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Advance Your Research Career! HARC's Early Career Scholars Mentoring Awards

HARC Early Career Scholars Awards

The Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative (HARC) is launching a mentoring program to increase the pipeline of early career scholars who will engage in home visiting research. Awardees will receive mentoring from established home visiting researchers. The program duration is September 2024 - July 2025.

Scholars Will Receive and Participate In:

- Up to \$3,000 to support participation in activities
- Monthly 1:1 mentoring
- Support to complete research product related to home visiting
- Quarterly cohort meetings
- HARC's annual meeting and webinars
- The Early Career Special Interest Group

Deadline to apply is June 10, 2024

For more information on eligibility and application requirements for the Scholars Awards, please scan the QR code or visit www.hvresearch.org



For questions, please contact Dr. Brenda Jones Harden at harc@hvresearch.org

In the News

Oregon's 2023 Home Visiting Workforce Survey: Learning Brief 1

Oregon's MIECHV-funded workforce study is focused on understanding the ways organizations, programs, and other supports can be shaped to better support home visitor wellness and retention. The first of three learning briefs entitled, ***Supporting Resource Equity for Oregon's Home Visiting Workforce: Exploring Racial, Ethnic & Linguistic Differences***, is now available. Brief 1 shares findings from a workforce survey that was co-created using a data equity framework. The findings document pay disparities related to home visitors' racial and ethnic identities and show that many home visitors report high levels of financial stress.

Resources



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**.

Do No Harm Data Visualization

Looking to improve your data visualizations? Sponsored by the National Library of Medicine and featuring Alice Feng, this one hour **webinar** offers a set of starting points on how to apply an equity lens to the way we visualize data. The webinar addresses questions such as:

- Who is missing from my data visualization? Does my visualization acknowledge these groups?
- What is the best way to treat and label the “other” category?
- Do my colors and icons reinforce stereotypes and hierarchies?
- Do my icons and images show people as dignified rather than helpless?
- Does my chart acknowledge the context and history of the topic?
- Is the way I'm communicating data putting people first?

Q & A from the Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) Review - OPRE Report #2024-065

Looking for insight regarding HomVEE? In this Q & A **report**, you will find answers to questions such as how HomVEE determines which new models to review, what is evidence based, and whether a model can apply to be reviewed. Visit **HomVEE** to learn more.

Don't Miss Out! Early Career Researcher Opportunities

2025 Young Scholars Program (YSP) Call for Proposals

The Foundation for Child Development is accepting proposals for their 2025 **YSP**. This program funds research that aims to clarify *how*, *why*, and for *whom* policies, programs, and practices support the early care and education workforce and shape children's early learning experiences and well-being in early childhood. Awardees will receive up to \$225,000 to support their work. Letter of intent deadline is June 3, 2024.

HRSA Health Equity Fellows Program and HRSA Scholars Program

HRSA is now accepting applications from early career professionals for its Health Equity Fellows Program and its Scholars Program on USAJobs.gov [listed as **HRSA Recent Graduate, Public Health Analyst, GS-0685-7/9**]. Awardees will gain hands-on experience in implementing HRSA's mission of addressing health disparities, improving health outcomes, and achieving health equity. This includes opportunities to network across the organization, connect with senior leaders, and train and develop in areas relevant to their career field. Deadline is June 4, 2024.



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. Deadline is June 15, 2024.

[Learn More](#)

Research Mentoring and Networking Event at the Administration for Children and Families' National Research Conference (NRCEC)

NRCEC is inviting emerging scholars (students and new professionals) and mentors (senior researchers) attending the NRCEC conference to participate in a Research Mentoring and Networking Event on Tuesday, June 25 from 10:45am – 12:15pm ET. This event is designed to facilitate relationships with emerging scholars and mentors studying diverse populations and/or racial and ethnic equity issues of relevance to early childhood programs and the families they serve. This event is FREE; however, **registration** is required. Space is limited so secure your spot today!

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

Calling Home Visiting Programs and Program Staff



Call for Information: Seeking Home Visiting Programs Interested in Supporting Family Economic Well-Being

The **Supporting Family Economic Well-Being through Home Visiting (HomeEc) project** is seeking home visiting programs that are interested in participating in an innovative and collaborative process to co-create and pilot test concrete practices to support families' economic well-being. The proposed formative evaluation project will take place over the course of about one year, starting in fall 2024. During the project period, select program staff will be asked to regularly engage with the HomeEc project team through calls, strategic design sessions, hands-on training and technical assistance, and short, iterative pilot tests to provide feedback on their experience using the practice. Please note that no prior experience directly supporting family economic well-being is necessary. If you are a program or have information about a program that is interested in participating in this project, please see **<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/seeking-home-visiting-programs-interested-supporting-family-economic-well-being>** for more information and submission details. The call for information will be open **until June 15, 2024**.

Note: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA; Public Law 104-13), the related data collection activities for this formative evaluation that are subject to PRA will be reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget prior to requesting any information from respondents. The timeline to begin data collection is dependent on this approval.

Help Needed to Study Indigenous Well-Being in Early Childhood

The **Tribal Early Childhood Research Center** (TRC) is launching a pilot study to test a new tool that focuses on how well children connect with their families, community, and environment. This tool reflects the values of Indigenous cultures for raising healthy children. TRC worked with a group of experts over several years to develop this tool. Now they need two Tribal Home Visiting Programs to help try it out.

Here's how you can participate:

- Ask three caregivers of Indigenous children (prenatal to five years old) to share their experiences in an interview this summer
- Recruit up to four program staff and local partners to participate in a focus group this summer or early fall
- Invite 20 caregivers to participate in pilot testing the new measure this fall

Everyone who helps will be compensated for their time. Home visiting program staff who are caregivers to young children themselves may also participate in interviews, focus groups, or pilot testing the measure. Plus, each Tribal Home Visiting Program will receive up to \$500 to support their work with families. If you're interested or would like to learn more, **[email Chelsea Wesner](#)**.

Supporting and Strengthening the Home Visiting Workforce

(SAS-HV)

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**.

Calling MIECHV Awardees

Participate in HRSA's 2024 Grantee Satisfaction Survey

HRSA is encouraging all Grantees to participate in the 2024 satisfaction survey. Your confidential responses will help HRSA take actions to 1) understand your needs better, 2) improve guidance and assistance, 3) tailor services, and 4) advance its mission. For more information, email the **HRSA Grantee Survey** information line.

Monthly Peer-Reviewed Literature Updates

Peer-reviewed Literature Updates

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**.

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

DETAILS TO COME

www.hvresearch.org



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

More details coming soon!

Upcoming Conferences

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!](#)

Make Your Mark and Become a HARC PBRN 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. **Join here!**

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!

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

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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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