

The Institute for Research on Poverty's Statement of Commitment to the [Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic](#)

The Institute for Research on Poverty, located at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is committed to countering the opioid epidemic by focusing on research and by working with the broader university community on prevention, treatment, and recovery. IRP researchers conduct

represented, to work with our affiliates to encourage broader understanding of the epidemic, and to encourage and evaluate new initiatives. Current activities include:

IRP has produced two Fast Focuses (research/policy briefs designed for policymakers and practitioners who want a concise summary of a research study or policy innovation) on opioids: "The opioid epidemic and socioeconomic disadvantage" (<https://www.irp.wisc.edu/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/FF32-2018.pdf>) and "Are recent increases in child welfare cases and the opioid epidemic related?" (<https://www.irp.wisc.edu/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/FF34-2018.pdf>), and is producing two fact sheets on opioids, one focused on Wisconsin and one national in focus.