The MOMS Partnership®

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Elevate: A Policy Lab to Elevate Mental Health and Disrupt Poverty
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Mobility in America

- 20% occupy the top quintile
- 20% occupy the fourth quintile
- 20% occupy the middle quintile
- 20% occupy the second quintile
- 20% occupy the bottom quintile

= 1% of households
Mobility in America

= 1% of children born in the bottom income quintile

= 1% of households

20% occupy the bottom quintile
Mobility in America

Only 6% reach the top quintile

11% reach the fourth quintile

19% move to the middle quintile

23% move to the second quintile

42% stay in the bottom quintile

= 1% of children born in the bottom income quintile

Exposure to Depression

Children of Mothers with Depression

- 55% of infants in poverty have severe depression.
- 41% of all infants have mild or moderate depression.

Legend:
- Severe depression
- Mild or moderate depression
Sources of Adversity in Young Children

- **Neglect & Maltreatment**: 7.5% (Source: Finkelhor et al. (2005))
- **Postpartum Depression**: 13% (Source: O-Hara & Swain (1996))
- **Parental Substance Abuse**: 14% (Source: SAMHSA (2009))

Adapted from the National Scientific Council of the Developing Child
The MOMS Program

Up to 4 Interventions + Single Stop
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Free basic needs like diapers
It Works!
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More than mothers...

What does all this mean for kids and families?
Huge Effects in Children’s Lives

6
more days of school
Huge Effects in Children’s Lives

67% drop in parenting stress
Part-time employment more than doubles
Huge Effects in Families’ Lives

50-65% more likely to meet basic needs
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Why?
 Radical Community Engagement
17. Do you ever feel that you **do not** have enough diapers to change them as often as you would like?

___ Yes (Go to question 18)
___ No (Go to question 19)

18. What do you do when you feel that you do not have enough diapers to change them as often as you would like? *(Please check all that apply and then proceed to question 20)*

___ Borrow diapers or money from family or friends
___ Get diapers from an agency
___ Stretch the diapers that I have
___ Other, please specify: ______________________________________________________
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Neighborhood locations
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Community Mental Health Ambassadors whom are hired, trained, followed
Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial in Public Housing
The Opportunity

New Haven → 1.2 Million
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What We Do

DC

VT

KY

NYC

Bridgeport (CT)
What We Do

Mental Health x Poverty
Thank you!
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