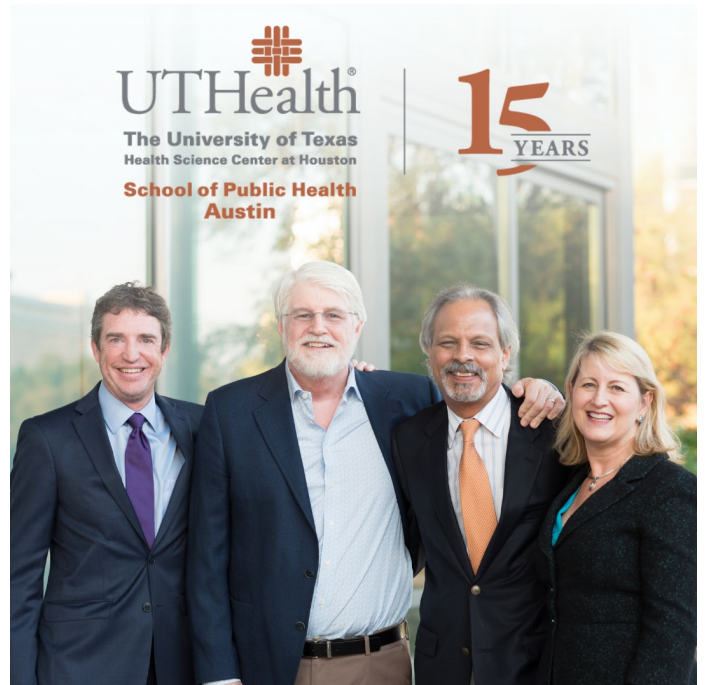


# December 2022 Newsletter



## Center Highlights



Join the Center in celebrating 15 years of



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## Faculty Awards



**Kevin Lanza, PhD** selected to join the U.S. EPA's Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee  
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**Kevin Lanza, PhD** awarded the **Stephen P. Hooker Research Award** for outstanding research in the area of physical activity and public health

**Harold W Kohl III, PhD** granted the **Inaugural ISPAH Fellowship**.

**Andrew Springer, DrPH** receives The University of Texas System Board of Regents' Outstanding Teacher Award.

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## 2023 Legislative Bill Tracker

The 2023 Legislative Bill Tracker is live! Bookmark [this page](#) to find and follow Texas child health bills throughout the 88th Legislative Session in real time.

The tracker is segmented into general categories: early childhood education, food policy, school/after-school care, tobacco/e-cigarettes, and more.

**Quorum** Maternal and Child Health Bills

Search by title...

Bill	Author	Status	Status Date	Last Action	Bill	
1	H.B. 838: Relating to conditions applicabl...	TX Rep. Jessica ...	Introduced or Prefiled	11/30/2022	Filed	Ext
2	H.B. 852: Relating to the composition of t...	TX Rep. Shawn ...	Introduced or Prefiled	11/30/2022	Filed	Ext
3	H.B. 687: Relating to the enrollment perio...	TX Rep. Sheryl Col...	Introduced or Prefiled	11/14/2022	Filed	Ext
4	H.B. 682: Relating to the capacity of certa...	TX Rep. Nicole Colli...	Introduced or Prefiled	11/14/2022	Filed	Ext
5	H.B. 389: Relating to health benefit ...	TX Rep. Nicole Colli...	Introduced or Prefiled	11/13/2022	Filed	Ext
6	H.B. 63: Relating to reports of child abus...	TX Rep. Valoree ...	Introduced or Prefiled	11/13/2022	Filed	Ext
7	H.B. 475: Relating to certain policies and ...	TX Rep. Lacey Hull (...)	Introduced or Prefiled	11/13/2022	Filed	Ext
8	H.B. 658: Relating to immunity from civil a...	TX Rep. David Coo...	Introduced or Prefiled	11/13/2022	Filed	Ext
9	H.B. 214: Relating to the women's health ...	TX Rep. Donna ...	Introduced or Prefiled	11/13/2022	Filed	Ext
10	S.B. 134: Relating to the Medicaid eligibilit...	TX Sen. Royce We...	Introduced or Prefiled	11/13/2022	Filed	Ext

- 2023 Policy Topics**  
[88th Texas Legislative Session](#)
- [Active Transportation and Built Environment](#)
  - [Early Childcare Education](#)
  - [Food Access and Insecurity](#)
  - [Healthcare Access](#)
  - [Maternal & Child Health](#)
  - [Obesity](#)
  - [Oral Health](#)
  - [School & After-School Care](#)
  - [Tobacco & E-cigarettes](#)
  - [Child Behavioral Health](#)

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## New Health Policy Resources

Our Texas Research-to-Policy Collaboration (TX RPC) Project recently released new data-driven reports from public health experts:

- [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\)](#)
- [What are Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\)? Video](#)
- [College Students and SNAP Utilization](#)

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**Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**  
October 26, 2022

**PROBLEM** What is it? Why is it being talked about?  
 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are stressful or traumatic experiences that youth are exposed to when they are under the age of 18. These traumatic experiences can be related to abuse, neglect, or household challenges. ACEs can have an impact on negative mental and physical health outcomes throughout adulthood.<sup>1,3</sup>

The two most reported ACEs are economic hardship and parental separation or divorce,<sup>4,5</sup> issues that are faced by many Texas children.

