



# HARC Herald

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Thank you for being a part of HARC's network.  
We value collaborations with our members and  
partners, and look forward to the year ahead!



**All Things HARC!**

# 2025 HARC Year in Review

Marking milestones: Review of the progress and success  
we've achieved this year

## PBRN Membership

452 Programs  
364 Researchers  
128 Friends  
94 Network Leaders  
53 Models  
4 Families

## Dissemination Activities

4 New Special Interest Groups  
6 Presentations at National Meetings  
13 Webinars  
40+ Deliverables (briefs, toolkits,  
resources, publications, newsletters)

## Early Career Scholars

6 Graduates of 2024-2025 cohort  
7 New Research Discovery Scholars

## Precision Research Projects

4 HARC Funded Pilot Projects  
5 HARC Council Approved Projects



## Upcoming Webinar



### HARC WEBINAR SERIES

#### Experimentation to Guide Decisions on How to Adapt Interventions to Person, Place, and Time

Jan 13, 2026

12pm - 1pm ET



**Angela Pfammatter**  
University of  
Tennessee

Interventions often require modifications due to resource constraints, response to intervention, or contextual factors. Traditional randomized controlled trials require a predefined intervention, which only evaluates the overall package without exploring which adaptations could be optimized. Recent methods, like Sequential Multiple Assignment Randomized Trials and Microrandomized trials, enable testing decision criteria during a trial. This webinar will provide an overview of these methods and their potential applications in home visiting.

All are welcome.

**Register Here**

Visit our [webinar page](#) to learn about upcoming sessions and access recorded webinars.

# HARC's Home Visiting Journal Club

## Mark Your Calendars: HARC's First Journal Club Meeting on January 26, 2026, at 2pm ET!

Interested in discussing articles about home visiting research? Join us for HARC's first bi-monthly Journal Club meeting on January 26, 2026, at 2pm ET. **All are welcome!**

In January, we will read this [article](#), nominated by a HARC member. We'll engage in informal small and large group conversations guided by a set of reflection questions. If you'd like to participate, please register [here](#).

## New HARC Research Brief

### ***Voices from the Field: Exploring Contextual Factors in Home Visiting Practice***

Contextual factors influence home visiting outcomes in both positive and negative ways; either enhancing effectiveness or diminishing impact. Part of HARC's work is to identify emerging and enduring contextual issues and promote collaborative research to address them. Our Precision Paradigm framework includes context as a key concept to help research teams and collaborators identify which program components are most effective, for which families, and under what conditions. This [brief](#) summarizes a qualitative study of home visitors focusing on the contextual factors influencing their work.



## Hot of the Press! Recent Work by HARC and its Members!

### ***Association of Electronic Health Records Access and Coordination Between Primary Care Providers and Public Health Nurse Home Visitors in the United States***

This month, HARC members Venice Williams and Mandy Allison, along with their colleagues, published findings from their [study](#) on nurse home visiting teams' access to electronic health records (EHR) and its impact on collaboration with primary care providers in the U.S. The study found that about 30% of teams had EHR access, with higher access rates in programs implemented by healthcare systems. Most teams with access reported read capabilities, documentation ability, and program referrals. EHR access was significantly associated with improved relational coordination with women's and pediatric care providers. Overall, enhancing home visitors' access to EHRs may strengthen collaboration with primary care providers.

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### ***Family Justice Involvement in Evidence-Based Home Visiting Services: Understanding Home Visitor Perceptions and Practices***

This month, HARC members Dylan Jackson, Shoshana Oppenheim, Rebecca Shlafer, Rebecca Fauth, and Allison West published a [study](#) that examined home visitor practices, implementation supports, and perceptions of program strengths and benefits for parents in justice-involved families. The findings revealed that nearly two-thirds of home visitors worked

with these families. Notably, supervisor support was significantly and positively associated with home visitor practices, such as modifying the content of visits, for justice-involved families. In contrast, cognitive barriers, such as concerns about potential family dropout, were significantly and negatively associated with these practices. Furthermore, home visitors' perceptions of their program's strengths and benefits for justice-involved families were linked to various implementation supports, as well as their knowledge and self-efficacy.

## Don't Miss Out - More from HARC



### Coming Soon! HARC's Annual Survey on Ongoing and Emerging Issues in the Field

Stay tuned for our annual survey exploring ongoing and emerging issues in the field! Your input is important to us. The survey will be sent out on January 6, and all participants who complete it will have the chance to be entered into a gift card raffle.

