



HARC Herald

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In this Issue

This month HARC brings you recent work by our members, invites you to join our network, and highlights home visiting resources, opportunities, and upcoming conferences. Please share with colleagues looking to stay up to date on the latest in precision home visiting!

New Workforce Institute

Institute for Home Visiting Workforce Development and Jackie Walorski Center for Evidence-Based Case Management

HRSA has awarded a cooperative agreement to Education Development Center (EDC) to lead MIECHV's new Institute and Center. EDC's partners will include James Bell Associates, Start Early, the Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals, Johns Hopkins University, Urban Institute, and Chapin Hall.

The Institute will support home visiting programs to expand, support, and retain a diverse and qualified workforce. It will do this by assessing workforce trends, researching effective workforce support practices, and providing technical assistance on such practices.

The Center will focus on assessing the effectiveness of case management strategies within the home visiting context and determining the core components of case management practices that achieve positive health and well-being outcomes for families.

EDC will receive approximately \$4.5 million per year to operate the Institute and Center. The five-year project will begin September 30, 2023.

Hot Off the Press - Recent Work by HARC Members



HARC's Practice Based Research Network (PBRN) members contribute to home visiting in several ways such as through publications and HARC surveys. If you are a member and have completed work on home visiting, we'd love to hear from you! Listed below are recent publications that members have shared.

Engaging Fathers to Strengthen the Impact of Early Home

Visitation on Physical Child Abuse Risk: Findings from the Dads Matter-HV Randomized Controlled Trial

Dr. Neil Guterman, a HARC PBRN member, and colleagues presented their initial findings from a randomized controlled trial of a father-inclusion home visiting enhancement, Dads Matter-HV, at [HARC's 8th Annual Science of Home Visiting Meeting](#) in May. This study, [now published](#), further details results including the positive effects of the Dads Matter-HV enhancement on child abuse risk reduction among families receiving the service postnatally. Additionally, sustained benefits of the program were observed at 12 months post-program start.

Infant-Early Childhood Mental Health in Home Visiting Programs Serving Diverse Families: Promising Strategies to Support Child and Family Well-Being

The [National Center for Children in Poverty](#) released a [report](#) of a study by HARC PBRN member, Dr. Daniel Ferguson, and colleagues looking to identify the strategies that leaders of statewide and local home visiting programs use to promote infant-early childhood and caregiver mental health. The authors utilized HARC's PBRN to recruit the program leaders that participated in this study. Strategies identified by participants included staff support and retention, and individualized and culturally tailored relationship-building. Highlighted are opportunities for national, state, and Tribal home visiting leaders such as implementation support and research to advance our understanding and use of effective strategies.

Enhancing Early Parenting in the Community: Preliminary Results from a Learning Collaborative Approach to Scale Up Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-up

Last month, Dr. Karen Appleyard Carmody, a HARC Council member, and colleagues published findings from their [study](#) to increase the knowledge base on Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-up (ABC) community dissemination through a learning collaborative made up of providers. In this study, both caregivers and children benefited from ABC revealing that the program could be disseminated with success in the community using a learning collaborative approach.

Join/Re-enroll in HARC We Can't Do What We Do Without You!

At the heart of HARC's work is our practice-based research network (PBRN). HARC PBRN members engage in collaborative, field-initiated studies to move home visiting forward. The PBRN is designed to bring together programs and researchers to answer questions that are critical to the field in order to broaden and strengthen home visiting's benefits for all families and communities.

Membership is **FREE** and anyone with an interest in home visiting can join! There are several benefits such as the ability to join special interest groups to connect with your peers and being the first to learn about findings from HARC studies through this newsletter. Please forward this newsletter to one colleague and encourage them to join HARC's PBRN today!

Evidence-Informed Resources from the Field

2023 Home Visiting Yearbook

The National Home Visiting Resource Center (NHVRC) has released its [2023 Home Visiting Yearbook](#), a nationwide and state-by-state look at early childhood home visiting. The publication presents 2022 data from evidence-based and emerging home visiting models and from state agencies and the Administration for Children and Families to highlight—

- Where programs operate, the families they serve, and the families who could benefit but are not being reached
- Profiles of states, models, and Indigenous-led organizations
- Services delivered by state awardees and tribal grantees of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

Users can navigate the [NHVRC website](#) to access data and download short publications, including the *Yearbook Summary*. The *2023 Yearbook* includes virtual and in-person home visit data to reflect the field's hybrid approach to delivering services. It also includes maternal and child health indicator data to offer insight into family well-being and the potential need for services. These data are disaggregated by race and ethnicity to inform conversations about using home visiting to promote equity.

Strengthening Two-Generation Initiatives That Support Child Development and Improve Family Economic Security: Insights from the Next Steps for Rigorous Research on Two-Generation Approaches Project (NS2G)

This Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation [report](#) is the last of a [series](#) from the NS2G project. Summarized are the findings, lessons, and common themes from the two-generation initiatives that participated in the NS2G's formative evaluations and learning community.

Peer-reviewed Literature Updates

Each month, HARC shares recently published peer-reviewed home visiting research articles. Articles were identified via a Google Scholar alert, thus the list may not include all published articles. View the citations and links to open access articles [here](#).



Upcoming Conferences

2023 National Prenatal-to-3 Research to Policy Summit (October 12, 2023, from 2:00-3:30 PM ET, virtual event)

[Registration](#) is open for the National Prenatal-to-3 Research to Policy Summit. This summit, hosted by the Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center, will bring together state lawmakers, advocates, researchers, and practitioners



to learn about the latest research informing evidence-based policymaking for young children and their families.

American Public Health Association (APHA) 2023 Annual Meeting and Expo (November 12-15, 2023, in Atlanta, GA)

Registration for the APHA Annual Meeting is still open. This meeting offers innovative and exciting sessions on a huge range of public health topics, including early childhood and home visiting.

MIECHV All-Grantee Meeting (January 29-31, 2024, Arlington, VA)

HRSA's Division of Home Visiting and Early Childhood Systems announces their **2024 MIECHV All-Grantee Meeting** to be held in-person next January. Hybrid and virtual options will also be available for select sessions.

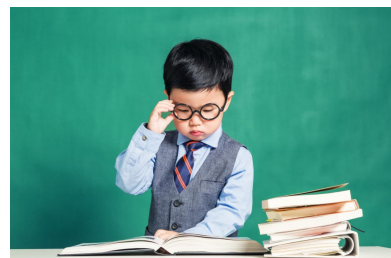
The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) National Research Conference on Early Childhood (NRCEC) (June 24-26, 2024, in Arlington, VA)

Proposal submissions are now being accepted for the 2024 NRCEC **conference**. NRCEC is looking for rigorous empirical research such as research of early childhood programs, interventions, and workforces. NRCEC is also calling for **proposal reviewers**. Deadline is November 10, 2023.

Early Career Researcher Corner

Check Out HARC's Early Career Resource Webpage!

HARC is dedicated to helping early career researchers become successful leaders in the field of home visiting. To view current opportunities, please visit HARC's **Early Career Resources** page.



Missed a newsletter? No worries - they're now available on the HARC website along with our monthly literature updates!

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Do you have research-related announcements or examples of precision research you'd like to share with the HARC network? Please bear with us as we develop guidelines for sharing and posting news

from network members. Meanwhile, please feel free to send to Diana (dchute1@jhu.edu) and we will review on a case by case basis.



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