



HARC Herald

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Highlights from the 9th Annual HARC Meeting!

Innovative Methods for Engaging Community in Building Home Visiting Evidence and Informing Policy

HARC extends heartfelt gratitude to all speakers and attendees who contributed to the success of our 9th Annual Meeting, titled *Innovative Methods for Engaging Community in Building Home Visiting Evidence and Informing Policy*. The event showcased groundbreaking sessions focused on enhancing community engagement throughout the research process, addressing practical challenges in fostering participation, and developing effective strategies for measuring engagement and its impact.

[Meeting recordings coming soon!](#)



HARC Happenings!

HARC's Early Career Scholars Awardees

We are pleased to announce the launch of the “HARC Early Career Scholars” mentorship program, and to congratulate the first year’s exceptional group of scholars! Designed to significantly enhance the pipeline of early career researchers in home visiting, the program aims to empower emerging scholars by pairing them with experienced mentors and by providing them with a cohort of their peers. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to collaborate with and learn from this first cohort of early career scholars.



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How to Propose a Study for HARC's Practice-based Research Network (PBRN)

All HARC members can propose studies that leverage the power of HARC's practice-based research network (PBRN). The PBRN facilitates gathering perspectives of from local home visiting programs across the US. We recently updated our proposal submission guidelines. To learn more, see the [Propose a Study](#) page on the HARC website.

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.

Family justice involvement in evidence-based home visiting: Understanding home visitor perceptions and practices

This month, a [preprint article](#) was published describing the results of a survey carried out with HARC's [PBRN](#) to examine home visitors' practices, implementation supports, and their

perceptions regarding the strengths and benefits of their programs for justice-involved families. Home visitors' perceptions of their program's strengths and benefits for these families were linked to implementation supports, as well as, home visitor knowledge and self-efficacy.

In the News!

The National Home Visiting Resource Center's (NHVRC) 2024 Home Visiting Yearbook is Now Available

NHVRC has released its ***2024 Home Visiting Yearbook***, a nationwide and state-by-state look at early childhood home visiting. The publication presents 2023 data from evidence-based and emerging home visiting models and from state agencies and the Administration for Children and Families to highlight:

- Where programs operate, the families they serve, and the families who could benefit but are not being reached
- Profiles of states, models, and Indigenous-led organizations
- Services delivered by state awardees and tribal grantees of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

Users can navigate the **[NHVRC website](#)** to access data and download short publications, including the *Yearbook Summary*.

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](#)**.

Home Visiting Evidence for Effectiveness (HomVEE) Announcements

Help Inform HomVEE's Website Redesign!

Over the next year, ACF will be redesigning the **[HomVEE](#)** website with a new look and new features. Use the "What's New!" section of the home page to stay informed about changes. As part of a site redesign, we are seeking users familiar with HomVEE or the early childhood home visiting field and willing to participate in a brief activity to help us uncover challenges with navigating the website.

To participate in this 20-minute, self-directed online activity, click **[this link](#)**.

Share Your Voice! Current Research Opportunities

Seeking Strategies, Resources, and Materials on Home Visiting Workforce Development and Case Management

Share your work with the Institute for Home Visiting Workforce Development and the Jackie Walorski Center for Evidence-Based Case Management through two calls for

information:

1. [Call for information to identify strategies, resources, and materials to support home visiting workforce development.](#)
2. [Call for information to identify strategies, resources, and materials related to case management and service coordination in home visiting.](#)

Click on the links above to access the calls for information and submit materials.

Support Research on Home Visiting Implementation Quality

MIECHV-funded programs are invited to help HRSA and researchers from **Child Trends** and **James Bell Associates** understand what makes home visiting programs most effective by participating in the Home Visiting Assessments of Implementation Quality (HV-AIM) project! The project consists of three studies, each with separate opportunities for participation. Email Sarah Crowne (scrowne@childtrends.org) with questions!

Study on family voice and leadership:

Data collection began on August 26th. Federal project officers shared information to complete a survey about family voice and leadership opportunities with MIECHV awardees and Tribal MIECHV grant recipients.

