



HARC Herald

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Recordings from 2024 HARC Meeting Now Available!

We are pleased to share that the slides and recordings from the 2024 HARC meeting are now available.

Thank you for your feedback on our 9th annual meeting!

We are grateful to those of you that provided feedback on the meeting! Almost two thirds of attendees reported that the meeting increased their motivation and/or capacity to carry out community-engaged research “to a great extent”. Attendees reported many ways that the content was valuable to their work and they expressed interest in continuing to engage with HARC members around this topic. Keep an eye on this newsletter for ongoing opportunities!

Below are some of your thoughts.

- *Thank you for a great meeting! I really enjoyed it and thought it was very worthwhile.*
- *I really loved being in person and the topic. I hope we continue discussing CBPR/CEPR after this meeting.*
- *I think program level perspectives were missing. As researchers, we use LIAs to conduct a lot of our work. Let’s hear from them about how we should engage them more.*
- *Could HARC share examples of community-engaged research in the regular emails? Maybe a short video along with a manuscript/written report/white paper?*
- *Highlighting this at HARC this year has been great!*



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

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

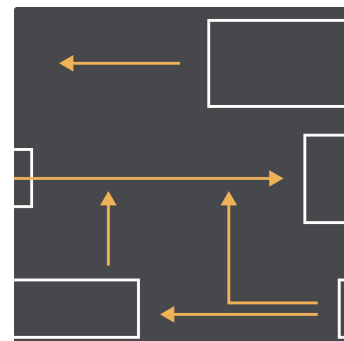
All HARC members can propose studies that leverage the power of HARC's practice-based research network (PBRN). The PBRN facilitates gathering perspectives of from local home visiting programs across the US. We recently updated our proposal submission guidelines. To learn more, see the [*Propose a Study*](#)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

Supporting Resource Equity for Oregon's Home Visiting Workforce: Exploring Program Model and Regional Differences

This month, HARC National Advisory Council member, Beth Green, and colleagues published a Learning Brief based on results from a statewide survey of home visiting staff in Oregon that focused on home visitor pay, benefits, and access to professional development. Findings revealed significant differences in pay, employment benefits, and vacation time by home visiting model and significant differences in pay, vacation time, and professional development by geographic region. This brief is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Using the Precision Paradigm? We'd Love to Hear from You!

At HARC, we are deeply committed to fostering collaboration and innovation in the field of home visiting research. Our Precision Paradigm is a framework that organizes and defines key concepts to enhance understanding of home visiting among practitioners and researchers and promote community engagement in the development and testing of home visiting interventions, adaptations, and enhancements. We encourage you to share your experiences and findings using the Precision Paradigm, as your insights are invaluable to HARC's mission. Below is an example of a study that incorporated the [Precision Paradigm](#).



Factors Associated with Self-Reported Family Enrollment in Community Services After Referral by First Born Home Visitors

Breidenbach and colleagues adapted the Precision Paradigm to create a conceptual model to examine factors that influence family engagement with community services following a referral from First Born home visiting staff. Their [study](#) findings suggest that the outcomes related to referral dispositions were not only influenced by the type of referrals made but also by the participants' proactive engagement in seeking these referrals and client, home visitor, and program factors.

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](#).

In the News!

Enhancing Futures: Exploring the Impact of the MIHP Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Pilot Program on Michigan Families

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the University of Michigan's Youth Policy Lab, has released **findings from the Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Pilot Program**. This evaluation sought to assess the effectiveness of expanded billing services for MIHP providers in addressing the diverse needs of families and determining the impact of these enhancements on social determinants of health, health equity, and other critical family outcomes. Notably, the pilot program demonstrated a positive impact on families' self-reported determinants of health, with benefits observed for Black families and those experiencing their first pregnancy; moreover, greater benefits for independent freestanding agencies vs local health departments were observed.

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.

Participate in Research on Home Visiting Implementation Quality!

Three studies examining aspects of a **conceptual framework for implementation quality** are currently underway for the Home Visiting Assessments of Implementation Quality (HV-AIM) project. The studies focus on (1) addressing disparities, (2) family voice and leadership, and (3) supervision. *You can find more information and complete surveys for the studies on disparities and family voice and leadership at this [link](#).* Email Sarah Crowne (scrowne@childtrends.org) with general questions.

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.



Upcoming Conferences

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

Registration is now open 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 closes on October 31st 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!](#)

Don't Miss Out! Early Career Researcher Opportunities!

RAND Summer Associate Paid Internship

Are you looking for a unique opportunity to apply your research skills to important, policy-relevant research projects? RAND is offering a **Summer Associate Paid Internship** to graduate students which includes positions in policy-relevant substantive areas (e.g., education, health, justice policy, social and economic policy, labor, national security, cyber policy, data science, etc.) and methodological skills (e.g., quantitative analysis, qualitative analysis, machine learning, etc.). All Associates will be mentored by an experienced researcher, typically work in an interdisciplinary team, and engage in a wide range of activities to learn what it is like to work at RAND. The program is typically 12 weeks of full-time research; students receive a bi-weekly paycheck. Deadline is December 2, 2024.

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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