### Join HARC Special Interest Groups

Want to connect with others interested in early childhood home visiting? Join HARC's Special Interest Groups to share insights and collaborate. Click a link below to learn more and sign up! Everyone is welcome!

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

### Ask an Expert

Need advice on research topics, questions, or methods? Connect with a HARC researcher who has the expertise you need! Complete our interest **form** to submit your question. Inquiries are accepted on a rolling basis, and we'll do our best to match you with an expert for personalized support!

## Resources and News from the Field

### ***The Family Engagement Toolkit: Guidance for Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs on Improving Outreach, Recruitment, and Retention (OPRE Report #2025-139)***

The family engagement **toolkit** assists home visiting programs and their partners in turning engagement challenges into opportunities through practical and flexible

strategies for reaching, enrolling, and retaining families.

## New Playbooks from the Home Visiting Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (HV ColIN)

HV ColIN has released three new playbooks that provide comprehensive guidance for enhancing home visiting programs. These include key driver diagrams; change packages; and a measurement system guide. The playbooks include: 1) [Breastfeeding Playbook](#); 2) [Caregiver-Child Interaction Playbook](#); and 3) [Caregiver Depression Playbook](#).



## New Results from the 2025 Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) Annual Review

HomVEE's recent [review](#) includes results on four models that had not been previously reviewed and updated reviews of several models that are already recognized as evidence-based.

## Opportunities for State Awardees and LIAs

### Become a Champion for Change

Be part of the next national learning [opportunities](#) through the Home Visiting Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (HV ColIN). The 2026 cohort will bring together MIECHV awardees and local implementing agencies (LIAs) to test and spread effective strategies that strengthen the home visiting workforce and improve family outcomes. Topic areas include “Scaling Solutions in Staff Recruitment and Retention” and “Sprint to Sustain Breastfeeding Outcomes.” [Deadline is January 9, 2026.](#)

## 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 Conference Abstracts

### 2026 National Home Visiting Summit (September 29-30, 2026, in Baltimore, MD)

Start Early is now accepting [proposals](#) for the [2026 National Home Visiting Summit](#). The Summit is designed to provide a multi-pronged, holistic approach to systems change by incorporating policy, practice, and research and connecting home visiting to other components of the early childhood system. [Submission deadline is January 26, 2026.](#)



# Upcoming Conferences

## **Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) 2026 Annual Conference: “Leading for Transformative Change: Aligning Social Work Science with Policy and Practice” (January 14-18, 2026, in Washington, D.C.)**

**Registration** is open for the **2026 SSWR Annual Conference** showcasing symposia, workshops, roundtables, flash talks, and paper and poster presentations across various research interests and methodologies. Specialized workshops will increase methods expertise and grant-writing skills, alongside sessions on research priorities and capacity building for contemporary social work research.

## **Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency (RECS) (May 20-22, 2026, in Washington, D.C. and virtual)**

Save the date for the **2026 Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency**. Join researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to explore the latest findings on programs and policies that support family economic self-sufficiency. Topics include employment, financial literacy, housing, health, education, and more. Select sessions will also be available virtually.

## **2026 Society for Prevention Research Annual Conference (May 26-29, 2026, in Washington, D.C. and virtual)**

Mark your calendar for the **2026 Society for Prevention Research conference**. Join leading prevention scientists, policymakers, and practitioners to explore cutting-edge research, innovative methodologies, and strategies for implementing evidence-based prevention interventions across public health sectors.



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

Save the date for the **NRCEC 2026**. This conference will showcase the latest research on early childhood programs that support young children and their families.

## **2026 National Home Visiting Summit (September 29-30, 2026, in Baltimore, MD)**

**Early bird registration** remains open through *January 31, 2026* for the **2026 National Home Visiting Summit**. The Summit is designed to provide a multi-pronged, holistic approach to systems change by incorporating policy, practice and research and connecting home visiting to other components of the early childhood system.



## Zero to Three Learn Conference (Oct 27-29, 2026, in Portland, OR)

**Registration** is now open for the **2026 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.

**For more information on upcoming conferences, please visit HARC's [Upcoming Conferences 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](mailto:dchute1@jhu.edu)).*

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