



HARC Herald

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All Things HARC!

Ask an Expert

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Do you need advice on research topic, question, or method? Get connected with a HARC member researcher with the expertise that you need! Submit your question by completing our interest **form**. Inquiries will be taken on a rolling basis, and we'll do our best to match you with an expert to provide tailored guidance and support!

Opportunities to Join HARC Special Interest Groups

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HARC's Special Interest Groups (SIGs) offer a space for members to connect on key topics. Interested in joining? Click below to learn more and sign up:

- **Early Career Scholars**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Data Sharing**



Upcoming Special Interest Group Meetings

Interested in data sharing and linkage with home visiting data? Join the HARC Data Sharing Special Interest Group.

This group brings together home visiting data users to connect, share insights, and collaborate. We're exploring the creation of a Community of Practice to learn from one another on topics like creating a shared vision for home visiting data systems, establishing an early childhood integrated data system, exploring available resources, and collaborating on a data linkage project.

Our next meeting is June 9th at 1:00 PM ET, with monthly meetings to follow. Sign up for alerts and invitations using the link above.

Interested in research related to workforce development? Join the HARC Workforce Development SIG.

This group welcomes members from all interest groups to discuss and collaborate on high priority research topics.

Our first meeting is June 30th at 3:00 PM ET. Sign up for alerts and invitations using the link above.

Hot Off the Press! Recent Work by HARC and its Members!



An Integrated Review of Findings from the Early Head Start University Partnerships Buffering Toxic Stress Consortium

HARC member Neda Senehi and colleagues published a paper on enhancing parenting in Early Head Start (EHS) using prevention science, based on six studies from the Buffering Toxic Stress (BTS) consortium. The paper links findings to recent federal policies and shows EHS benefits vary by demographic and family traits—highlighting the need for tailored, culturally responsive interventions. BTS findings support precision-based, scalable strategies for high-risk families facing early adversity.

Infant–Toddler Individual Growth and Development Indicators

HARC member Jay Buzhardt and colleagues published an article highlighting how Juniper Gardens Children's Project researchers advanced valid measurement tools to support home visitors and child-care providers. Their work led to the development of the

Individual Growth and Development Indicators, which help identify children needing support and track progress in language, motor, cognitive, and social development.

Smart Beginnings Predicts Reduced Externalizing Behavior via Parental Negative Demeanor During Discipline

HARC member Daniel Shaw and colleagues reported on a **study** of the Smart Beginnings (SB) intervention, a tiered model combining universal and targeted prevention. In a sample of 273 families, SB reduced parental negative affect during discipline at age four, which indirectly lowered child externalizing behaviors by age six, especially in high-risk families. The findings underscore the value of early interventions that promote positive parent-child interactions to prevent behavioral issues.

Community-Engaged Research in Early Home Visiting: A Scoping Review of Peer-Reviewed Literature

HARC director Allison West and colleagues published their **scoping review** of peer-reviewed studies using community-engaged research (CEnR) in evidence-based home visiting. They found 14 studies that showed clear evidence of community engagement in the research process. No studies assessed the impact of engagement, and few reported barriers or facilitators. The review shows CEnR may be underused and/or underreported, emphasizing the need for greater capacity, transparency, and evaluation.

Maternal Mental Health in Home Visiting: Addressing Depression, Anxiety, and Stress

Maternal mental health goes beyond postpartum depression, with many mothers also facing anxiety and stress. Home visiting programs are evolving to address these needs through clinical support, partnerships with mental health providers, and skills-based coaching. This **brief** by HARC member Grace Atukpawu-Tipton and colleagues expands on a 2018 report to explore how home visiting can support maternal mental health and its impact on child development.

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.

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

Share Your Voice!

