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Cannabis and Parenting with Janna Ataiants, DrPH., MPA; Elizabeth Salerno Valdez, PhD, MPH; Maddy Finkelstein, MSW; and Olivia Cordingley

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Janna Ataiants, DrPH, MPA, is an Assistant Research Professor in the Department of Community Health and Prevention in the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health. Dr. Ataiants serves as the co-Principal Investigator on the Pennsylvania State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) and recently authored a study titled "Mothers and fathers who use medical cannabis: A comparison of sociodemographic characteristics, cannabis use, and health."

Elizabeth (Libby) Salerno Valdez, PhD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health & Prevention in the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health. Dr. Valdez is currently PI of the MCRC funded pilot study "Needs and Barriers to Access of Medical Cannabis by Parenting Women by Race."

Maddy Finkelstein, MSW, PhD candidate in the Department of Community Health and Prevention in the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health. She has authored a peer reviewed paper titled, "Role Strain Among Parents Who are Medical Cannabis Patients in Pennsylvania."

Olivia Cordingley is a PhD candidate in the Department of Community Health and Prevention in the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health. She has co-authored a peer reviewed paper with Dr. Valdez titled, "'It Helped to Calm Me': Perspectives on Cannabis Use During Pregnancy and Parenting from Certified Patients in Pennsylvania."

The group of Drexel researchers will present on published research related to cannabis and parenting resulting from MCRC funded studies.

January 22nd, 2026
4:00pm – 5:00pm ET
Virtual via Zoom
Zoom link will be sent to all who RSVP

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