



HARC Herald

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Hot Off the Press! Recent Work by HARC PBRN Members!



HARC PBRN members contribute to the field of home visiting research through publications, presentations and by carrying out studies with HARC's PBRN. We love to showcase research conducted by HARC members. Guidelines for newsletter items can be found on our [website](#). Listed below are research updates from HARC members.

FOCUS GROUP UPDATE - Understanding Contextual Factors through Engagement of Home Visitors

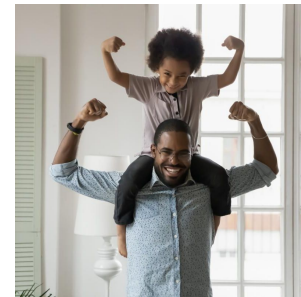
Contextual factors can influence home visiting access, implementation quality, intervention effectiveness, and outcomes and play a critical role in understanding what works for different people in different situations. HARC is building a contextual factors taxonomy as part of the **Precision Paradigm** to help research partners to be more intentional in their consideration and selection of contextual variables to include in their work. In order to develop a relevant taxonomy, HARC members were recruited to participate in a set of focus groups. Five focus groups have been carried out with home visitors from fourteen states and seven home visiting models to discuss how family and community circumstances influence their work. Stay tuned for the results within the coming months.

If you'd like to be a part of the conversation and future opportunities to contribute to this work, please contact Amanda Eastern at eastern@jbassoc.com.

Conceptualizing Family Engagement in Home Visiting: Exploring the Use of Existing Data to Promote Collaborative Research

Researchers from the HARC team collaborated with home visiting models over a two-year period to explore the potential for using existing data collected within models' management information systems (MIS) for collaborative research studies on home visiting. This [brief](#) highlights findings in two areas 1) the exploration of family engagement concepts with participating home visiting models and 2) alignment of family engagement concepts with data collected within models MIS. This work is intended to advance research on family engagement in home visiting.

Helping Families Through the Upheaval: How Home Visiting Programs Supported Families' Economic Well-Being During the COVID-19 Pandemic - OPRE Report 2024-019

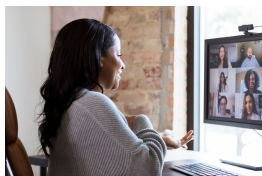


The Supporting Family Economic Well-being project (HomeEc) team used HARC's PBRN to recruit and engage home visiting practitioners and researchers to better understand how home visiting supported family economic well-being during the pandemic. This [work](#) was designed to provide information that early childhood home visiting programs can use to support families' economic well-being, both during regular operations and if they face other disruptions to service delivery, such as natural disasters.

Promoting Toddlers' Self-Regulation and Healthy Eating Habits Among Families Living in Poverty: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Recipe 4 Success

This month, HARC member Robert Nix and colleagues published findings from their [randomized controlled trial](#) of Recipe 4 Success, a preventive intervention that includes teaching parents responsive food parenting practices and helping their toddlers to practice self-regulation. Compared with the control group, toddlers in the Recipe 4 Success group had greater self-regulation and eating habits, which could have long-term health benefits.

HARC's Webinar Recordings are Now Available!



HARC has hosted three successful webinars. If you were unable to attend, would like to watch them again, or find out about future webinars, please visit the [HARC webinars page](#).



Institute for Child and Family Well-being Predoctoral Fellowship Announcement

The [Institute for Child and Family Well-being at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee](#) invites applications for a predoctoral fellowship in Child and Family Well-being. This fellowship will provide a Ph.D. candidate with research mentorship and financial support. Fellows will 1) work closely with faculty and other researchers on research that aims to promote better and more equitable outcomes for families, 2) conduct work that may contribute to a dissertation, 3) engage in opportunities and connect with researchers in [HARC](#), and 4) receive up to **\$18,000** in financial support over three years.

[Learn More](#)

Coming Soon! HARC Early Career Scholars Application Announcement

HARC is launching a mentoring program to increase the pipeline of early career scholars who will engage in home visiting research. Through this program, HARC will provide mentoring activities to a cohort of up to five early career researchers from September 2024 – July 2025.