Upcoming Listening & Input Sessions: Case Management in Home Visiting

Join a Listening & Input Session to share your perspectives on priorities for home visiting case management and service coordination research, professional development, and technical assistance. The **Jackie Walorski Center for Evidence-Based Case Management** invites individuals and groups with an interest in home visiting to participate in a Listening & Input Session during which we will share findings from a literature review and environmental scan of existing research evidence and strategies related to case management and service coordination in home visiting and closely related service settings. Session participants will have opportunities to provide input on gaps and opportunities for the Center's work moving forward. Each webinar will be offered with Spanish interpretation. Sessions will last about 90 minutes. Click a link below to register for a session:

Listening & Input Session Schedule:

- Tuesday, June 24th at 11:30 PM ET (English with Spanish interpretation)
 - [\[Register here\]](#)
- Wednesday, June 25th at 3:30 PM ET (English with Spanish interpretation)
 - [\[Register here\]](#)

Upcoming Webinars: Strengthening the Home Visiting Workforce

Join the Institute for Home Visiting Workforce Development for two interactive webinars this June focused on strengthening the workforce. One will explore the practical use of PD plan templates, and the other will gather feedback on updated supervisor competencies. Each webinar will be offered twice with Spanish interpretation. Registration required - Sign up for one or both sessions. Your input matters!

Webinar Schedule:

- Tuesday, June 17th at 12:00 PM ET
 - Supervisor Competency Webinar (English w/ Spanish interpretation)
 - [\[Register Here\]](#)
- Wednesday, June 18th at 12:00 PM ET
 - PD Plan Template Webinar (English w/ Spanish interpretation)
 - [\[Register Here\]](#)
- Wednesday, June 18th at 4:00 PM ET
 - Supervisor Competency Webinar (English w/ Spanish interpretation)
 - [\[Register Here\]](#)
- Friday, June 20th at 2:00 PM ET
 - PD Plan Template Webinar (English w/ Spanish interpretation)
 - [\[Register Here\]](#)

Focus Group Schedule:

The following week, join us for small focus groups (in English and Spanish) to dive deeper and share your feedback on these tools in development. If you are interested in participating in a Focus Group, please **complete this brief Interest Form**. We will be in touch with more details about how to join.

- Tuesday, June 24th at 12:00 PM ET
 - PD Plan Template Focus Group (Spanish)

- Tuesday, June 24th at 3:00 PM ET
 - Supervisor Competency Focus Group (English)
- Wednesday, June 25th at 12:00 PM ET
 - Supervisor Competency Focus Group (Spanish)
- Wednesday, June 25th at 3:00 PM ET
 - PD Plan Template Focus Group (English)

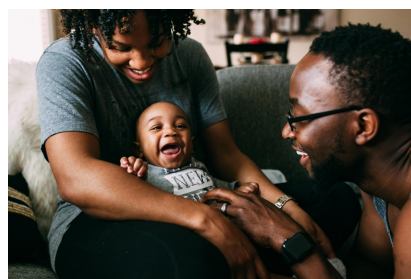
Call for Proposals

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Research Support Funding

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has launched new funding opportunities for researchers and community organizations passionate about advancing health and well-being. Don't miss out—[subscribe](#) to RWJF's email list for the latest updates and chances to apply!

Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation – forecasted funding opportunities

Looking to make an impact through research? OPRE funds projects on home visiting, family support, and more (note: no funding for individuals or direct services). Explore forecasted opportunities at [OPRE](#) and subscribe for updates. Funding is competitive and based on available resources.



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

Child and Adolescent Maltreatment Prevention 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. The last training session on *Translating Predictive and Causal Models to Realize Their Potential* is on [June 10, 2025](#).

Upcoming Conferences

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

Early bird registration ends on June 4th 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.

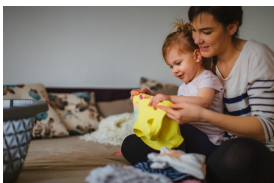


CityMatCH Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference (September 15-17, 2025, in St. Louis, MO)

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 14th 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.



Parents as Teachers 2025 International Conference (October 13-16, 2025, in San Juan, Puerto Rico and virtual)

Registration is now open for the 2025 Parents as Teachers International Conference. Get connected and be inspired in the home visiting field through workshops, keynotes, and networking.

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Conference 2025:

Driving Continuous Quality Improvement Into the Future (October 28-29, 2025, in Champaign, IL)

Registration is now 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.

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

Early registration for the APHA annual meeting will be open from June 3 to July 15, 2025. This year's APHA meeting theme is *Making the Public's Health a National Priority*. 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.

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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