



# HARC Herald

December 2023 Newsletter



As the year comes to an end, HARC would like to wish you all a wonderful and restful holiday season.

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## Where You Can Find Us and What We're Doing

January 2024 is going to be a very exciting month in the home visiting world! The MIECHV All Grantee's Meeting and National Home Visiting Summit are both back in person at the end of January. We are all looking forward to seeing HARC members, partners and collaborators all together again. There are many opportunities to network and engage with HARC over these two meetings. Please see below for a comprehensive list.

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

Join us for two HARC panels:

1. Tues Jan 30, 3pm - The Precision Paradigm: Building a New Framework for Home Visiting Research and Evaluation (Ciara Spinosa, Heather Johnson and Becky Fauth)
2. Mon Jan 29, 2pm - Supporting Collaborative, Applied Research through YOUR Practice-Based Research Network (Allison West, Jon Korfmacher and Deb Daro)

Learn about HARC

1. Stop by our exhibition table to learn more about HARC, what we do, and how you can get involved.

Calling early career scholars

1. Meet up with seasoned home visiting researchers for a casual 'Coffee Chat'. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon!

## CALLING ALL EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS!

BOOK A COFFEE CHAT  
WITH A HARC  
RESEARCHER AT  
THE JANUARY MIECHV  
ALL GRANTEE'S MEETING



INFORMAL MENTORING AND  
EXPLORATION OF SHARED  
RESEARCH INTERESTS

[click here to sign up](#)

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

Attend our joint poster session and reception on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 pm.

1. Connect with your peers, engage with poster presenters, and learn about HARC while enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Join us for two HARC presentations:

1. Thurs Feb 1, 3:15pm - HARC: Promoting Collaborative Research to Advance Equitable HV Services and Systems (Allison West, Jon Korfmacher and Heather Johnson)
2. Fri Feb 2, 11:30am - HARC: Integration of Community-Engaged Research and Implementation Science into HV Research (Darius Tandon)

## HARC Webinar Series Kickoff



### Early Career Scholars Webinar Series - Part 1: Voices from the Field (February 21, 2024, 12:00pm - 1:30pm ET)

This webinar is for early career scholars involved or interested in home visiting research. Brenda Jones-Harden, Deb Daro, and a panel of early career scholars will share their knowledge and experiences to help early career scholars become leaders in the field of home visiting research. Registration will open in January.

## News From HRSA

### Two HRSA-Funded Studies are Seeking Feedback on Key Issues in Home Visiting

Helping Home Visiting Learn from COVID-19: *The Assessing and Describing Practice Transitions Among Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs in Response to the COVID-19*

Public Health Emergency study is learning from programs that successfully adapted to the pandemic. They want to know more about three practices, 1) [promoting children's engagement and participation in virtual home visits](#); 2) [using informal contacts to promote caregivers' engagement and satisfaction](#); and 3) [coaching to promote positive caregiver-child interactions in home visiting](#).

Improving Home Visiting Quality: The Home Visiting Assessment of Implementation Quality study is looking at what makes home visiting programs effective. They're focusing on two areas including [exploring family voice](#) and [leadership and better addressing disparities through home visiting](#).

Submit a formal comment through the Federal Register (see individual links above) or reach out to HRSA directly at [homevisiting@hrsa.gov](mailto:homevisiting@hrsa.gov). Comments are due by [February 5, 2024](#).

## Monthly Peer-reviewed Literature Updates

### 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](#).

## Call for Papers

### Maternal and Child Access to Health and Healthcare

*BMC Public Health* is calling for submissions of rigorous research that can inform interventions and policy for their collection on [Maternal and child access to health and healthcare](#). The goal of the collection is to highlight the barriers to access to healthcare for women and children, especially among underserved populations. [Deadline is April 18, 2024](#).



## Early Career Researcher Corner

### Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's 2024 Diversity Summer Internship Program (DSIP)

[Applications](#) are now open for the Bloomberg School's 2024 DSIP program. DSIP is an 8-week summer program that provides highly qualified undergraduate students from underrepresented groups with a graduate level research experience in public health including mentorship by an accomplished Johns Hopkins researcher. [Deadline is February 1, 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)).

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

## 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)**

The 2024 National Home Visiting Summit [agenda](#) is now available. The three-day hybrid conference is for state and federal leaders, policy advocates, researchers, program leaders, direct service providers, parents, caregivers, and philanthropic partners who want to learn more about home visiting and how to be more effective decision-makers and change agents. Each session will feature speakers on the most pressing and innovative issues in the field today. [Register](#) now!

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

This three-day [conference](#) will present the latest research on Head Start, Early Head Start, child care, home visiting, child welfare, special education, pre-kindergarten, early elementary, and other early childhood programs. Registration will open in the Spring of 2024.

**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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