



HARC Herald

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All Things HARC!

HARC Webinar Series



INNOVATIVE METHODS WEBINAR SERIES

*Join HARC this fall for a 3-part webinar series
highlighting innovative research methods relevant for the
home visiting field.*



Hybrid Effectiveness-Implementation Studies in the
Child Maltreatment Prevention Research:
The Smart Parents Study

Kate Guastafarro, PhD, MPH
New York University

SEPT 30, 2025
12PM ET



Bridging the Gaps: A Mixed Methods Study of Immigrant
Perinatal Experiences and the Role of Doulas and Home
Visitors in Strengthening Systems of Care

Zhandra Levesque, DrPH
EDC

OCT 9, 2025
12PM ET



Promoting First Relationships: Real World
Adaptation and Dissemination

Monica Oxford, PhD
University of Washington

OCT 28, 2025
1PM ET

Registration now open!

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Recordings now available for HARC's *Adaptation and Implementation of the SafeCare Parenting Program: Comparing Two Implementation Methods*

In this [webinar](#), Dan Whitaker shares how SafeCare was adapted for a Georgia community through two approaches: standard implementation via community organizations and 'task-shifted' delivery by trained community members. He presents findings on implementation (enrollment, completion, satisfaction) and family outcomes (parenting skills, stress, child social-emotional health).

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

2024-2025 Early Career Scholars Program

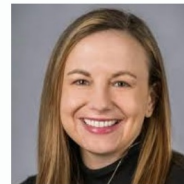
HARC'S 2024-2025 EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS AWARDEES



JADE ANGULO, MPH
Prevent Child Abuse
America



MICKIE BROWN, MPH
Start Early



CHRISTINA PADILLA, PhD
Child Trends



ASHLEY SHAFER, PhD
University of Pittsburgh



CLEM WASHINGTON-
FLOWERS, MSW, MPH
New York State Office of
Children and Family
Services



YUDONG ZHANG, PhD
My Wellness Center



HARC recently completed the pilot year of its Early Career Scholars Program. We selected six researchers from a strong applicant pool in mid-2024. Over the year, scholars attended the 2024 HARC Collaborative Science of Home Visiting Meeting, met bimonthly as a cohort, worked with an expert mentor to develop a research project, and reconvened in person to share results. Visit our [early career scholars page](#) to learn more about the final projects.

Opportunities to Join HARC Special Interest Groups

Interested in joining a Special Interest Group? Click on a link below to learn more and sign up. All are welcome (e.g., home visiting staff, researchers and evaluators, TA specialists, and other

interest groups).

- Early Career Scholars
- Workforce Development
- Data Sharing

Ask an Expert

ASK AN EXPERT



Do you need advice on a home visiting research topic, question, or method? Get connected with a HARC member researcher with the expertise that you need! Submit your question by completing our request assistance 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.

Complete the assistance form Below to apply

Questions? Contact:

harc@hvresearch.org



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Assistance Form

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

Home Visiting as a Bridge: Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Families Through Transition and Growth.

This month, HARC member Jon Korfmacher and colleagues published findings from their **report** examining the impact of home visiting on immigrant and refugee families including service delivery, engagement, and families' resettlement experiences. The report highlights families served, shares perspectives from the field, and provides early insights into emotional and practical needs, such as coping with loss, rebuilding belonging, and navigating new systems. These findings can guide programs, research, and policy to strengthen support for various communities.

Home Visitor Well-Being in Oregon: Influences on Stress,

Mental Health and Risk for Staff Turnover

This brief by HARC member Beth Green and colleagues examines the well-being of home visitors in Oregon. It looks at three main areas: job-related factors (such as satisfaction, safety, stress, and burnout), personal factors (including financial strain, depression, and anxiety), and risks of staff turnover. The brief examines how organizations, programs, and supervisors affect home visitor well-being, highlighting workplace supports and stressors tied to well-being and turnover. It also shows how these factors vary across groups. The findings offer guidance for leaders and managers on program changes that can better support home visitors and strengthen their ability to serve families. The brief is offered in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

News and Resources from the Field

Beyond the Early Years: The Long-Term Effects of Home Visiting on Mothers, Families, and Children. Results from the Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE)

The [Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation](#) (MIHOPE) kindergarten **follow-up** examined the effects of home visiting as children entered school, about five to seven years after families enrolled in the study. Findings showed clear benefits for mothers and families, including long-term improvements in outcomes influenced by direct interactions between home visitors and parents (such as coping skills and parenting practices), along with improvements in maternal mental health, parent-child interactions, family safety, and economic stability. For children, home visiting enhanced social-emotional functioning at home.

National Home Visiting Resource Center's 2025 Home Visiting Yearbook

The [National Home Visiting Resource Center](#) (NHVRC) has released its **2025 Home Visiting Yearbook**, a nationwide and state-by-state look at early childhood home visiting. The publication presents 2024 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

Users can navigate the [NHVRC website](#) to access data and download short publications, including the Yearbook Summary. The 2025 Yearbook includes virtual and in-person home visit data to reflect the field's hybrid approach to delivering services. It also includes links to national data sources for maternal and child health indicators to offer insight into family well-being and the potential need for services.

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](#).

Call for Abstracts

Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) National Research Conference on Early Childhood (NRCEC) 2026 (June 22-24, 2026, in Arlington, VA)

The **NRCEC 2026** is now accepting submissions of posters, symposia, and professional development sessions showcasing innovative research on young children (birth to 8), their families, and the programs that support them. Deadline is November 3, 2025.



Upcoming Conferences

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

Registration remains 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 remains 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.)

Registration for the APHA annual meeting is open. 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!



Join the Network Today

PS: It's FREE!

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

Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative
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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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