Stay tuned for an email announcement soon!

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

In the News!

Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) Systematic Review - OPRE Report 2024-039

The revised [HomVEE handbook](#) (version 2.2) is now available and includes updated procedures related to reviewing virtual home visiting research, as well as updates to clarify HomVEE's definition of subgroups, limit the eligibility of certain findings for review, and strengthen standards for validity.

**Calling Home Visiting Staff
Opportunity to Participate in a Workforce Project**



Supporting and Strengthening the Home Visiting Workforce

Calling home visiting supervisors! The **Supporting and Strengthening the Home Visiting Workforce** project team needs your expertise to inform a measure of reflective supervision for the field. Supervisors can complete the **1-hour survey** (and receive a \$35 gift card) if they provide individual supervision to home visitors implementing a **model eligible for MIECHV funds**. The program does not need to receive MIECHV funds currently.

To learn more about the project, read the **frequently asked questions** or view the **informational flyer**. If you have questions or clarifications, please contact us at **sashv@jbassoc.com**.

Monthly Peer-Reviewed Literature Updates

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Each month, HARC shares recently published peer-reviewed home visiting research articles. Articles are 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**.

Funding Opportunities

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV): Base and Matching Grant Awards

HRSA has announced the opportunity to **apply for base and matching funds** under MIECHV Program. To learn more, including eligibility, visit the HRSA *Find Grant Funding* **website**. Deadline is May 29, 2024.

HARC Annual Meeting - Save the Date!



9TH ANNUAL MEETING SAVE THE DATE

September 17-18, 2024
Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg Center
555 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington DC

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HARC's annual meeting will be held in Washington, DC Sept 17-18th, 2024.

More details coming soon!

Upcoming Conferences

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

Registration is still open for SPR's annual meeting entitled, *Advancing Partnerships and Collaborative Approaches in Prevention Science*. This meeting provides an opportunity to advance this vision by providing a centrally integrated forum for the exchange of new concepts, methods, and results from prevention research and related public health fields.

Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency (RECS) 2024 Meeting (May 29-31, 2024, in Washington, DC)

Registration is still open for the 2024 RECS meeting for both in-person and virtual attendees. RECS is a forum for researchers, state and local administrators, practitioners, federal officials, and policy makers to discuss cutting-edge research on human programs, policies, and services that support families on the path to economic self-sufficiency.



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

Registration is open for the 2024 NRCEC conference. 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.

American Public Health Association (APHA) 2024 Annual Meeting and Expo (October 27-30, 2024, in Minneapolis, MN)

This year's APHA meeting theme is *Rebuilding Trust in Public Health and Science* including current and emerging issues in public health. Each year this meeting provides high-quality, science-based education, engaging networking opportunities, and cutting-edge resources to thousands of public health professionals across the nation.

Registration for the 2024 APHA annual meeting will open in June.

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference (January 15-19, 2025, in Seattle, WA)

Save the date for SSWR's **annual conference** entitled, *Strengthening Social Impact through Collaborative Research*. SSWR's annual conference offers a scientific program that reflects a variety of research interests including workshops on the latest research

methodologies to sessions on research priorities and capacity building that target cutting-edge topics vital to contemporary social work research.

24th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect (April 1-3, 2025, in Rockville, MD)

Save the date for the 24th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN), sponsored by the Children's Bureau. Innovative sessions will focus on developing ideas-to-action strategies that provide opportunities to exchange ideas and learn what works from community members and peers.

For more information on upcoming conferences, please visit HARC's Upcoming Conferences and Webinars page!

Missed a Conference?

2024 National Home Visiting Summit Recordings

The 2024 National Home Visiting Summit highlighted the progress public sector early childhood systems leaders, particularly at the state level, have made to advance home visiting as part of an equitable, comprehensive early childhood system. The three plenary session recordings are now available to watch at no cost. Additional Summit recordings are available for \$249 through May 31, 2024.

Make Your Mark and Become a HARC Member

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
- This newsletter

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

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).

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