



The Center on Parenting and Opioids

CPO Newsletter Winter 2022

The Center on Parenting and Opioids (CPO) is working to raise awareness and improve the lives of parents and children impacted by opioid use. Our goal is to identify the brain pathways and behaviors that are related to both opioid use and parenting. By identifying those pathways, the CPO can build personalized programs for families affected by opioids, helping them feel more successful and confident as parents.

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CPO Research Highlights

Frontiers Special Issue Announcement



We are excited to announce the Special Article Collection featured in [Frontiers in Psychology](#), "*Parenting in the Context of Opioid Use: Mechanisms, Prevention Solutions, and Policy Implications*".

[View full list of 13 papers](#)

Parenting while using opioids can make parent-child relationships challenging and may create a downstream effect on child development. This special article collection presents information about what we know and newly developed supports and interventions for parents.

[View the introduction to the special article collection here.](#)

CPO Announcements

Training Funds Available

Training funds are available to provide Center trainees and Scientists, as well as their colleagues and collaborators, opportunities to engage in activities such

as attending trainings and workshops and developing and hosting workshops.

Standard application due dates:

- Sept 5
- Dec 13

Please direct questions to Elliot Berkman (berkman@uoregon.edu).

[Review the call for training funds](#)



Recent webinars

Marc Lewis, Ph.D., author and neuroscientist recently presented in the CPO webinar series: "Changing Currents in our Understanding and Treatment of Addiction: Putting Brain and Behavior Back Together Again"

[View past webinar recordings here](#)



Continuing Education Units

The CPO will be providing free continuing education units to psychologists and therapists for attending CPO workshops and webinars. Stay tuned for future updates and please spread the word to your colleagues!

To receive updates on upcoming webinars and workshops, contact parentingcenter@uoregon.edu or sign up for the [listserv](#) today.

CPO Outreach

Menstrual Hygiene Drive for Syringe Exchange Clients who are Unhoused

The CPO has been collecting menstrual hygiene products to donate for the HIV Alliance Street Outreach Team to distribute to unhoused community members in Lane County. Ashley Nash (right), with the CPO is pictured dropping off donations from the February 2022 UO-wide hygiene drive to Julianne Morelle (left) with HIV Alliance.

A recent CPO study, in partnership with the HIV Alliance, found that female-identified syringe exchange clients who were unhoused reported menstruation products are hard to access and greatly needed. Limited access to menstrual products increases health risks for vaginal and urinary tract infections, severe reproductive health conditions and toxic shock syndrome.

UO Campus Hygiene Drive from February 2022



Commitment to Diversity

NIH Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics For Underserved Populations (RADx-UP): Supplement Grant

Oregon Saludable: Juntos Podemos

As a supplement to the CPO, the Prevention Science Institute was awarded a grant funded by the NIH Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics for Underserved Populations (RADx-UP) to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by creating an intervention to promote testing in the Latinx Community in Oregon. Between February 1st 2021 and February 28th 2022, 4,146 nasal swab samples were collected for SARS-CoV-2 testing. CPO investigators are now considering innovative ways to reach Latinx parents who may struggle with opioid use to broaden the diversity of our research samples in the main CPO studies and pilots.



CPO in the News

Announcement: The Ballmer Institute for Children's Behavioral Health at the University of Oregon



CPO investigators Allen, Berkman, Leve, Pfeifer, Stormshak, and Zalewski are providing their expertise in child development, underserved populations, interventions, and brain pathways to The Ballmer Institute leadership to help develop new approaches to addressing the behavioral and mental health care needs of Oregon's children. Learn more about the [The Ballmer Institute](#).

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