The relationship between ACEs and food insecurity is multifaceted.<sup>6-12</sup> A parent's mental health status, something that is categorized as an ACE, can subsequently impact their ability to provide adequate food for their child(ren). An accumulation of multiple ACEs is associated with higher odds of experiencing food insecurity. Food insecurity itself is associated with toxic stress - the stress that is caused by other ACEs.<sup>13, 14</sup>

**Types of ACEs<sup>4,5</sup>**

- Abuse**
  - Physical Abuse
  - Emotional Abuse
  - Sexual Abuse
- Neglect**
  - Physical Neglect
  - Emotional Neglect
- Household Challenges**
  - Incarcerated household member
  - Parental separation or divorce
  - Mental illness in household
  - Household substance misuse
  - Domestic Violence
- Other Adversity**
  - Bullying
  - Poverty
  - Community Violence
  - Natural disasters

## Webinars

### Analysis of Count Data in Medical and Social Sciences: An Application to Smoking Among Students (1/17, 11-12 AM)

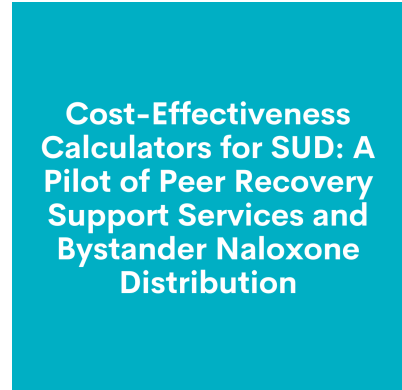
The goal of this webinar is to provide an introduction to count data regression models in the medical and social sciences. First of all, we will see what count data are and some examples analyzed in the literature. Second, we will introduce some of the most useful count data regression models, explaining their drawbacks and advantages. Simultaneously, we will see,

using free statistical software, how to estimate these models, how to select the "best" model or models using various criteria, how to interpret the estimates, and how to report the results directly in word processor format.

[Register today!](#)

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### Past Webinars:



## Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living in the News

**Dolores Woods**, MA, RDN, spoke to [FOX 26 News](#) about healthy Thanksgiving recipes. [Yahoo! News](#) also ran the story.

Nourish Program Registered Dietitian, **Diana Guevara**, was featured on [Univision](#) discussing tips for a healthy Thanksgiving.

## Featured Blogs



**A Conversation with Dr. Ethan Hunt**  
Dr. Ethan Hunt, Assistant Professor of Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences at UTHealth



**Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Their Significance and Impact**

Houston School of Public Health in Austin, recently sat down for an interview during which he shared the experiences that helped shape his interests as a student and public health professional.

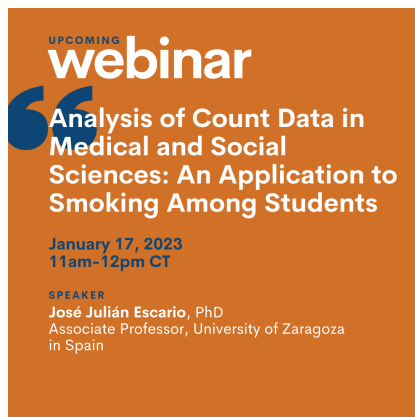
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HBCUs have been integral in addressing racial disparities in higher education since their beginnings over a century ago. The oldest HBCU in the United States is Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, originally known as the African Institute. Quaker philanthropist Richard Humphrey established it in 1837 to educate African Americans and prepare them for gainful employment.

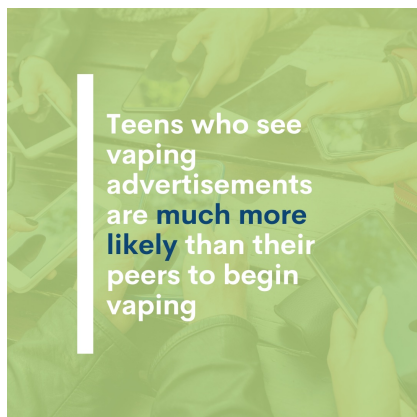
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## Follow Along on Social Media



UPCOMING  
**webinar**  
Analysis of Count Data in Medical and Social Sciences: An Application to Smoking Among Students  
January 17, 2023  
11am-12pm CT  
SPEAKER  
José Julián Escario, PhD  
Associate Professor, University of Zaragoza in Spain



Teens who see vaping advertisements are **much more likely** than their peers to begin vaping

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