

# THE MATCH

THE SURE MATCH GROUP  
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Our **mission** is to improve maternal and child health through conducting and disseminating research that informs practices and policies that help individuals, families and communities recover from and prevent substance use disorders. Key to our mission is partnering with communities, scientists, practitioners and policy makers to translate knowledge and develop prevention strategies to promote maternal and child health and prevent problematic substance use.

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## THE OPIOID CRISIS

The opioid crisis and its far-reaching effects have dominated recent news headlines. Many studies have been published on this nationwide health issue within and outside of the lab. Here is a list (although not exhaustive) of important studies that lend insight on this topic:

### CHARACTERISTICS OF DRUG USE AMONG PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES: OPIOID AND NON-OPIOID ILLEGAL DRUG USE

Co-authored by SURE MatCH Group director, [Dr. Qiana Brown](#)  
DOI: 10.1016/J.DRUGALCDEP.2017.11.010

### THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF OPIOID OVERDOSE IN FLINT AND GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN: IMPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE AND INTERVENTION

Co-authored by SURE MatCH Group consultant, [Dr. Debra Furr-Holden](#)  
DOI: 10.1016/J.DRUGALCDEP.2019.107560

### PROMOTING OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND RECOVERY: AN EXPLORATORY STUDY OF AN INNOVATIVE INTERVENTION MODEL TO ADDRESS OPIOID ABUSE

Co-authored by SURE MatCH Group consultant, [Dr. N. Andrew Peterson](#)  
DOI: 10.1016/J.DRUGPO.2018.12.004

### ACUTE CARE, PRESCRIPTION OPIOID USE, AND OVERDOSE FOLLOWING DISCONTINUATION OF LONG-TERM BUPRENORPHINE TREATMENT FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER

Co-authored by Sure MatCH Group consultant, [Dr. Stephen Crystal](#)  
DOI: 10.1176/APPI.AJP.2019.19060612

### OPIOID USE IN PREGNANCY

By [Tobon](#), 2019  
DOI: 10.1007/s11920-019-1110-4

### MATERNAL USE OF OPIOIDS DURING PREGNANCY AND CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

By [Lind](#), 2017  
DOI: 10.1542/PEDS.2016-4131

Read more publications from the NIDA's frequently updated archive [here](#).



## GREAT CAUSES TO SUPPORT

Flint Kids Book was created by high school student Olivia Holden. The Flint Kids Book is a children's book designed to improve literacy rates for children in Flint, Michigan. As of 2017, reading proficiency for children in Flint was as low as 10.7%, according to the Michigan Department of Education. Using imagery and phrases specifically tailored towards empowering children in Flint, the Flint Kids Book aims to better motivate Flint Kids to read more. The Flint Center for Health Equity Solutions of the Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine, Division of Public Health is raising funds to distribute the book locally and are currently at over \$2,000 of the \$5,000 goal set. The book's creator, Olivia Holden, is a Health Equity Research Scholar at the Flint Center for Health Equity Solutions through the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine under the SURE MatCH Group's very own Dr. Debra Furr-Holden.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOOK AND DONATE HERE





# WHAT'S NEW!

THIS MONTH

Dr. Qiana L. Brown, Director of the SURE MatCH Group, joins the editorial board of **Drug and Alcohol Dependence**





# MEMBER PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

## THE EFFECTS OF FAMILY RELIGIOSITY, PARENTAL LIMIT-SETTING, AND MONITORING ON ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE USE

By SURE MatCH Group consultant,  
Dr. Antoinette Y. Farmer

DOI: 10.1080/15332640802508176

## THE EFFECT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS ON THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN GUIDELINE-CONCORDANT LONG-TERM OPIOID THERAPY AND ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY

Co-authored by SURE MatCH Group consultant, Dr. Stephen Crystal

DOI: 10.1097/ADM.0000000000000255

## YOUTH COGNITIVE EMPOWERMENT: DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF AN INSTRUMENT

Co-authored by SURE MatCH Group consultant, Dr. N. Andrew Peterson

DOI: 10.1002/AJCP.12339

## COMMENT ON "MATERNAL EMPLOYMENT IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES IS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVED INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING"

By SURE MatCH Group health scientist,  
Dr. Trishnee Bhurosy,

DOI.ORG/10.1093/AJCN/NQY230

## EXPANDING TOOLS FOR INVESTIGATING NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS OF DRUG USE AND VIOLENCE: VALIDATION OF THE NIFETY FOR VIRTUAL STREET OBSERVATION.

Co-authored by SURE MatCH Group consultant,  
Dr. Debra Furr-Holden

DOI: 10.1007/s11121-019-01062-w

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