



# HARC Herald

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## The Results are In!

### Ongoing and Emerging Issues in Home Visiting

In January, HARC surveyed home visiting interest groups to gather perspectives on **ongoing and emerging issues** in the field that are most concerning. Over 550 people responded, most of whom were home visiting program staff. The three issues identified most frequently were 1) **supporting families without adequate resources in the community**, 2) **funding**, including funding methods and funding stability, and 3) **family engagement and retention**. Visit this [infographic](#) for more details.

### Do you have findings from a recent or ongoing research or evaluation project that addresses one of these three issues?

We are seeking collaborative research or evaluation teams to share their findings in an upcoming interactive webinar series that will focus on these issues. If interested, please complete this brief interest [form](#). We look forward to hearing about your work.

## HARC's Webinar Series

Register for our March webinar, sponsored by our Justice-Involved Families Special Interest Group!



## HARC WEBINAR SERIES

### Meeting the Needs of Families Impacted by the Criminal Legal System Through Home Visiting

**Tuesday, March 10 12-1pm ET**



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Registration now open!

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[Register Here](#)

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

## HARC's Home Visiting Journal Club

We hope you'll join our next journal club on **March 25 at 2:00 PM ET**, co-led by Jenna Stoughtenger, one of our Research Discovery Scholars. We'll discuss a qualitative study of a home-visiting intervention for families experiencing homelessness, with large- and small-group conversations about the study, findings, and implications. All are welcome — no research experience required!

Articles and discussion questions will be sent after you register.

[Register Here](#)

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

### ***+Language is Medicine: A Precision Home Visiting Approach to Early Language Intervention for Diné (Navajo) Toddlers with Developmental Disabilities***

This month, HARC members Elizabeth Kushman, Jay Buzhardt, and colleagues published findings from their **pilot study** on the feasibility, acceptability, and preliminary

effectiveness of the +Language is Medicine intervention for Diné (Navajo) toddlers with developmental delays (DD). This culturally grounded, caregiver-coaching program uses evidence-based language facilitation strategies within a precision home visiting framework. Findings suggested significant improvements in toddlers' expressive language from baseline to post-intervention, with positive trends in receptive language. Caregivers reported increased confidence and skills in fostering communication. The +Language is Medicine is feasible, acceptable, and potentially effective in promoting early communication development among Navajo toddlers with DD in rural reservation communities. Top of Form

### ***Differential Effects of In-person and Telehealth Implementation of Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-up on Parental Sensitivity and Intrusiveness***

HARC member Mary Dozier and colleagues published findings from their **study** on changes in parental sensitivity and intrusiveness from pre- to post-intervention among families receiving Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-up (ABC) in-person or via telehealth. Both methods showed increased parental sensitivity, with in-person delivery showing significantly greater improvements. Parental intrusiveness decreased in both groups, with no significant differences between methods. Overall, ABC improved parenting behaviors, regardless of the mode of delivery.

## **Home Visiting Resource New Reflective Supervision Measure**



### **No-Cost Measure Available to Document Reflective Supervision Content and Practices**

The Supporting and Strengthening the Home Visiting Workforce project has released a **new measure to support evidence building surrounding reflective supervision in home visiting**. The measure, Supervisor Practices in Reflective Supervision–Home Visiting (SuPRS–HV), includes questions about the content discussed and reflective supervision practices used during a single session.

## **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 Methods Resources

## Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Qualitative Methods Seminar Series

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Qualitative Studies in Health and Medicine sponsors a webinar series on AI in qualitative research. [Recorded webinars](#) feature experts on the role of generative AI in qualitative research and qualitative analysis, including opportunities and risks.

## Call for Conference Presentations



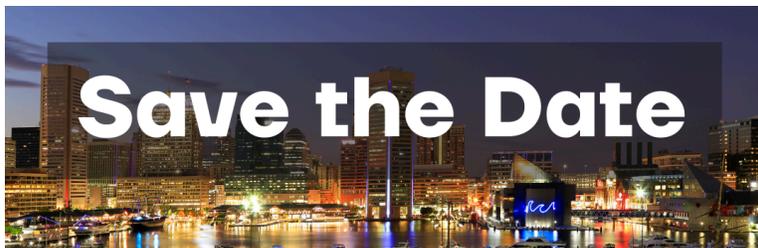
### Native Communities Home Visiting Meeting 2026 (September 23-25, San Diego, CA)

The Planning Committee for the Native Communities Home Visiting Meeting invites presenters for its 2026 conference in September. Applicants can submit [proposals](#) for 40- and 90-minute sessions focused on advancing the health and well-being of children and families within Native communities through home visiting. [Deadline is March 13, 2026.](#)

### Society for Social Work Research 2027 Annual Conference (January 20-24, San Francisco, CA)

The SSWR Annual Conference is the premier international forum for advancing rigorous social work research and translating evidence into policy and practice that strengthens communities and promotes the common good. They especially encourage [submissions](#) that reflect varied perspectives, interdisciplinary approaches, and research that addresses pressing social challenges. [Deadline is April 15, 2026.](#)

## Upcoming Conferences



# Save the Date

## HARC's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Collaborative Science of Home Visiting Meeting

September 28, 2026  
Baltimore, MD

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This meeting will take place the afternoon prior to the 2026 National Home Visiting Summit.



### **2026 Conference on Intervention Optimization: Science and Practice, Present and Future (May 18-20, 2026, Bethesda, MD)**

**Registration** is open for the **2026 Conference on Intervention Optimization** in Bethesda, MD. The inaugural conference will convene scholars across health, education, behavioral science, and engineering to establish intervention optimization as a multidisciplinary field and spark collaboration. The program will feature plenary sessions on new experimental designs, implementation science, computer science applications, and decision-making, alongside poster sessions and networking opportunities.

### **Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency (RECS) (May 20-22, 2026, 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, 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, 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 American Psychological Association Convention (August 6-8, 2026, Washington, D.C. and virtual)

Mark your calendar for the [2026 American Psychological Association Convention](#). This event unites psychologists who are shaping the future of research and offers a chance to network, collaborate, and advance together in the field.

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

[Registration](#) is open 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, 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 shared passion into positive energy that propels the field forward. This conference is a great way to learn from 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.

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**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

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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](mailto:dchute1@jhu.edu)).*

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