Study addressing race equity and disparities by centering Black families' experiences in home visiting:

Federal project officers recently reached out to MIECHV state and jurisdiction directors with a request to share contact information for MIECHV-funded local implementing agencies. You can learn more through this [short video](#) and these [FAQs](#). Email the study team at hv-aim@jbassoc.com with questions or for more information.

Study on supervision:

Data collection for this study will begin in early November.

External Job Postings



Assistant Scientist - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

The Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health is seeking an **Assistant Scientist**. The successful applicant will support an innovative community-partnered, applied research portfolio addressing case management, service coordination, and/or workforce development in US domestic maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting programs and systems that serve families with young children. Applicants must hold a doctorate in public health, social work, psychology, or a related field and

have services research experience and excellent writing skills.

Research Data Analyst - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

The Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health is seeking a **Research Data Analyst**. The Data Analyst will support the team in carrying out research, evaluation and quality improvement work to support the implementation of *Family Connects NJ*. The ideal candidate for the position is a self-motivated, responsible, detail-oriented individual with excellent organizational abilities. Applicants must be able to work independently in a self-directed fashion while managing multiple tasks.

Penn State - Faculty Position in Child Maltreatment, Family Science, and Prevention

The Pennsylvania State University's Department of Human Development and Family Studies invites applications for a **tenure-track or tenured faculty position**. Ideal candidates will be able to engage in interdisciplinary and/or translational work, integrating child maltreatment interests with the departments training missions in family and prevention science. Applications reviewed on a rolling basis.

Call for Papers

Early Childhood Research Quarterly - Special Issue

Early Childhood Research Quarterly is **seeking empirical articles** for their special issue, *Early Care and Education and Services for Infants, Toddlers, and Their Families*. The goal of this issue is to examine the system of care and services for infants, toddlers, and their families such as service access and quality factors, mechanisms, and outcomes. Deadline is March 10, 2025.

2024 Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency Recordings

The 2024 Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency (RECS) Recordings are Now Available

The **RECS 2024 session recordings** are now available for viewing. Learn about the latest evaluation findings of social welfare programs and policies, and ways to incorporate findings into design and implementation of programs as well as develop strategies for future evaluations.

Upcoming Conferences

Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) 2024 Methods Meeting: Economic Evaluation in Social Policy Research (October 22, 2024, Virtual Event)

The upcoming **OPRE 2024 Methods Meeting** presents an opportunity for stakeholders

to engage in meaningful discussions about the application of innovative methodologies to policy-relevant questions. This meeting will emphasize the importance of ensuring that government-supported research embodies the most scientifically rigorous approaches available, ultimately shaping effective social policy research.

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

Registration remains open for the 2024 APHA annual meeting. 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.

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.

National Home Visiting Summit (February 12-14, 2025, in Washington, DC)

Early bird registration remains open for the 2025 **Summit** which aims to integrate policy, practice, and research to influence systems change to advance equitable and quality home visiting services, structures, and systems. View the **2025 Agenda** to help plan your trip to Washington, DC!

Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) Conference (March 15-18, 2025, in Washington, DC)

Save the date for the **AMCHP Annual Conference**. Each year, this conference aims to highlight maternal and child health (MCH) programs' impact at all levels on women, children and families and to provide attendees with the tools and resources to develop, enhance, and sustain vital MCH programs and services.



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.

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting (May 1-3, 2025, in Minneapolis, MN)

SRCD continues its commitment to highlight cutting-edge research, policy, and practice in child development. The **2025 meeting** will highlight developmental science broadly, a diversity of programs, increased emphasis on scholar-activism and more.

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

Become a HARC Member!

Join HARC's Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN)

Why Join?



Share Your Voice

HARC brings together home visiting staff, network leaders, model representatives, families and researchers to identify and answer important research questions. This research can help strengthen the benefits of home visiting for all families.



Make an Impact

Home visiting research needs your voice in order to support innovative practice. Join HARC to create research that can improve home visiting practice and policy!



Get Connected

Connect with peers, learn about new research studies, join a special interest group, and stay informed about home visiting with the HARC monthly newsletter!

OUR MISSION

The Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative is a national research and development platform for innovation to broaden and strengthen home visiting's benefits for all families and communities.

hvresearch.org



Join the Network Today

PS: It's FREE!



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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