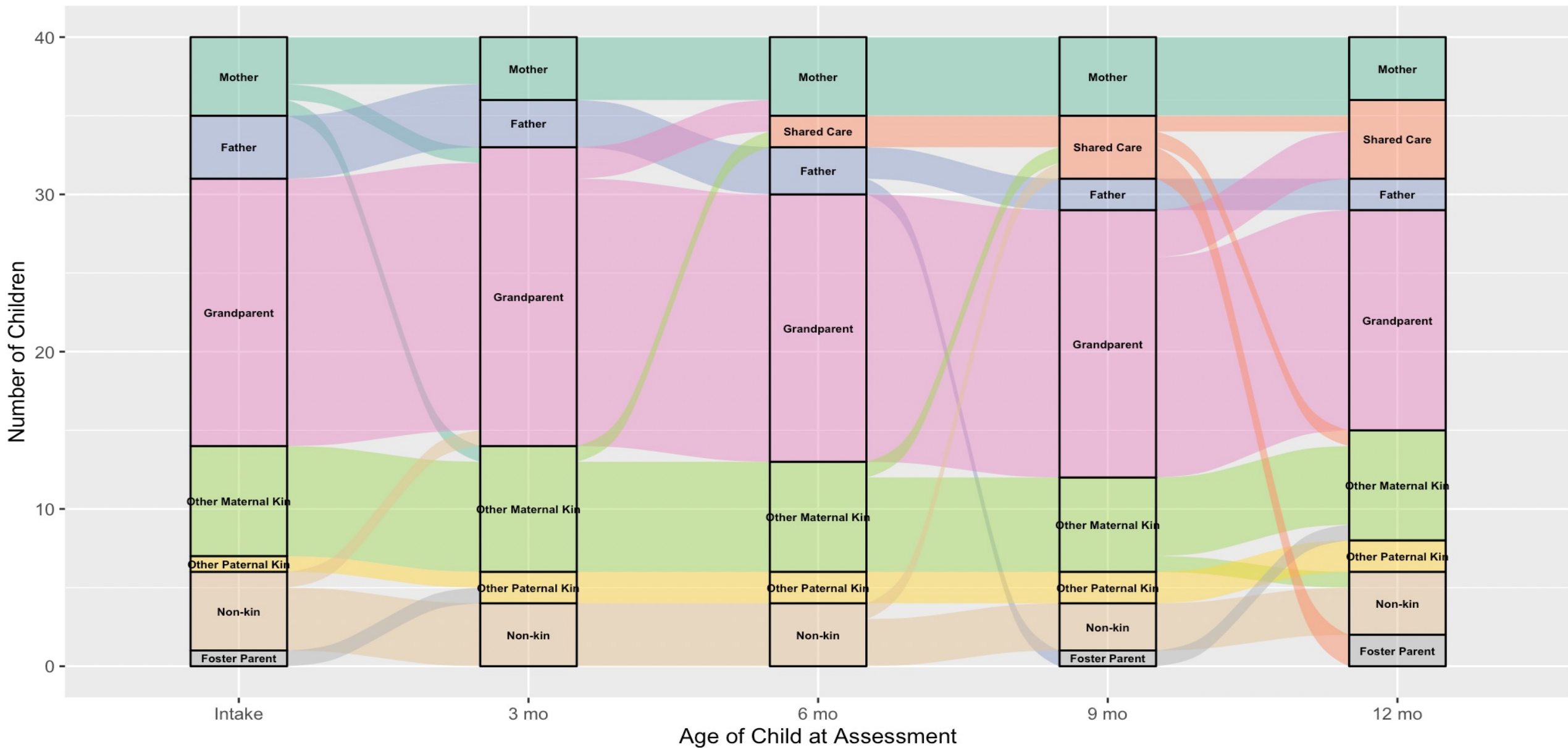
Live Births	753
Miscarriage	46
Abortion	11
Stillbirth	4
Ectopic Pregnancy	2

2 newborn deaths; 0 maternal deaths

Birth Beyond Bars Cohort

- Cohort of children exposed to incarceration in utero, their caregivers, and their mothers
- Follow-up currently for 3 years
- Pilot in Georgia, now expanding to other states
- Mixed methods design
- Questionnaires assess:
 - Caregiver demographics, mental health, social support, enrollment in social services, household needs, and relationship with the incarcerated mother
 - Child health, attachment to primary caregiver, cognitive and social/emotional development, and contact with the incarcerated mother
 - Mother demographics, experiences during incarceration, re-entry needs and challenges, attachment to the target child
 - Family choices regarding who would be a caregiver to the target child, who would care for the child after his or her mother was released

Caregiver Placement From Birth to One Year of Age in the Birth Beyond Bars Cohort



What have past students done?

- Traveled to and presented an abstract at a Correctional Healthcare Conference
- Co-authored a paper on nutrition policy for pregnant and postpartum incarcerated people (under review)
- Ate ice cream

Student project

- Activities
 - Conducting mixed-methods interviews with caregivers and mothers
 - Analyzing qualitative and/or quantitative data
 - Contributing to drafting papers on carceral policies impacting maternal and child health
- Student qualifications
 - Some data analysis experience (practical or course) preferred
 - Interest in or experience with working with marginalized populations
- Logistics
 - Commitment of at least 10 hours per week
 - Ability to join weekly Zoom meetings
 - Other work on your own schedule

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