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**Resumen del documento:** Policy makers often argue that early motherhood limits women employment opportunities creating a misallocation of talent due to job sorting. Using a unique database from Colombia, that allows us to instrument for early motherhood with age at menarche, we find that teen pregnancy reduces school attainment. However, when considering many indicators of labor supply, while accounting for multiple hypothesis testing, we find only a very small impact (if any) of teen motherhood on labor supply. We discuss the role that family network and co-residence play as mechanisms buffering the effects of early motherhood on labor supply.

**Tiempo de exposición:** 1:30 p. m. a 3:00 p. m.