

# HARC Herald

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HARC is joining other home visiting partners in celebrating the inaugural **National Home Visiting Week**. We want to highlight the important role that research has played in developing and sustaining this field. You can stay up to date with the latest home visiting research via our **Resource Library**, our monthly **compilation of peer-reviewed articles**, and our partners such as the **NHVRC**.

## All Things HARC!

### Save the Date for HARC's Open Science Webinar

On May 29<sup>th</sup> (12-1pm), HARC will be hosting an introductory webinar on Open Science including best practices for data management and sharing. Stay tuned for additional details.



**Missed a HARC Webinar? Catch Up Here!**

## ***Data Sharing in Home Visiting Research***

In this [webinar](#), Nichole Sturmfels, Jessica Bruning, Emily Heberlein, and Becky Fauth discuss linking or sharing home visiting data with other data sources to expand the range of possible research questions for your work.

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

In this [webinar](#), Pete Lawson discusses design principles and recommended practices for creating effective data visualizations for public health audiences.

**For additional webinar information including upcoming and recorded webinars, please visit [HARC's webinar page](#).**

## **Share Your Expertise Become a HARC Webinar Presenter**

HARC is looking for network members to contribute to our activities over the next year! As a research and development network, we are charged with building the field's capacity and motivation for precision home visiting research. Our monthly [webinar series](#) has proven to be a highly successful way to engage a large portion of our network.

We are seeking experts who are interested in sharing their expertise in one of the following four innovative methods via a 1-hour webinar to HARC's network:

- Hybrid effectiveness-implementation trials designs
- Adaptive trial designs
- Methods to support intervention/program adaptation
- Methods to support intervention/program sustainment

If you are interested, please complete this brief [form](#). Presenters will be compensated and HARC will handle all advertising and webinar recordings. Please also share with others in your network.

## **HARC Opportunities**

### **HARC Funding for Seed Projects or Secondary Data Analysis**

HARC is offering [funding](#) support for up to four teams interested in conducting innovative research that explores emerging and enduring issues in early childhood home visiting. We will fund research that falls into two categories:

1. Research that uses shared or linked data sources
2. Research that leverages HARC's [\*\*practice-based research network\*\*](#)

This funding will be awarded in the form of subcontracts to selected institutions. **Up to \$35,000** in total costs will be available for each project. Additional details, including [frequently asked questions](#), can be found on [here](#). The deadline to submit is [Monday, May 5](#).



## Call for Studies

HARC is looking for studies on home visiting **'reach'**. Reach focuses on ensuring families who might benefit from home visiting can enroll and participate if they choose to do so. Elements of reach include the availability and accessibility of home visiting programs, outreach strategies, eligibility criteria and methods of assessing eligibility, recruitment strategies, families' awareness of home visiting programs, and enrollment. Both published and unpublished (i.e., "grey") studies are welcome! Please send to [harc@hvresearch.org](mailto:harc@hvresearch.org) by May 15, 2025.

## New HARC Resources and Briefs

### ***Precision Research and Evaluation Planning and Reflection Tool to Optimize Home Visiting Outcomes***

HARC is pleased to announce a new planning and reflection **tool** to help researchers and evaluators design and carry out precision studies. Whether you are a Coordinated State Evaluator, a new or experienced home visiting investigator, or considering applying for our **new seed funding** – this tool will be helpful to you!

### ***A Scoping Review of Home Visiting Research Using Linked Data***

One of HARC's objectives is to promote **data sharing and interoperability**. To this end, we conducted a **scoping review** of published, peer-reviewed research using early childhood home visiting (HV) data linked with other administrative datasets to identify data sources, methods for linkage, study designs, research questions, and outcome categories in the literature. Collectively, the included articles demonstrate the value of linking data to answer research questions that cannot be readily answered with home visiting program data alone; they also highlight gaps and opportunities for research questions, study designs, data linkage work, and partner and community engagement.



## Opportunities to Join HARC Special Interest Groups

HARC Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide a forum for HARC members to connect around a particular topic. If you would like to join one of our three SIGs, click on the relevant link below:

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

**Hot Off the Press!**

## ***Effects of an Early Home Visiting Program on Maternal Depression***

This month, HARC member Mary Dozier and colleagues published results from their [study](#) examining the effects of the Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-up (ABC) home visiting program on maternal depression. They observed significant reductions in maternal depression symptoms among mothers receiving ABC; suggesting that home visiting models like ABC can leverage non-traditional mental health providers to improve maternal mental health.

