

Tulane Researcher to Study Trauma Intervention in Mothers and Children

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(Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

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“This is an exciting area of work that I think holds real promise for helping us understand some of the intergenerational impacts of trauma and also hopefully how to mitigate them.”

Sarah Gray, assistant professor of psychology at Tulane