



HARC Herald

October 2023 Newsletter



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*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!](#)

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

HARC's Practice Based Research Network (PBRN) members contribute to home visiting in several ways such as through publications and HARC surveys. Listed below are recent publications that members have shared.

Early Childhood Home Visiting's Initial Transition to Virtual Visits in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Home visiting services were especially vulnerable to the disruptions caused by the pandemic and had to transition rapidly from in-home visits to virtual services with families. This [article](#) by Kay O'Neill, a member of HARC's leadership team, and colleagues presents on data from their study examining local programs' operational adaptations to social distancing policies, and the challenges they faced during the transition to virtual services. Findings revealed that while programs were able to rapidly transition to alternatives to in-home visits, they faced challenges in their ability to connect with families during interactive video conferencing.

Young, Low-Income Mothers' Social Relationships and Involvement in Doula Home Visiting Services

HARC member Dr. Yudong Zhang and colleagues published findings from their [study](#) examining mothers' service involvement with doulas during the critical early months of home visiting program engagement. Results showed that mothers who had strong relationships with their family, the father of the baby, and greater social support were able to develop strong relationships with their doula during the early months of service engagement, and that the availability of the mothers' parents was associated with less service engagement during pregnancy but more involvement postpartum.

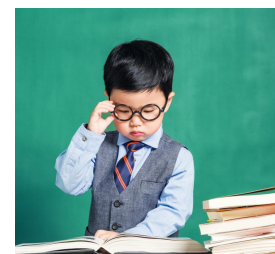
Recovery and Parenting Support through Home Visiting

This month HARC member Rebecca Fauth and colleagues published findings from their [study](#) of program staff and parents to understand how two novel home visiting programs FIRST Steps Together and PAT Pilot (an adaptation of PAT) support parents with substance use disorder through home visiting.

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](#).



New Federal Home Visiting Research Reports

Early Head Start Programs, Staff, and Participating Infants/Toddlers and Families: Baby FACES 2022 Data Tables (OPRE Report 2023-249)

Baby FACES 2022 describes the children and families participating in Early Head Start, the

staff who serve them, and services received. This [report](#) provides information about the design, methods, and findings from Baby FACES 2022.

Resources for Researchers

Interested in leveraging existing home visiting data for research?

See attached a list of [publicly available data](#) that centers on or includes home visiting. We are building this list and welcome ideas for other datasets from our members. If you have or know of data that can be shared and used to answer questions that are important to the field, please contact us at HARC@hvresearch.org.



Guide to Publishing Research Data for Secondary Analysis (OPRE Report 2023-22)

Data archiving allows for secondary data analysis to address new research questions and inform future research. This [OPRE brief](#) provides information for publishing of data files of federally contracted research and provides a framework for the phases of the data archiving process and lessons learned. Also highlighted are several data repositories for public use.

Calls for Research

Society for Prevention Research (SPR) 2024 Annual Meeting (May 28-31, 2024, in Washington, DC)

SPR is now accepting [proposal submissions](#) for their 2024 annual meeting, entitled *Advancing Partnerships and Collaborative Approaches in Prevention Science*. Areas of interest include developing and applying collaborative methods, integrating preventive interventions in partnership with the communities they serve, and innovations in community engaged research. Deadline is October 31, 2023. SPR is also looking for preconference workshops. Deadline is November 30, 2023.

Additionally, SPR is [calling for abstract reviewers](#) to serve on their review committee and is offering an [opportunity](#) for mentors and students to participate in the abstract review process.

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 seeking proposals for rigorous empirical research, such as research of early childhood programs, their workforces, and interventions. NRCEC is also calling for [proposal reviewers](#). Deadline is November 10, 2023.

Upcoming Conferences and Webinars

Infant-Early Childhood Mental Health in Home Visiting Programs Serving Diverse Families: Promising Strategies to Support Child and Family Well-Being (October 31, 2023, from 1-2:15pm ET, virtual event)

Learn about program- and systems-level approaches to supporting infant-early childhood mental health in home visiting during this webinar hosted by the [National Center for Children in Poverty](#) and [Start Early](#). [Registration](#) is still open, and a recording will be made available to registrants following the webinar.

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)

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

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Early Career Researcher Corner



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](https://www.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).

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

Policy Brief: Access to Perinatal Mental Health Services for Rural Clients

In a recent [policy brief](#), HARC PBRN member Kelly Franklin, an MSW candidate, reviews research evidence showing the benefits of improving collaborative care to address perinatal mental health concerns and provides policy recommendations. The brief describes how collaborative care may be incorporated into evidence-based home visiting to help ensure that mothers facing perinatal mental health disorders will receive the critical support they need.

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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