

## **Notes and Sources** Are recent increases in child welfare cases and the opioid epidemic related?

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<sup>2</sup>To learn more about the extent of the opioid crisis, see "The Opioid Epidemic and Socioeconomic Disadvantage," *Fast Focus* No. 32-2018.

<sup>3</sup>Poverty is often a factor in substance misuse. The associations are discussed in "The Opioid Epidemic and Socioeconomic Disadvantage," *Fast Focus* No. 32-2018, March 2018, Madison, WI: Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin–Madison. Available at <u>https://www.irp.wisc.edu/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/FF32-2018.pdf</u>.

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<sup>9</sup>J. Lurie, "Children of the Opioid Epidemic Are Flooding Foster Homes. America Is Turning a Blind Eye," *Mother Jones*, July/ August 2017. Available at <u>https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2017/07/children-ohio-opioid-epidemic/</u>. See also <u>https://greenbook-waysandmeans.house.gov/2016-green-book/chapter-11-child-welfare</u>.

<sup>10</sup>Regarding drug courts, see, for example, L. M. Shannon, A. Jackson, J. Newell, E. Perkins, and C. Neal, "Examining Factors Associated with Treatment Completion in a Community-Based Program for Individuals with Criminal Justice Involvement," *Addiction Science & Clinical Practice* 10, No. 1 (2015): A60. Regarding family-centered treatment, see, for example, the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, *Therapeutic Services for Children Whose Parents Receive Substance Use Disorder Treatment*, Washington, DC, August 2011. Available at http://www.cffutures.org/files/publications/Child Therapeutic Services FINAL.pdf.