

Foster Care Maltreatment and Placement Instability

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Abstract

The foster care system in the United States emerged out of increasing public concern for children who experience some form of maltreatment. Research on the prevalence of confirmed maltreatment has largely focused on the relationship between maltreatment and placement into foster care. However, in this paper, I investigate the relationship between maltreatment among youth already in care and placement instability.

Here is what we talk about (Yi, Edwards, and Wildeman 2020).

Yi, Youngmin, Frank R. Edwards, and Christopher Wildeman. 2020. “Cumulative Prevalence of Confirmed Maltreatment and Foster Care Placement for US Children by Race/Ethnicity, 2011–2016.” *American Journal of Public Health* 110(5):704–9.

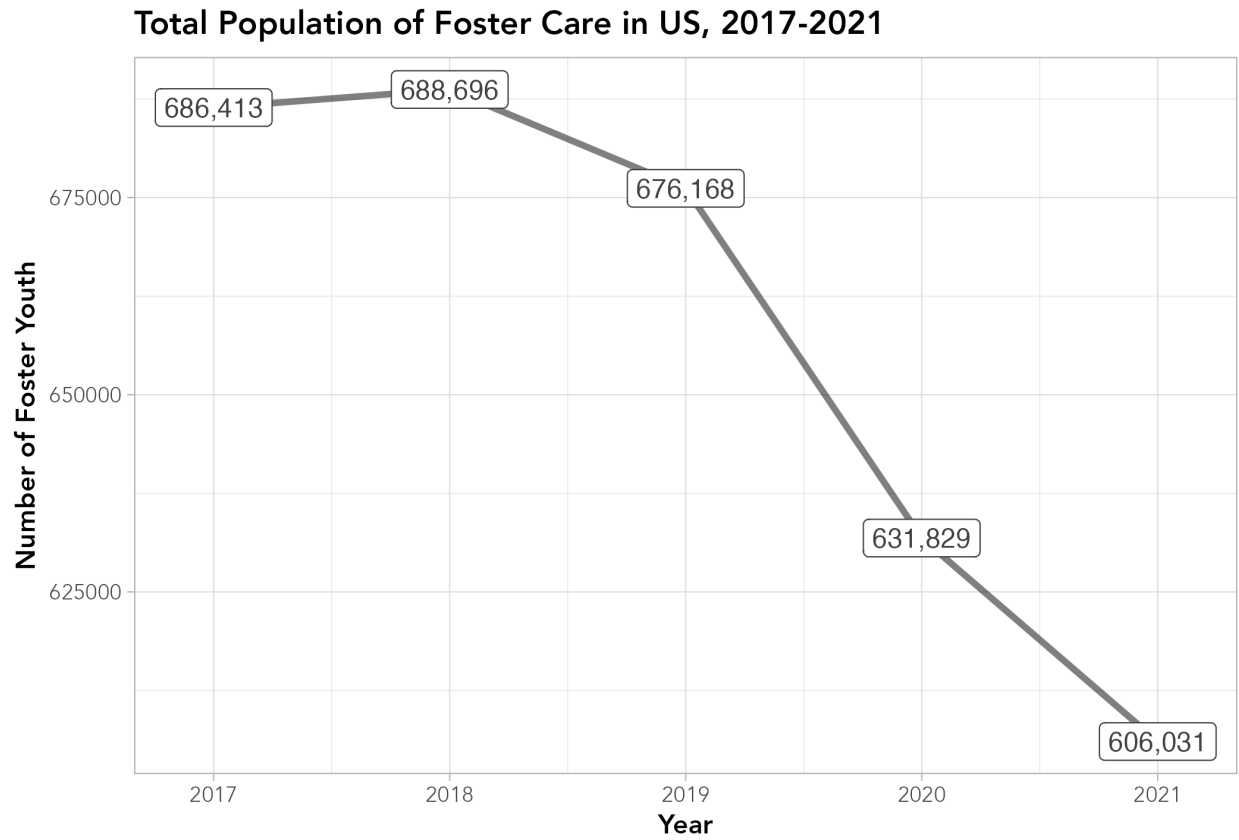


Figure 1: Total Population of US Foster Care System, 2017-2021

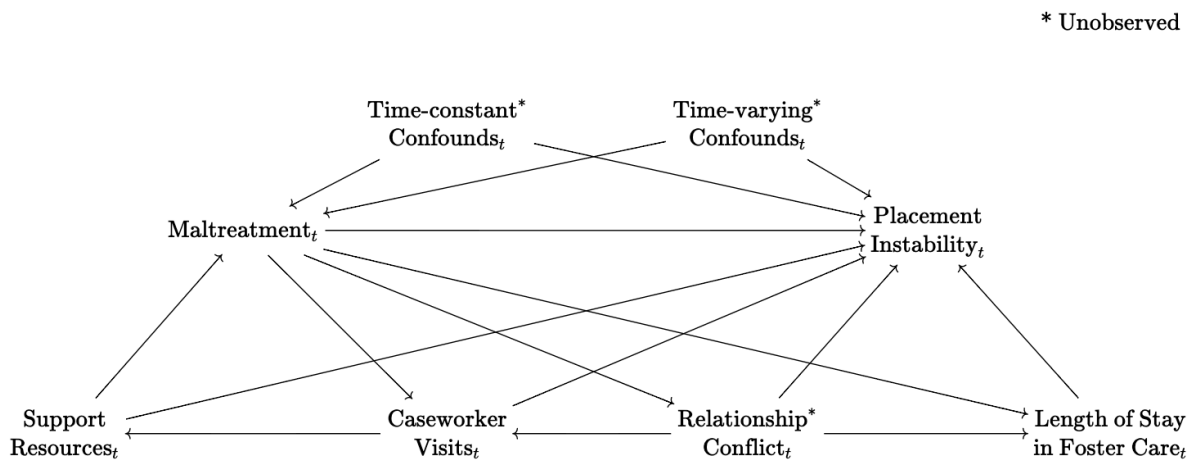


Figure 2: DAG for Effect of Maltreatment in Care on Placement Instability