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## ***Impact of Nurse Home Visitation on Take-Up of Social Safety Net Programs in a Medicaid Population***

This month, HARC member Margaret McConnell and colleagues published [findings](#) from their randomized controlled trial evaluating the impact of the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) home visiting program on uptake of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Results showed favorable effects of NFP on WIC or SNAP enrollment during pregnancy and on continued SNAP enrollment in the first two years after delivery.

## Resources from the Field



### ***Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap***

[Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center](#) compiles valuable information concerning evidence-based policies and strategies – such as home visiting - for expectant families and families with young children. Their [2024 Roadmap Summary](#) for home visiting shares the home visiting policy context for each state, including home visiting reach, use of Medicaid funds, and relevant state bills and legislation.

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## ***National Survey of Children's Health Child and Family Health Measures***

The Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health (DRC), a project of the [Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative](#) (CAHMI) has released the [2023 National Survey of Children's Health \(NSCH\) Child and Family Health Measures](#). Designed to be representative at both the state and national level, the 2023 NSCH has data from 55,162 children ages 0-17 years on topics such as physical, mental and emotional health, health care access and quality, community and school activities, and family health and well-being. Also explore the new [Whole Child Risk Index](#), a [validated measure](#) associated with important outcomes such as child flourishing, educational preparedness, emergency care utilization, and forgone care. NSCH public use data files, codebooks, and related materials can be found on the [U.S. Census Bureau's NSCH page](#); downloadable datasets will be available in May.



The Workforce Institute & Case Management Center need input from home visitors, supervisors, program directors, technical assistance and professional development providers, researchers, evaluators, model representatives, and funders.

They want to know your needs and priorities around topics including:

- Recruitment and retention
- Career advancement
- Compensation
- Well-being
- Professional development
- Coordinating services for families

Please complete a brief 15-minute **survey** for a **chance to win a \$50 Amazon e-gift card!** Feel free to share the survey link with others who may be interested. We kindly ask that you **do not post the survey link on social media.**

## 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](#).

## Upcoming Training

### 2025 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Bootcamp (June 2-3, 2025, virtual)

Learn about the impact that AI has on nursing science and health research by attending the National Institute of Nursing Research's **AI bootcamp** in June. Course objectives include 1) describing and exploring the use of AI in health promotion, 2) exploring the ethical, legal, and social implications of AI, and 3) discussing strategies to build partnerships and collaborations among scientists, clinicians, and community members. Due to high demand, there is currently a **waitlist** for those wishing to attend.

### Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Course for Researchers and Health Workers (July 28-August 1, 2025, virtual)

Grounded in real-world challenges and informed by cutting-edge scholarship, the **AIM Short Course** is led by faculty experts in IPV and is designed for those working in MCH settings. Upon program completion, participants will be able to critique, translate, and implement IPV-related research findings, with a focus on the life course stages before, during, and after pregnancy. The five-day, synchronous, highly interactive online course is **FREE** of charge. Applications close May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 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

### The Colorado Pragmatic Research Health Conference - *Team Science to Enhance Innovation and Impact* (June 4-5, 2025, Aurora, CO and virtual)



Registration is open for the 2025 Colorado Pragmatic Research in Health Conference. This national conference hosted by the Adult and Child Center for Outcomes Research and Delivery Science and the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute aims to train and engage researchers in methods and applications that support research for real-world impact.

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

Early bird registration is now open for APA's 2025 Conference. This annual conference covers a wide range of topics related to psychology, including research, career development, and professional networking.

### Prevent Child Abuse America 2025 National Conference (August 12-14, 2025, in Portland, OR)

Registration is open for the 2025 Prevent Child Abuse America Conference. This conference will dive into the key drivers of change including innovative programs and practices, family-focused policies, cutting-edge research, and public awareness and engagement strategies to push the field toward upstream prevention.

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

Save the date 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.

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

**Early Bird Registration** is open until July 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



## **Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Conference 2025: *Driving Continuous Quality Improvement Into the Future* (October 28-29, 2025, in Champaign, IL)**

The request for **proposals** is open for the **2025 CQI Conference**. This year's conference is dedicated to celebrating and learning from the past, embracing the present, and shaping the future of quality improvement. Proposals should feature quality improvement strategies, methods, and tools that are practical, proven, or promising. Deadline is May 2, 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.

[hvresearch.org](http://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](http://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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