



HARC Herald

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HARC Upcoming Webinars and Recordings



HARC WEBINAR SERIES

Making Data Clear: Creating Accessible and Impactful Visualizations for Public Audiences

March 6, 2025 12pm - 1pm ET



Pete Lawson, PhD
Johns Hopkins University

Register Now!



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Effective data visualization is essential for making research findings accessible, engaging, and actionable—especially when communicating with non-expert audiences, policymakers, and community stakeholders. This webinar will introduce design principles and recommended practices for creating effective data visualizations, with a focus on clarity and accessibility.

Register Today!

HARC's Real World Data and Big Data Analytics Webinar

Recording

Recordings are now available for anyone who missed HARC's webinar entitled [Use of Real World Data and Big Data Analytics to Propel Precision Research](#). In this webinar, David Bard discusses best practices and potential analytic approaches for using big data and provides case studies in precision medicine settings.

Early Career Scholars Special Interest Group – Kick-Off Meeting Recording

Recordings are available for anyone who missed HARC's early career research webinar entitled [Early Career Scholars Special Interest Group – Kick-Off Meeting and PCORI Funding 101](#). In this webinar, Darius Tandon shared his experience in applying for and carrying out PCORI funded studies and shared helpful tips for developing proposals, finding collaborators, and crafting research questions and designs.

HARC's Early Career Researchers Webinar Recording

Recordings are now available for anyone who missed HARC's early career researcher webinar entitled [Professional Development for Early Career Home Visiting Researchers](#). In this webinar, Brenda Jones Harden and Jon Korfmacher discuss strategies for finding mentors, developing a personal research agenda, and time management.

Start Early's 2025 Home Visiting Summit Highlights from HARC



We had a great time at the [National Home Visiting Summit](#) this month. HARC Leadership Team members, Coordinating Center staff, and partners led two sessions, co-sponsored a Workforce Research Meetup with the Workforce Institute, and engaged with participants at our exhibit table and poster session. HARC's joint poster session with Start Early designated seven research posters as "HARC Featured Posters." Several of the posters are available in our [Resource Library](#).

Opportunities to Join Special Interest Groups

HARC Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide a forum for HARC members to connect around a particular topic. We currently have special interest groups for HARC members interested in Justice-System Involved Families, Early Career Scholars, and Workforce Development. If you would like to join our Early Career Scholars or Workforce Development SIGs, please complete the interest form by clicking on the name of the SIG:

- [Early Career Scholars](#)
- [Workforce Development](#)

HARC's Emerging and Enduring Issues in Home Visiting

One of HARC's objectives is to identify **emerging and enduring issues** around home visiting program delivery and sustainability. We recently identified emerging and enduring issues through surveys of HARC members. This month, we are sharing a snapshot of several very **recent publications** around one enduring issue, **workforce development**.

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](#).

Research Resources

Open Science Framework

Interested in learning more about the **Open Science Framework** and resources to support research transparency and verifiability? The Center for Open Science offers tools, training, and **webinars** on topics such as study preregistration, data curation, and sharing of sensitive data.

Home Visitor Research Training Toolkit

Home visitors are critical partners in home visiting (HV) research and quality improvement projects. Developed by Northwestern University with funding from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, the goal of the **Home Visitor Research Training** is to increase the number of home visitors who partner in research by providing guidance on research design, methods, interpretation and dissemination of findings. Increasing engagement in research will help ensure that research findings are useful to HV programs and families.

The Field Guide to Human-Centered

Design

Human-centered Design (HCD) is a problem solving and design approach that prioritizes the needs and experiences of the people who will use a product or service. The method is iterative and includes engaging end users and stakeholders throughout the process, collaborating across disciplines, and considering the contexts in which the end users live and the solution operates. ***The Field Guide to Human-Centered Design*** is a free resource that explains and outlines HCD for researchers interested in using the approach.



Don't Miss Out! Early Career Researcher Opportunities!

National African American Child and Family Research Center (NAACFRC): Undergraduate Emerging Scholars Program

The NAACFRC invites **applications** for the 2025-26 Undergraduate Emerging Scholars Program. This is an 8-week mentored research internship designed for students interested in community-based participatory research on economic and social mobility, poverty alleviation, and early care and education for African American children and families. Deadline is March 7, 2025.

National African American Child and Family Research Center (NAACFRC): Graduate Emerging Scholars Program

The NAACFRC invites **applications** for the 2025-26 Emerging Scholars Program for graduate students. This is a one-year, remote-mentored research internship designed to increase the knowledge and skills of students interested in research on economic and social mobility, poverty alleviation, and early care and education for African American children and families. Deadline is March 7, 2025.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Health Policy Research Scholars

Applications are now open for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Health Policy Research Scholars program. This four-year national leadership development initiative is designed specifically for doctoral students across various nonclinical, research-focused disciplines, emphasizing the critical role of policy as a lever for meaningful change. Scholars will gain the ability to translate and disseminate research to end users, build their capacity for individual and collective leadership, and contribute to research and dialogue on the policy changes necessary for creating conditions for good health. Deadline is March 11, 2025.

Call for Papers

Early Childhood Research Quarterly

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.



Upcoming Training

Child and Adolescent Maltreatment Prevention (CHAMP) Institute's Reducing Risk for Child Maltreatment and Treating Its Consequences: A National Training Series on the Application of Causal Science

In this national **training series**, participants will gain an understanding of how predictive and causal knowledge may be obtained scientifically and applied by practitioners, child welfare case workers, or public policymakers to improve the lives of maltreated children.

Upcoming Conferences

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

Registration is open 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)

Registration is now open 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. There is no registration fee to attend this conference.

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

Registration is open for the SRCD Biennial Meeting. The **2025 meeting** will highlight developmental science broadly, a diversity of programs, increased emphasis on scholar-activism, and more.

American Psychological Association (APA) Conference (August 7-9, 2025, in Denver, CO)

Early bird registration opens on April 23rd for **APA's 2025 Conference**. This annual conference covers a wide range of topics related to psychology, including research, career development, and professional networking.



CityMatCH Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference (September 15-17, 2025, in St. Louis, MO)

The **call for abstracts** is open for the **CityMatCH Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference** entitled *Bridging Divides A Gateway to the Future of Maternal and Child Health*. Registration information is coming soon. **Abstract submission deadline is March 14, 2025.**

ZERO TO THREE LEARN Conference (October 8-9, 2025, in Baltimore, MD)

Registration is now open for the **ZERO TO THREE LEARN Conference**. The goal of this conference is to transform early childhood concepts into action, theories into skills and the shared passion into positive energy that propels the field forward. This conference is a great way to learn from the experts in the field, build networks, and connect with friends.

American Public Health Association's (APHA) 2025 Annual Meeting and Expo (November 2-5, 2025, in Washington, DC)

The **call for abstracts** is open for the APHA 2025 annual meeting. This year's meeting theme is making the public's health a national priority. **Deadline is March 28, 2025.**

**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.

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PS: It's FREE!



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

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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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