



# HARC Herald

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## Hot Off the Press! Recent Work by HARC and its Members

HARC PBRN members contribute to home visiting in several ways such as through publications and HARC surveys. We love to showcase research conducted by HARC members to advance the field. [Guidelines for newsletter submissions can be found on our website](#). Listed below are recent publications by HARC and its members.

### ***Promotion of School Readiness in Home Visiting: Creating a Key Driver Diagram for Continuous Quality Improvement***

This month, HARC member Heather Johnson and colleagues published findings from their [study](#) aiming to introduce a new approach for using online focus groups with early childhood and home visiting experts as a qualitative method to develop Key Driver Diagrams (KDD). Results include the development of a KDD that includes aims, key drivers, and secondary drivers.

### ***Background Paper on Child Welfare Involvement and Intergenerational Poverty***

HARC Leadership Team member Brenda Jones-Harden and colleagues published findings from their [review](#) that differentiated between the limited *causal* evidence about the effects of child welfare involvement on later-life economic outcomes and the larger body of *descriptive* evidence about correlations between child welfare involvement and later-life outcomes. Findings included evidence that several policies or programs may reduce risks for child maltreatment including select home visiting programs.

## ***Chasing Success: The Challenge for Nonprofits***

This [book](#), written by Judith Van Ginkel uses a case study of Every Child Succeeds to explain the many iterations that successes and failure can take over the lifetime of one organization. In this book, HARC's Director Emerita, Dr. Anne Duggan, states that "In short, Every Child Succeeds (ECS) changed the course of early childhood home visiting. Its partners have inspired and supported many, including me, in building regional and national platforms for research to inform evidence-based policy and practice. This book makes it possible for wider audiences to learn from ECS's experience."

## **Home Visiting Resources and Recent Releases**

### ***Checking in with Families in the Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (OPRE Report 2023-140)***



This [report](#) describes the study process and success in 1) maintaining contact with families between the first follow-up data collection (child age ~15 months) and when the children entered kindergarten; 2) changes in families' life circumstances from study enrollment until the 2.5- and 3.5-year check-ins; and 3) some longer-term effects of home visiting programs on child and family outcomes, measured when the children were approximately 2.5- and 3.5 years old.

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### ***Mothers' Experiences in and Perspectives on Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs: A Qualitative Sub-study from the Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE) (OPRE Report 2023-142)***

This [report](#) describes mothers' perspectives on why they decided to enroll in home visiting, how trust was built with their home visitors (for mothers who were long-term participators), and why they discontinued services (for mothers who participated for shorter amounts of time).

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### ***The Program Manager's Guide to Evaluation: Third Edition***

The [Program Manager's Guide to Evaluation](#) aims to strengthen program managers' understanding of and readiness for program evaluation. This resource is useful for ACF grant recipients, evaluators, and technical assistance providers; HHS staff; and individuals in the general public.

## **Monthly Peer-reviewed Literature Updates**

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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](#).

## **Early Career Researcher Corner**

## 2024-2025 SRCD U.S. Policy Fellowship

Applications are open for the [2024-2025 SRCD U.S. Policy Fellowship Program](#). This program immerses postdoctoral child development experts over one to two years in a U.S. [federal agency](#), [state agency](#), or [congressional office](#), where they work full time influencing policy. Fellows will receive a highly competitive stipend for their work. Deadline is January 7, 2024.



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## Forecasted Notice of Funding Opportunity for Dissertation Research

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation has forecasted and is considering funding of graduate student dissertation grants in 2024. This grant forecast is relevant for PhD students interested in conducting research related to the Early Head Start-Home Based model and/or behavioral interventions in home visiting. To learn more about these opportunities, please visit [grants.gov](#) for [Head Start](#) and [Behavioral Interventions](#). Stay up to date on these forecasts by visiting [ACF's grants home page](#) and by subscribing to their emails.

It's important to [start now](#) to become a competitive dissertation research grant applicant, and **HARC is here to help you!** Several HARC members have been recipients or served as mentors for these dissertation grants. In addition, HARC has developed several resources that can support the development and testing of behavioral interventions! Please visit [HARC's website](#) and feel free to reach out to us ([harc@hvresearch.org](mailto:harc@hvresearch.org)).

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**For more information regarding early career opportunities, please visit HARC's [Early Career Resources page!](#)**

## Call for Proposals

### Family League of Baltimore

The Family League of Baltimore is looking for a researcher/team of researchers to apply to their Request for Qualifications to evaluate the Housing Supports program. To learn more about the project and how to apply, visit [BHB Housing Supports Evaluator Request for Qualifications](#). Deadline is December 7, 2024.

## Calls for Abstracts

### SRCD's Anti-Racist Developmental Science Summit: Transforming Research Practice and Policies

The call for [submissions](#) has been extended for [SRCD's Anti-Racist Developmental Science Summit: Transforming Research Practices and Policies](#). Deadline is December 4, 2023.

# Upcoming Conferences

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

The [2024 MIECHV AGM website](#) is now live and so is [registration](#)! The website provides information on registration, meeting theme, agenda, venue, and important upcoming dates.

## Start Early's National Home Visiting Summit (January 31-February 2, 2024, in Washington DC and virtual)

[Registration](#) remains open for the Summit and the full [agenda](#) will be posted in December!

For more information on upcoming conferences, please visit HARC's [Upcoming Conferences and Webinars page](#)!

Become a  
HARC member  
today!

*We can't do what we  
do without you!*

- ◆ Share your voice!
- ◆ Make an impact!
- ◆ Get connected!

Join  
Today!

At the heart of HARC's work is our practice-based research network (PBRN). The PBRN is designed to bring together programs and researchers to identify and answer questions that are critical to broaden and strengthen the benefits of home visiting for all families and communities. We invite anyone with an interest in home visiting to join the network! This includes staff at local home visiting programs, such as supervisors, home visitors, data managers, and program leaders. Membership is **FREE** and has several benefits, such as:

- Opportunities to propose or contribute to research of interest to you
- Special Interest Groups to connect with your peers
- Early access to HARC study findings
- Meetings and other networking opportunities

Many voices are needed to ensure that research is relevant and useful. Please forward this

newsletter to at least one colleague and encourage them to join HARC's PBRN today! [Join here!](#)

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

**Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative**  
[www.hvresearch.org](http://www.hvresearch.org)

*Do you have research-related announcements or examples of precision research you'd like to share with the HARC network? If so, we'd love to hear from you! [Guidelines for newsletter submissions can be found on our website](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to send to Diana ([dchute1@jhu.edu](mailto:dchute1@jhu.edu)).*



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